

League of Women Voters hosts pair of Park forums

Mayoral forum

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Adhering to the last-is-first approach to chronicling political candidate campaign forums, which recognizes that participants often save for last their most salient and revealing comments, here are summations of the two mayoral contenders, challenger Christine Gallagher and incumbent Mayor Michele Hodges, in the order presented at this month's forum.

Gallagher began by agreeing with the concluding statements of city council candidate Tim Kolar (see story, right).

"Nice closing, Mr. Kolar. Well done," she said before addressing the audience and social media viewers:

"I chose to live in Grosse Pointe Park 15 years go because of the diversity I found here. I was looking for a community that would provide my children a clear understanding that the world is not made up of one note, but a symphony of different notes that, though different,

can live and work together to create community."

"My professional and work experience has prepared me for the role as mayor. My commitment to give back to my community will make positive strides to move our city forward in ways that will build confidence, trust in our administration and its ability to manage our fine city. I am ready to lead."

Hodges said, "Get stuff done. It's as simple as that. Coupled with ethics, acumen and the voice of the community, we get results. We are on top of the deficit, infrastructure, public safety and Trombly. I will continue to demonstrate strong leadership working in partnership with the city council, administration and community to ensure the trajectory continues.

"This is more than a job because I, too, am a resident and your neighbor. We felt the same devastation you did coming home to a flooded basement that sat for three days while (we were) out of town for a family emergency. Power outages? Yes, us, too. I want the same

things you do and for the same reasons."

The forum, organized and hosted by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe the evening of Sept. 12, in the auditorium of Pierce Middle School, lasted 1 ½ hours and consisted of two mayoral and six council candidates answering 10 questions League members culled from those submitted beforehand by the public.

The election is Tuesday, Nov. 7. Council comments are reported separately.

In summary, Hodges said the three top challenges facing the city are public safety, municipal services and the city's aging parks and infrastructure.

Gallagher ranked them as public safety, financial responsibility and future use of Trombly Elementary School, which the public school system closed at the end of the 2019-20 academic year, citing enrollment decline.

To put the city on solid financial footing,

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Council forum

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— More often than not, the best, least rehearsed comments during an interview come at the end.

Reasons are varied, but common. Sources are relieved the task is over and lower their guard. Canned statements already have been repeated and it's time to leave a lasting impression, hopefully favorable.

In the case of group engagements, such as the Sept. 12 League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe candidate forum for the Park city council election in November, participants can wrap up with statements they consider most important based on what competing candidates said and succeeded with earlier in the proceedings.

"We can't take this place for granted," candidate Brent Dreaver said in closing. "A few months ago, I watched a house get torn down while the voices of our community were largely ignored. Our community will not

continue to thrive unless we have a government that not only encourages the community voice but empowers it."

"My approach is calm (and) collaborative," said Councilman Marty McMillan, seeking to retain his seat. "In my two short years on council, we've made huge progress getting the city's business done, including balancing the 2023 budget despite record inflation, completing numerous infrastructure improvements, receiving (the state's) approval for an extreme emergency relief valve, energy savings with lighting upgrades, updated several obsolete and ineffective city ordinances and, last month, approved a number of investment changes that will assist us financially into the future."

"We have differing positions on public safety and the budget, but I want to end on a high note," said candidate Jay Kennedy, citing a rating service listing the Park as the best Wayne County community in which to live.

Candidate Tim Kolar

concluded, "I'm going to be spending my time being accessible to all, engaging in numerous forums and communicating at regular intervals with the community, using my accounting and finance background to hyper-focus on fiscal responsibility while communicating with the community how we are receiving and expending our money."

"I'm experienced in engineering and infrastructure," candidate Elvis Torres said. "I don't come with an agenda and playbook that is my plan. I'm here to work together with all council members and work together with residents to make sure we make the best decisions for all of us. I say, 'Let's work together.'"

"Thank God this is done," candidate Heather Ulku said, to the agreement of everyone on the dais. "I've been nervous about this all week."

She said, "If there's any one thing our city needs to do better, it's communication. The city and council has moved mountains in the transparency

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years of nonprofit leadership in healthcare finance. Most recently, she oversaw finance operations at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe for five years and then for three years served as vice president of diversi-

fied operations for Beaumont Health.

"It's very different, but yet I think fundamentally my values and who I am as a person resonate far more working in this environment than they did in the healthcare sector — at least healthcare finance — because it's constantly cutthroat, believe it or not," Miller said, referring to values such as the urge to serve and her entrepreneurial spirit.

"In fact in my master's program, my concentration is entrepreneurship and innovation," she added, "so it feels like a lot of little, mini businesses here."

Not even a month into her role at the helm of the organization, the new CEO already has set off on a number of projects, the first of which is protecting the 113-year-old Alger House from future flooding. The home takes on water on either side of its front door, in a mechanical room in the art and education center and in one of the lower-level classrooms.

Currently considered The War Memorial's top priority, a civil engineer has been enlisted to pre-

pare proposals for a solution.

"But the proposals really are just scratching the surface," Miller said. "We take in water when we have tremendous rainstorms and that has gone on for years. I found studies already in the files that were done in 2014 through 2017, and I don't know if any work had ever been done.

"I'm hoping we can get answers by the end of the year, so at least we know where to go for next year," she added, "(but) I don't know if it'll be that quick."

Separately, the civil engineer also has been tasked with conducting a master assessment of the entire campus — "For example, the roof, it's old and we've been told it might not last another couple years," Miller said — and creating a comprehensive spreadsheet of the age of infrastructure and equipment to provide a full view of needs.

"These are tough things to fundraise for, but if we can fundraise for the endowment, then you can use some of those funds to help," Miller said. "I don't know if I'm looking at millions

of dollars or hundreds of thousands of dollars. I have no concept, so that work needs to happen first."

Perhaps of greatest interest to the community is a process, in its infancy, to reopen the Patriot Theater. A survey conducted last year, and garnering around 500 responses, showed Pointers overwhelmingly want to see its return and also hope to see it as a mixed-use space offering cinema, performances, concerts and events.

The War Memorial currently is working with a theater consultant and has an architectural rough draft proposal.

"I don't think it would be a big money maker," Miller noted. "That's the problem. I'm sure it will do OK, but it would be free to the public."

"There's really no free cinema here. The Park has a cinema, but you need to be a Park resident and other than that it's an hour round trip to go to a movie."

Tapping into Miller's finance background, other ongoing work includes exploring the nonprofit's income stream in hopes of increasing fundraising from its current position at 10 percent of revenue, as well as three grant applications that have been submitted since July.

Approaching The War Memorial's 75th anniversary next year, the new CEO leads a team not unlike herself.

Less than a third of the 37 people who hold permanent positions on staff have worked for the organization more than five years. Most, Miller said, are at two years or fewer.

Yet she sincerely calls her staff the best, most dynamic team she's had the opportunity to work with in her career.

"My hopes and goals really are around helping this organization sustain itself and be around for another 75 years," Miller said. "That's what I really hope I can lend and do for the community, do for this place."

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Roadwork on Cadieux between Kercheval and Jefferson is planned to begin the week of Monday, Sept. 25.

Cadieux, Kercheval construction begins

GROSSE POINTE CITY, PARK & FARMS — The nearly \$1 million repaving of Cadieux from Kercheval to Jefferson — 81.85 percent of the project is funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation with federal grant money — begins next week and is planned to run through November.

"During the entire project, one lane of traffic will always be accessible allowing southbound traffic from Kercheval to Jefferson," a City alert noted. "Northbound detours will include St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe and Yorkshire in the city of Grosse Pointe Park."

As it progresses, project updates will be provided at tinyurl.com/yc47ubru.

In the Farms, following the repaving of Kercheval between Fisher and Lewiston earlier in the year, construction also has begun on the portion of

Kercheval from Lewiston to Moross.

Base and curb repair are scheduled over the next month, before resurfacing begins at the end of October through mid-November.

It is the city's intent to maintain an open lane of traffic during the project, City Manager Shane Reeside reported, but drivers still are encouraged to take Grosse Pointe Boulevard or Ridge instead.

"We're making good progress," Reeside noted. "We're on our schedule and we'll have Nixle alerts and so forth as we move forward with that construction."

Recently completed road work in the Farms includes Ridge from Moran to Fisher and Vendome between Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kercheval.

— Laurel Kraus

More than 100 classic cars to be at Concours d'Elegance

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS —

Though the annual Concours d'Elegance in Grosse Pointe Farms started 16 years ago as an idea to get people to Pier Park after new tennis courts and a fire pit were constructed, it has long since become an annual staple in the community for car enthusiasts.

This year's show will be held noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, but first kicks off with the traditional parade of cars down Kercheval at 11:30 a.m.

"It's a potpourri," said Dan Hughes, event organizer, of what attendees can expect this year. "There are very few new cars. Occasionally someone will bring a Bentley or a Ferrari, but basi-

cally it's all sports cars, domestic cars, that are 20 to 30 years old."

With the show continuing to grow each year, he added, expected are around 120 cars and close to 600 attendees.

"You have more classic cars with wire wheels and stick shifts and a lot of convertibles and a lot of muscle cars and then some exotic sports cars. A lot of English sports cars show up and some are so small they look like a toy compared to SUVs. (Today) we're in the land of SUVs and minivans."

Those with a classic car who wish to participate may register at tinyurl.com/yjy6zpmc. "People love to come and see the cars," Hughes said. "People love to come and bring their cars and explain to people all about it. In essence, it's the same function that they expect to get and they get it in spades."

The 16th annual Concours d'Elegance is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.



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Sunday, had been torn down as of press time Monday, Sept. 18.

Also as of press time, the Farms public safety department did not have any leads.

"The church doesn't have any cameras," Lazarski said, "and I even went over to Grosse Pointe South because they have a parking lot that backs up to the church and none of their

cameras were able to capture the (initial) incident."

Prior to these recent occurrences, Christ Church has not experienced a similar incident in the past.

The flag first was flown on its lawn, "some years ago," Van Culin said.

"... At least from the responding officers and other officers with whom I've spoken," he added, "they've shared that they are unaware of any other similar incidents of destruction in the recent

history of the Grosse Pointes."

The church has stated it intends to continue flying the pride flag and, in the meantime, the Farms public safety department requests anyone with information to contact its detective bureau at (313) 885-2100.

Currently, the incident is being treated as malicious destruction of property.

"At this time, we would just ask the public, if anybody has any information to give me a call,"

Lazarski said, "because with the church not having any cameras, the likelihood of this event being caught on camera (is not high), because it's tucked way back there and trees on both sides. So if anybody has any information, we'd really like to hear from them."

Following the third flag replacement Monday, the church reported it is working with the Farms department on the best way to move forward, such as potentially installing security cameras.

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senior citizens.

"It's a national trend," said Michael Boettcher, McKenna senior planner and project manager. "A lot of places have seen the value of increasing their density and allowing more options for more types of housing, as well as simply more housing because of demand."

"Do you want to increase (density) by adding more opportunities for people to downsize in Grosse Pointe Park?" senior planner Mara Braciszewski asked commissioners.

"Where we do that is along commercial corridors, in our central business district and (mixed-use) corridors," Saros said. "That's where we can add more density with mixed-use development. Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack: We want to make those more than two- to three-day-per-week business districts. The more people living there is how you do that."

Commission member Mayor Michele Hodges said a goal is "an increase in our capacity for seniors who want to age in the community while not harming the character of other areas of the city."

By "other areas," Hodges meant historically single-family neighborhoods into which the rejected, redrawn zoning idea allowed multi-family housing:

◆ also above Jefferson, most of Kensington through Cadieux, and

◆ below Jefferson along most of Lakepointe, Pemberton and Barrington.

"It would be doing the community a disservice if it wasn't discussed," said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager and commission participant.

Discussed, but not for long.

As with math students bright enough to cipher without having to show their work, commissioners quickly concluded it was a bad idea.

"One of our duties is to maintain and increase property values," said Saros, a Realtor in his first term on the commission. "The average price for a two-unit right now in Grosse Pointe is around \$350,000. The average price for a single-family home is \$521,000. That tells us

that going from a street that is (zoned single family) to a multi-family — I don't think that's advisable."

The Grosse Pointes are special in their character and history, so one size doesn't fit all," Rothe said. "You heard it loud and clear today that the size does not fit."

Yet, commissioners were receptive to the idea of increasing density in the Cabbage Patch multi-family district.

McKenna's presentation of allowing up to six terraced dwellings per parcel in the district might drive investment in the existing multi-family neighborhoods, according to Saros.

"Increasing density there could actually add value to those streets because the folks on those streets already know its multi-family housing," Saros said.

"Where you have a two-unit property, you add a third unit. You're going to drastically increase the value of that property. That helps (the value) of your neighbor's (property), too."

If there were unspoken notions during the meeting of adding multi-family dwellings south of Jefferson Avenue, such as on Harcourt, to attract families with school-age children and force the reopening of Trombly Elementary School, Saros addressed the topic with a conclusion based on his work experience.

"I'm looking at who's generally leasing or buying south of Jefferson from Harcourt and what not — very few families," he said. "It's mostly people downsizing. They're selling their 'forever home' they raised their kids in and they're downsizing to an apartment."

The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Park resident never expected any accolades

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

Patrick O'Hara has received recognition many times over for his charitable and philanthropic work among the Irish American community in metro Detroit, but none of that was the reason he first got involved.

"The Irish are very open, hard-working people who always want what's best for kids," the Park resident said. "They're always willing to help each other."

Because of his willingness to help, O'Hara this past Saturday was inducted into the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame under the category of philanthropy.

The hall is run by the Muskegon Irish American Society, where the ceremony took place.

"I never knew there was such a thing until they called," he laughed. "I was floored."

O'Hara, a CPA with offices on Fisher, said he became interested in his Irish heritage as he got older.

His maternal and paternal ancestors settled in Canada in the 1840s and his parents met in Detroit, his dad there working and his mom studying nursing.

"I think all the guys I grew up with had family in Canada," he recalled. "Whether they were Irish or German or Italian. Detroit was like the Silicon Valley of its day. Everyone was mov-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Patrick O'Hara served as grand marshal of the Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2008.

ing there for work."

He remembers growing up he thought St. Patrick's Day was a national holiday.

"Fr. Brennan at St. Brigid would always give us the day off school," he laughed.

After graduating from Detroit Catholic Central, O'Hara spent some time in the seminary before attending the University of Detroit.

"They had a tutoring program and of course being an accounting major I tutored math," he said. "In fact, any nonprofit you get involved with, as soon as they find out you're a CPA they say, 'Good, you can be our treasurer!'"

The tutoring fit well with what he learned from family as well as in school.

"The priests and nuns always told us discipline,



From left, O'Hara, daughter Julia, son Tom and wife Anne after his induction into the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame Saturday, Sept. 16, in Muskegon.

goodness and knowledge," he said. "Do the best at whatever you do, do it with kindness and never stop learning."

After graduating from U of D, O'Hara began to explore various Irish social groups in Detroit.

"I was single and the cultural aspect piqued my interest," he said. "My grandmother still spoke Gaelic and I was hungry for knowledge."

That led to joining the Irish American Cultural Institute.

"We didn't have the internet back then, so they'd bring in speakers, musicians, that sort of thing," O'Hara said. "I even spent a summer in Ireland and just loved it."

His other involvement includes serving as national president for

the Knights of Equity, an Irish Catholic benevolent society founded in 1895, and on the board of directors of the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit.

"As they say, the poverty of old age is the poverty of loneliness," O'Hara said. "The senior center does great work. After the pandemic, I noticed older clients stopping by the office even if they didn't have to because they'd been cut off from their families for so long."

O'Hara also serves on the board of directors for the Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade, of which he was named grand marshal in 2008.

O'Hara was introduced to his wife, Anne White O'Hara, through a

mutual friend and they were married in 1992. They have two children, Tom, who lives at home and Julia Rose, who lives in the Woods.

"We were living downtown but Tom has Down syndrome and we needed a better school district," O'Hara said. "We love the Grosse Pointe community and how engaged and supportive people are with each other."

O'Hara also helped found Cristo Rey High School in Detroit after the archdiocese closed all the high schools under its control. The tuition-free school is supported by donations from more than four dozen partners and has 100 percent college acceptance for each graduating class.

"Most of the students aren't even Catholic, but we do it to provide a good education," he said. "They go to school four days a week and work one day a week, which provides them a good example of how an office operates, how to do your best."

O'Hara learned about the impact of Cristo Rey firsthand from his wife.

"She was a professor at Marygrove before it closed and she said the Cristo Rey kids would come in, sit right in the front row ready to learn," he said. "That's what most people are about, not just the Irish. Whether you're a farmer or a carpenter or a lawyer or a doctor, you give back and you don't do it for yourself."

Pier Park pickleball courts not done deal

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A post in the Grosse Pointe Farms Community and Conversation Facebook page had residents up in arms earlier this month, after suggesting two pickleball courts proposed for Pier Park would fill a large amount of greenspace along Lake St. Clair and block views.

"I'm not anti-pickleball,

but the current proposed location will further block the amazing view of the water, will take away more picnic area and, more specifically, a perfect spot for our residents whose mobility is challenged," the post's originator wrote.

As it currently stands, the proposed location for the pickleball courts, which would be funded by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, is closely adjacent to the

current tennis courts with a new brick walkway constructed in between.

"The width of a court is quite a bit less than a tennis court," City Manager Shane Reeside said of pickleball courts, "so it would be adding pretty much the equivalent (of)

half of a tennis court

adjacent to the three tennis courts to allow for the addition of the two pickleball courts."

Most notably, the proposed decisions have not been finalized. They await, respectively, funding secured by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, final review and recommendation by the parks



If the current proposal is approved, the two pickleball courts would be placed adjacent to the current tennis courts at Pier Park, with a new brick walkway constructed between the two.

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and harbor committee during a public meeting likely in October, and final approval by city council.

"I also want to mention something that I've seen on Facebook, something with Farms residents, where many of them have felt that this is a done deal for the pickleball courts location and it's not," Councilwoman Beth Konrad Wilberding said during the city's

September council meeting.

"The foundation will be having a wonderful reception as they had last year and it's a wonderful, wonderful event and I encourage anyone to attend, but I know they gave a bit of a rendering

as far as what will be the new pickleball courts if they raise enough money, but the location of the pickleball courts and actually the construction of it still has to pass

before city council, so that has not been done."

Regardless of the outcome, nothing will be constructed this year, Reeside noted.

"We think it's something there's been a lot of demand expressed for," he said, "but I do know there's concerns about obstructing views of the lake, which we're sensitive to and are looking forward to more public input."

17th annual Fall Harvest this weekend

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Such is the City's perspective as the 17th annual Fall Harvest approaches this weekend.

Beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, residents are invited to Neff Park to enjoy familiar fall activities, including a hot dog roast, pumpkin decorating — for children only — a petting farm

with pony rides, a strolling magician and a bungee run.

The festivities also will include apples, caramel apples, cider and more treats from a local cider mill, as well as a variety of apple pies being raffled.

"I want people to get out and enjoy the park in the fall," Parks and Recreation Coordinator Becca Jenzen said. "(To

get out with their families and maybe experience something they don't get to do at home (such as) make hotdogs around a fire together."

Open to City of Grosse Pointe residents and two guests per park pass, there will be a \$5 fee per person.

"The \$5 fee covers all activities at the event," Jenzen clarified.

— Laurel Kraus

Corrections

The story, "Woods scout attends World Jamboree," published in the Sept. 14 Grosse Pointe News, should

have said Jack Grace recently started his junior year at Grosse Pointe North High School.

The story, "Dog woes continue in Shores,"

published in the Sept. 14 Grosse Pointe News, should have said Municipal Judge Charles Berschback handled the case involving a June pit bull attack.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE**Busy week**

Unlocked cars on Rivard, Stratford, Lincoln, Maumee and St. Clair were the target of 14 thefts from vehicles and one vehicle theft between Tuesday, Sept. 12, and Thursday, Sept. 14.

The vehicle, stolen from the 17000 block of Maumee at 2:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, was recovered in East Lansing around 9 a.m.

Notably, a 19-year-old Detroit woman also was arrested by an officer while she rummaged through his unlocked car in the 700 block of Lincoln at 3:20 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

Locked, yet stolen

A locked 2011 Toyota Sienna was stolen from a Stratford driveway at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Finders keepers

After accidentally leaving his wallet at the checkout area of a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 4:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, a shopper returned to find it had been taken.

Tantrum

An unidentified woman threw and broke two bottles of windshield wiper fluid inside a business in the 17000 block of Mack at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17.

She reportedly was upset because the business doesn't carry Game Leaf tobacco wraps.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

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

Grosse Pointe Farms**Ease of access**

Multiple vehicles were discovered to have been rummaged through in the Farms after a resident reported two individuals checking car door handles in the 400 block of Roland at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12.

The suspects managed to escape through backyards, but were described as approximately 5 feet, 10 inches tall with slender builds and wearing dark clothing and hoodies.

Revoked

Speeding 10 mph more than the limit and two defective brake lights led to a 68-year-old Eastpointe man being pulled over on Lakeshore and cited for a second offense of driving while revoked at 8:19 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Stolen bike

A purple and blue Schwinn bike with red and white striping and a white cup holder was stolen from the bike rack of a local school between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13.

The student neglected to lock the bike, because

she was running late for class.

Memorable exit

After receiving notice of his termination from a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 4:07 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, a 20-year-old Detroit man began hurling insults and damaging store property, before spitting in a man's face.

Upon his arrest, he told officers, "I spit in that racist white man's face" and "I destroyed that property and I'm not sorry."

He was arrested for assault and battery, malicious destruction of property and disorderly conduct, and was permanently banned from the location.

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

Grosse Pointe Park**Thefts from cars**

Two thefts — one small, one big — from unlocked parked vehicles occurred on successive nights starting between midnight and 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield.

Jumper cables were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in a driveway.

The next night in the 800 block of Harcourt,

someone entering a vehicle parked curbside reportedly got away with a purse containing \$5,000 cash.

Theft of car

A FordPass tracking system pointed police to a 2021 Ford Edge stolen at 12:09 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in the 1300 block of Balfour.

The tracking system was instrumental in police recovering the vehicle in the 15000 block of Ohio Street on Detroit's near westside, close to the intersection of Fenkel and Wyoming. Park neighborhood security video shows two unknown figures enter and drive away the unlocked vehicle parked curbside with its key fob inside. There are no arrests so far.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores**Bench warrant**

A 56-year-old Warren man was arrested around 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, after being stopped for speeding on northbound Lakeshore near Stratton.

A LEIN check showed he was wanted by Chesterfield Township police on a warrant for failure to appear in court.

He was held until Chesterfield officers arrived to retrieve him.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods**Hospital targeted**

Ascension St. John Hospital was the site of two vehicle incidents last week.

A 2019 Dodge Durango was stolen from the north parking lot around 6:45 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13. The vehicle was locked and had an anti-theft device on the steering wheel. No broken glass was found at the scene.

Surveillance footage showed a Dodge Ram enter the parking lot around 5:20 a.m. and follow the Durango out of the lot at 6:45 a.m.

The rear window of a 2021 Dodge Ram was broken sometime between 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, and

7:30 a.m. the following morning. Nothing was taken from the vehicle.

Unlocked

A laptop was stolen from an unlocked vehicle between midnight and 4 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the 1500 block of Brys.

Harassment

A resident in the 1100 block of South Oxford filed a report around 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, about harassing phone calls she received the previous night.

She said an unknown male called and claimed her son stole money from him and that he was going to knock down her door and hold a gun to her head. She also received texts from the same number telling her to check her son's wallet.

Officers advised she block the number.

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OUR VIEW

Outcry over law firm cost doesn't add up

Last week, the Grosse Pointe News reported how much money the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has paid its independent legal counsel, Collins & Blaha, after President Ahmed Ismail informed the community at the latest board meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12 ("BoE legal fees explained," posted Sept. 13, and on page 9A this week).

After months of speculation and out-of-control rumors that sent the predicted costs over the six-digit mark, the district paid Collins & Blaha far, far less — \$6,460.

That's a distant cry from claims that an independent law firm would cripple the district financially.

But the questions and rumors in the community did not cease after the board approved a resolution in February to hire Collins & Blaha, apart from Clark Hill, which serves as the district's overall legal firm.

According to Ismail's breakdown last Tuesday, during the 2022-23 school year, the district paid:

- ◆ Collins & Blaha: \$6,460
- ◆ Clark Hill: \$303,573
- ◆ Overall legal bills: \$344,305
- ◆ In comparison, during the 2021-22 school year, the district paid:
- ◆ Clark Hill: \$294,457
- ◆ Overall legal fees: \$325,254

The additional money in 2022-23 went to specialized firms, such as Miller Canfield, that worked on one-time issues. The money paid to Collins & Blaha amounts to 2 percent of Clark Hill's fees and 1.8 percent of overall legal fees.

Of course, the district's overall legal fees aren't chump change. They also aren't new costs to the district. But Clark Hill, where the bulk of the expenditures went, was heavily involved in reviewing contracts, bid specifications and requests for proposals for the district's improvement millage and sinking fund projects, including the failed health clinic at Grosse Pointe North High School.

When it comes to our district and schools, there are a lot of things to be concerned about, rightfully so. There is always a need to keep leaders accountable to ensure we are headed in the right direction.

But moving forward, any more disinformation and cacophony over the cost of an independent legal firm is counterproductive and a waste of anyone's time and energy, not to mention reckless. It's now manufactured outrage.

To use popular vernacular, it looks to us like the math here is mathin'.

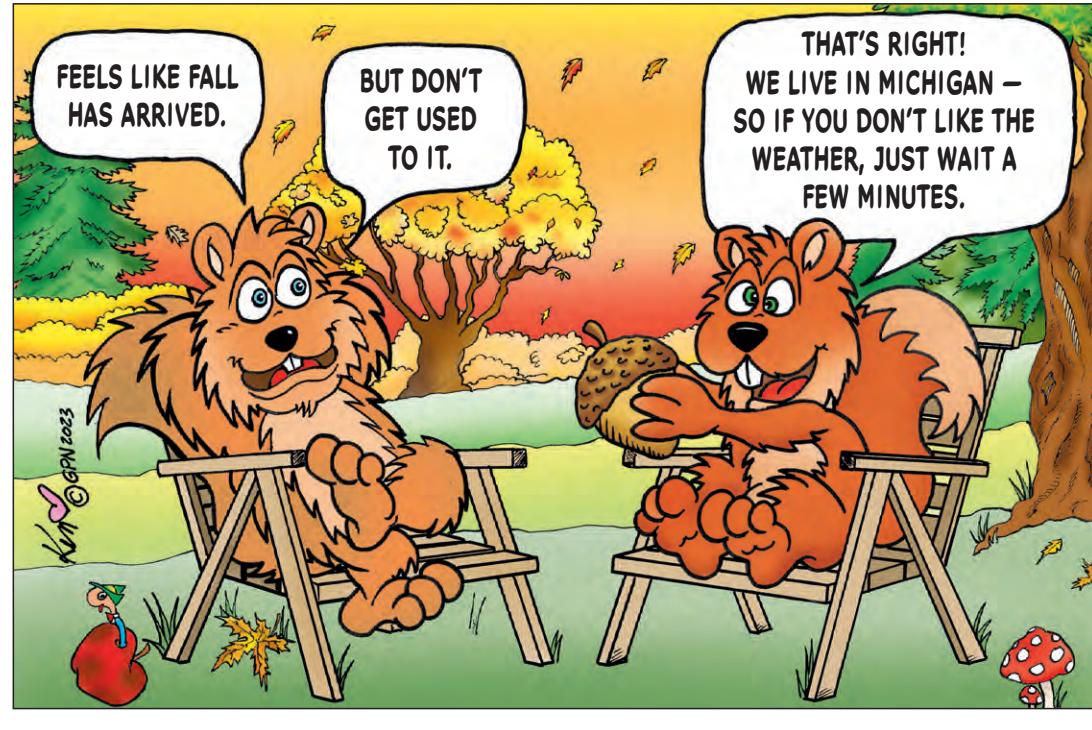


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GUEST VIEW By Christian Fenton

Interim superintendent's words strike the right chords

At the end of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12, Interim Superintendent Christian Fenton closed the evening by addressing the community. Part introduction to those unfamiliar with him and part re-introduction to those who are, Mr. Fenton's words were calming, reassuring and set a positive tone to the start of his tenure, one he hopes for the good of the district is short-lived.

Since many do not attend board meetings or watch the livestream, we believe it is valuable to reprint Mr. Fenton's encouraging address to the community:

I count it a privilege and an honor to be serving as the interim superintendent until a new superintendent can be hired. My wife, Grace, and I both graduated from Grosse Pointe High School — South. My children, Hope, C.J. and Ian, graduated from GP North. They are true 'Green Norsemen.' Academics, the arts and athletics: They were part of the outstanding liberal arts education that we prize as a community.

For 37-plus years I served this community in the central office, ultimately as deputy superintendent for business and support services and a (previous) three-month stint as



interim superintendent.

I didn't begin at the top. I moved through the professional "gears" that mesh to drive our system in every aspect, with the distinct honor of collaborating with staff, teachers, administration, parents and taxpayers, together guiding the delicate balance of finances.

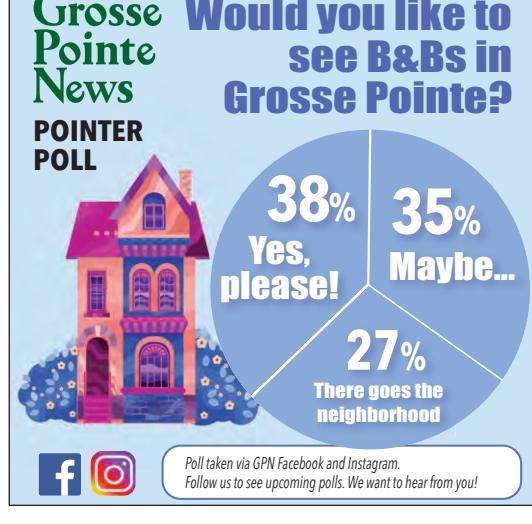
I'd like to thank the many community members and staff who reached out to me with words of encouragement. I hope my stay is short as we work to find an outstanding educational leader in a new superintendent. This is a critical, major undertaking.

With clarity and conviction, I tell you I serve a seven-member board of education. All seven.

A lot of challenges and work lay ahead of us. A superintendent search. Budget challenges — they are always present. Declining enrollment has forced us to look at things differently. But our main focus and top priority remains the same: providing a top-tier education in every area, to every student, every day.

Our district has many great traditions of innovative and creative instruction for our students. If we have learned anything in the past three years, we have been pointed, nudged, even shoved to look at things through the lens that humanity has provided. Sometimes it's

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LETTERS

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No good reason

To the Editor:

The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act provides a more than adequate timeframe for the ignition of fireworks over the holidays. Having specific dates and times when fireworks are allowed gives pet owners the ability to take preventive measures to keep their pets calm and safe. It also gives residents who are negatively affected by loud noises advance notice in order to prepare themselves mentally and physically.

The increase in random, disruptive fireworks displays for private events over recent months has demonstrated a complete lack of awareness and absence of consideration for one's neighbors on the part of organizers and on the part of the city governments granting permits for these unnecessary displays reverberating throughout the Pointes. The stress, anxiety and anger

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Van Gogh visits



An image popped up on the YouTube homepage of someone costumed as Vincent Van Gogh attending an exhibition of his paintings.

The video, titled, "Vincent Van Gogh visits the Gallery/Vincent and the Doctor/Doctor Who," is a clip from the British television series, "Doctor Who," series 5, episode 10, "Vincent and the Doctor."

The show isn't known to me, although it is reportedly the longest-running science fiction TV show in the world,

having aired since 1963. The episode involves Van Gogh, a commercial failure in his lifetime, never selling one painting, journeying forward through time to a contemporary exhibition of his works in Paris.

Van Gogh approaches the gallery distracted by wondrous works of art, not noticing a placard directing patrons to works of his own manic creation.

We join him seeing his "Self-Portrait, 1887," owned by the Detroit Institute of Arts since 1922, and the first of the artist's works to be purchased by an American museum.

There's "Café Terrace at Night," "Bedroom in Arles" and an image of two fieldhands napping against a haystack titled, "La Meridienne" ("The Siesta"). The Van Gogh character is overwhelmed. He hears a

curator say:

"To me, Van Gogh is the finest painter of them all. Certainly, the most popular great painter of all time. The most beloved, his command of color most magnificent. He transformed the pain of his tormented life into ecstatic beauty. Pain is easy to portray, but to use your passion and pain to portray the ecstasy and joy and magnificence of our world—no one had ever done it before. Perhaps no one ever will again.

To my mind, that strange, wild man who roamed the fields of Provence was not only

the world's greatest artist, but also one of the greatest men who ever lived."

The speech supports Van Gogh's passion and intensity related through "Lust for Life," a fictionalized biography of Van Gogh by Irving Stone;



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Vincent Van Gogh, "La Meridienne" ("The Siesta"), is on loan from the Musee d'Orsay in Paris to the Toledo Museum of Art until February 2024.

"Dear Theo," mainly a collection of Van Gogh's letters to his brother edited by Stone; and, for acquired tastes, "Stranger on Earth: A psychological biography of Vincent Van Gogh," by Albert Lubin.

Now, for some time travel of our own. We're

2013

10 years ago this week

out as a simple traffic stop for Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers ended up as a high speed chase involving several different police jurisdictions, with gunshots being fired by police. The incident began around 8 p.m. Sept. 11, when a Park public safety patrol car spotted a pickup truck hauling a trailer containing landscaping equipment. The officer noticed the truck's lights weren't on and attempted to pull the vehicle over.

at the Toledo Museum of Art. Climbing the main stairs to the second-floor Libby Court and turning left into a display of European paintings and sculpture, 1600 to 1800, a sense of déjà vu is felt.

Where've I seen that painting before? No, wait, it's Van Gogh's "La Meridienne." From the video.

The painting is on loan from Musee d'Orsay to Toledo until February 2024. Also displayed temporarily is another of Van Gogh's self-portraits from 1887, owned by the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

BITES DOMINATE HEALTH REPORT: In the August report of the Grosse Pointe Township Health Department, Dr. T. S. Davies, health commissioner, lists a total of 23 communicable diseases and animal bites. Animal bites took an unusually high number with one dog bite reported in the City; three dog bites, two cat bites and one rat bite in the Woods; and three dog bites and a monkey bite in the Farms. The Woods was the only municipality to report poliomyelitis. There were three cases.

1973

50 years ago this week

SIDEWALK REPAIR ISSUE CALLED HOT POTATO BY MAYOR: "This is the hottest potato of the year," said Grosse Pointe City Mayor John King, at a regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe City Council. He was referring to the City's policy on sidewalk repairs, and to show that it was indeed a hot issue to them, an estimated 60 people showed up at the meeting to voice their opinions. Most of the people in attendance were corner lot residents who object to the fact that they have to

pay twice as much for sidewalk repairs as anyone else.

CALL MEETING TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR ROSE TERRACE: The Farms council agreed to meet in executive session with Villican, Lehman, Inc., city planning consultants; Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., city engineering consultants; and the Mayor's Advisory Planning Commission to discuss preliminary site plans for the development of the Rose Terrace estate of the late Anna Thomson Dodge.

1998

25 years ago this week

CHASE STARTS IN PARK, ENDS IN MACOMB: What started

jury during a capital trial, witness intimidation, obstruction of justice and a felony firearm charge.

BASHARA TO TRIAL: Judge Kenneth King ruled there was enough evidence to try Bob Bashara on seven counts related to the January 2012 murder of Jane Bashara. Charges include first degree murder, conspiracy to commit first degree murder, solicitation to commit murder, suborning per-

jury during a capital trial, witness intimidation, obstruction of justice and a felony firearm charge.

TRIPLE THE EXCITEMENT: A Farms patrolman is going to be a father for the third, fourth and fifth time all at once. His wife is expecting male triplets in January by caesarean section. The forthcoming trio, plus the couple's two sons, make five boys for Officer Antonio Trupiano and his wife, Kristina.

FENTON:

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clear, sometimes foggy and sometimes downright confounding. Still, it is our collective privilege to rise to each occasion with renewed determination to honor each unique human being who comes though our hallowed halls.

We can't do less; our history has given us a template, but that is a tiny part. With wisdom, dignity, compas-

sion, intellect, joy, compromise, kindness, respect, honesty and high hopes we set the good ship Grosse Pointe Public Schools sailing toward lands and shores that need to be explored. With the tiller, various sails, lines and a myriad of unique hulls, we will do it together.

I humbly thank you for this opportunity and challenge.

Christian A. Fenton is the interim superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

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that fireworks cause is real and there is no good reason to allow additional fireworks displays beyond the dates mandated by state law.

PRISCILLA CARLSON
Grosse Pointe Park

Response to progress pride flag burning

To the Editor:

WE GP is deeply troubled to learn that a progress pride flag proudly flown for several years by Christ Church Grosse Pointe was burned. In response, WE GP is asking our community to stand in solidarity against hate, bigotry, violence and intimidation and to send a clear message of support and love for all our LGBTQ

community and for our Christ Church neighbors.

We have asked for all who live here to fly their pride flags and are offering progress pride flags for free within the community. Thanks to our supportive community and a team of amazing volunteers, WE GP delivered over 200 progress pride flags that were requested through-

out the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods Saturday, Sept. 16, and Sunday, Sept. 17.

We will fly our pride flags with love and with an unwavering commitment to the safety, equal rights and dignity of our LGBTQ community.

The resounding response here is that love wins.

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Accident reminds community of bike safety

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Home security footage posted in the Grosse Pointe Farms Community and Conversation Facebook page last week shows a Brownell Middle School student on a bicycle darting into Kerby Road a millisecond before being hit by a Ford F-150.

In the video, which was captured at 7:55 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15, between Chalfonte and Williams, the boy can be heard apologizing to the driver before the two share a relieved

embrace.

The police report states he left the scene with scrapes to both legs and arms and a possible injury to one ankle.

"He was transported to a local hospital where he was listed in stable condition," Farms Detective Derrick Lazarski reported.

In a community with no buses, and which often attracts homeowners with its walkability, many school-aged children are back to commuting on two wheels with the start of the school year.

"This is a great reminder for all of us to

slow down and to talk to our children," one resident commented under the Facebook video. "I'm definitely showing this video to my middle schooler and stressing the importance of him wearing a helmet, riding on the sidewalk and crossing the street where designated. I'm so glad that everyone is OK and that this was not a tragedy for our community."

Bicyclists and pedestrians are required to follow all the rules of the road, Lazarski said.

"When you're riding a bicycle, you're required

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Zoning to address B&B, STR

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Mick Jagger learned to be neighborly while spending nights in hotels between more than 2,000 Rolling Stone concerts worldwide.

"Be considerate of other hotel guests; trash your room by 10 p.m.," Jagger said on a "Late Show with David Letterman" top 10 list of wisdom gleaned during 50 years of touring.

The joke works because it's rooted in truth. Rock 'n' rollers and, by extension, hotel guests and, by further extension, revelers spending the night anywhere but property they own, are known to use

the opportunity for bad behavior.

Think of the invitation to impropriety contained in the slogan, "Whatever happens in Vegas stays in Vegas."

Members of the Park Planning Commission don't want whatever happens in Vegas to infest their mainly residential suburb through the unbound introduction of overnight and short-term homestay rentals.

While no commissioner worries that endorsing some degree of short-term rentals will make the Park the spring break capital of the north, the board this month took up the city's baton on how to regulate home and room vacation rentals before they evolve

from a concern into a problem.

City Manager Nick Sizeland introduced the topic during the Aug. 14 council meeting. He said regulations are needed in advance of Detroit being the site next spring for NCAA basketball playoff games and the NFL draft.

Planning commissioners, during a review of proposed revisions to zoning regulations Sept. 13, agreed the topic of short-term rentals was so premature they took it off the table.

"The National Association of Realtors is very pro-Airbnb. I'm very anti-Airbnb," said Commissioner and Realtor Jimmy Saros,

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COUNCIL:

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department. Yet, if you call for a water main break, it's nowhere to be found. We have to do better. With proper community engagement, we would not find ourselves behind the ball, but ahead of the curve. There's a ton of work to be done. It is getting done. We just have to do a better job communicating it to our residents."

The forum lasted 1 1/2 hours and consisted of two mayoral and six council candidates answering 10 questions League members culled from those submitted beforehand by the public.

Three council seats will be decided in the election

Tuesday, Nov. 7. Mayoral presentations are covered separately.

Purpose

In their opening statements, the candidates said:

◆ Dreaver: "I see an opportunity for the council to engage more with an awesome community and benefit from what residents have to offer. That's the major reason I'm running."

◆ Kennedy: "Our largest budget item is public safety. That's my top priority. I want to help shape the best possible outcome for Trombly School. I'd like to see that come back as a public school."

◆ Kolar: "One thing that drives me crazy is our continued letdowns

in community engagement and communications. While I can talk to you about the important issues, like fiscal responsibility, public safety, accountability and more, all these issues center around the critical pieces of engagement and communications."

◆ McMillan: "I am passionate about Grosse Pointe Park. I listen and engage community members to achieve a common goal with a calm, cooperative and professional approach. I hope to continue the positive momentum gained on council since I joined in 2021."

◆ Torres: "I own a small consulting firm for infrastructure-type projects. My experience and background will be valua-

able to serve in our community."

◆ Ulku: "Our current council has accomplished a ton of things in the past two years. We have a lot more to do. Public safety is everyone's first priority, followed by infrastructure. None of that works without planning, accountability and management."

◆ Kennedy: "We need to take a deep dive into structural budget issues and not try to sugar coat that we have issues we need to work on."

◆ Kolar: "Support our current finance director, identify the sources and uses of our funds (and) communicate and engage with our community."

◆ McMillan: "My first step would be meeting sooner with our finance director. Then assess our needs and where we can save money and spend our money appropriately."

◆ Torres: "It comes down to revenue genera-

tion. We need to see what services are (costing) more than they should or make them more efficient."

◆ Ulku: "Supporting the finance director. She's doing an amazing amount of work instituting best practices. We're going to have to work through those best practices to bring us into what we should have been doing decades ago. Deferred maintenance is costing us a fortune. We have to take care of our properties."

The forum is aired on the local League's website lwvgrossepoinc.org, its Facebook page and on YouTube titled, "Candidate forum for Grosse Pointe Park Mayor and City Council-September 12, 2023."

MAYOR:

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Gallagher referenced indirectly the current council re-instituting a capital improvement plan the prior council set aside:

"The most important thing is to define a three-, five- and 10-year capital

improvement plan with details."

She also indicated the voter-endorsed 10-year water-sewer infrastructure millage is too restrictive.

"I would have preferred to see a milage that was not specific to infrastructure, but that allowed us to put money where we need it across the board

— the marina, to balance the budget, etcetera."

Hodges said, "Solid financial management is in place. We're managing our money better. I've been in discussions regarding consolidation and shared services, which is an important way to find efficiencies that are cost effective. We need to finalize our capital improvement plans."

Both agreed overall about the mayor and

council's role in the Park's city manager form of government.

"It is the city manager's job to serve as CEO of this organization," Hodges said. "We establish objectives for the city manager and create an organizational culture that allows our team to thrive. And there must be accountability."

Gallagher, removed earlier this year as chair of the personnel committee due to not setting the

manager's goals by deadline, said, "It is our responsibility to hold accountability to the city manager, finance director and city attorney."

Having regular meetings with the city manager to establish how he is doing on his goals is important to understand where he is being successful and where he needs help."

There was some disagreement about how well the Park is meeting the needs of senior citizens.

"We need to structurally prepare for the results we want," Hodges said, citing the establishment of a liaison to the senior community, working with The Helm on long-term sustainability solutions and targeting recreation programming for seniors.

"Our master plan provides some housing options," Hodges said. "I don't think we're doing a good enough job of allowing our seniors to find (housing) options in our community."

"We're doing an OK job for our seniors," Gallagher said. "There's always room for improvement."

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BoE legal fees explained

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — After months of speculation about how much money the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has paid its independent legal counsel, President Ahmed Ismail set the record straight at the board's meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12.

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The discussion came after Trustees Colleen Worden and Valarie St. John introduced a resolution to amend the original resolution to hire independent attorneys, asking for more frequent updates about contact between Ismail and Collins & Blaha.

"The amount seems reasonable," Worden said. "It's actually minuscule

compared to Clark Hill, but some board members are communicating with Collins & Blaha and we aren't finding out."

Their resolution can be found at shorturl.at/xAJZ0, while the original resolution, which only requires Ismail to share opinions from independent counsel, is at shorturl.at/rJST1.

The resolution from Worden and St. John reads, "the purpose of the independent legal counsel is not to provide the board president with his own private law firm," adding "no board member, including the board president has any power individually to make decisions."

The wording brought a swift rebuke from other board members.

"This resolution, as written, can be construed as President Ismail did something wrong," Treasurer Sean Cotton said. "Did something in violation of the current resolution that operationalizes the independent legal counsel."

Secretary Ginny Jeup called the resolution "filled with anger and spite," adding it was "crafted to tarnish the reputation of President Ismail."

St. John noted the resolution was not a personal attack, but a "plea for transparency."

"I take real offense to claims I'd direct them to do things the board doesn't know about," Ismail said. "I haven't asked Collins & Blaha to do anything that hasn't come out of a board meeting."

Cotton said he would be open to revisiting the current resolution to mandate more communication among the board that would apply to all of the district's law firms.

The motion was tabled with that in mind on a 6-1 vote, with Ismail voting no.



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50th reunions

The classes of 1973 from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools held their 50th reunions on back-to-back weekends in August with more than 150 attendees at each.

Above, the Norsemen met Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Country Club of Detroit, while the Blue Devils, below, met Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

A photo album for North can be found at gpn1973.com and one for South is at shorturl.at/blBM5.



Liggett announces 2023-24 recipient of Nicole Marie Shammas Memorial Scholarship

University Liggett School recently announced that Grace Dakmak of Grosse Pointe Shores has been selected as the recipient of the Nicole Marie Shammas Memorial Scholarship for the academic year 2023-24.

The scholarship, awarded annually to a deserving sixth-grade student for the duration of their middle school years, sixth



COURTESY PHOTO

Grace Dakmak is a 2023-24 recipient of the Nicole Marie Shammas Memorial Scholarship. She stands in front of a painting of Nicole Shammas that hangs in the ULS middle school.

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GPPSS warns of stranger incidents

An email from the Grosse Pointe Public School System Friday, Sept. 15, alerted families to two suspicious incidents occurring near schools Wednesday, Sept. 13.

The district said it found out about the incidents via social media.

In the first, three sib-

lings ranging in age from preschool to high school were approached by a man in his 50s or 60s at Somerset and St. Paul near Pierce Middle School. The suspect had a short, white beard and was driving a white truck with rust near the wheel wells.

In the second, a family

noticed a blue van circling Richard Elementary School after dismissal.

"Safety is our main priority," the email said. "We encourage students and staff to report any suspicious incident immediately. These incidents provide an opportunity to review safety

precautions with your

— Ted O'Neil

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and people will have a chance to submit questions for second interviews.

By week 13 a decision usually is made, followed by contract negotiations and the on-boarding process.

Bennett suggested the board begin the process after the first of the year.

"You could start now in hopes of having someone here by Jan. 1, but it's difficult for someone to leave their district mid-year," he said. "A July 1st start is more reasonable."

Bennett warned the process won't be easy.

"Right now, Rochester, Oxford, Bloomfield Hills, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids Forest Hills, Caledonia and Midland are looking for superintendents," he said. "My guess is they'll be looking at a similar pool of candidates as Grosse Pointe."

Final cost of the search will be determined once the board and MASB agree on its scope.

Weeks four through 10 is the recruitment process.

"You have to give potential candidates time to decide if they want to apply, because if they go far enough in the process, their names will be made public," Bennett said. "Plus, if they've been with their district for a while, it'll take them some time to get their resumes updated."

Weeks 11 and 12 are for interviews. Bennett suggested narrowing the field to six candidates interviewed over two meetings, with two finalists usually selected for a second interview.

More feedback will be sought from stakeholders after the initial interviews

University Liggett School announces 2023-24 Liggett Merit Scholars

University Liggett School recently announced the selection of three eighth-grade students as recipients of Liggett Merit Scholarships. These scholars have earned half-tuition scholarships to ULS for four years, recognizing their outstanding academic achievements and potential to make a lasting impact on the community.

The Liggett Merit Scholarship, renowned for its competitiveness, takes into account a comprehensive evaluation of applicants' academic

prowess, teacher endorsements, interviews, writing samples, test scores and potential contributions to the Liggett community. Drawing applications from across the metro Detroit region, the scholarship program serves as a beacon for ambitious young minds.

Every student who submits an application for admission to ninth grade before the specified deadline is automatically considered for the Liggett Merit Scholarship. This initiative underscores University Liggett School's commitment to

identifying and nurturing exceptional talents within its academic fold.

This year, ULS is recognizing the following recipients:

- ◆ Catie Juip of Grosse Pointe, joining ULS from St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, captured the scholarship with her infectious enthusiasm, academic prowess and strong work ethic. Juip, known for her helpful nature and respect for others, brings a love for acting, singing and piano to the school. As she enters ULS, Juip is poised to excel in volleyball, tennis and theater. Her siblings Claire, Class of '25, and Jake, Class of '24, also are ULS students.

and intellect.

- ◆ Charley McCracken of Grosse Pointe Park, an existing member of the ULS family since seventh grade, continues to shine as an outstanding student in both academics and the arts. McCracken's involvement in field hockey, lacrosse and theater has illuminated her well-rounded personality. A future actress and dedicated math student, McCracken demonstrates wisdom beyond her years and exemplifies maturity

kindness.

Eighth-grade students are encouraged to apply for the Liggett Merit Scholarship at University Liggett School by the deadline of Jan. 19, 2024.

"We aspire to provide academic brilliance to every student who graces our institution," Board of Trustees President David Nicholson said. "Liggett Merit Scholars embody this pursuit and go on to achieve remarkable feats. Our past scholars have become Rhodes and Fulbright scholars, securing admissions to top Ivy League universities."

Pointers continue to hold doors open for criminals

THE GROSSE POINTES — Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros took a moment during the September council meeting to read a CliffNotes version of the public safety report summary submitted to council.

"The vehicle was left unlocked," he read. "The vehicle was left unlocked. The vehicle was left unlocked. Three vehicles were left unlocked and

personal items were stolen."

The account reflects what can be found on page 5A of the Grosse Pointe News each week.

"These are crimes of opportunity and people will walk by your car if it is locked," Theros said. "Lock your cars — and you don't need to leave your wallets and your laptops sitting on your front seat."

"Or key fobs," Farms Public Safety Director John Hutchins added.

In the span of two days — Wednesday, Sept. 13, and Thursday, Sept. 14 — 14 unlocked vehicles were rummaged through and one unlocked vehicle was stolen in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"For the 20th time folks, lock your cars," Theros said. "Our police department does a great

job in investigating all of these. We have luckily very often caught the perpetrators with the great work of not just our public safety department, but with the cooperation of neighboring communities' departments.

"But we could put our energy into other things if people remember to lock their cars."

— Laurel Kraus

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through eighth grade, is designed to recognize young individuals who display a keen interest in the arts and demonstrate exceptional academic potential.

Reflecting on her achievement, Dakmak said she is excited to be a student at ULS.

Hailing from Star of the Sea Catholic School, Dakmak has a love for art and is an active participant in volleyball. Additionally, she plans to join the middle school tennis team in the spring.

The Nicole Marie Shammas Memorial Scholarship, awarding \$2,000 per student, is presented to three middle school students annually. The support of Robert and Elizabeth Shammas

has enabled more than 40 students to benefit from this scholarship over the years. Furthermore, the Michael Giorgio family contributed a memorial tree in Shammas' honor, which now thrives in the school's courtyard.

The scholarship is a testament to the school's commitment to its endowment program, made possible through the contributions of the Shammas family of Grosse Pointe Woods and those who cherished Nicole Shammas's memory. Shammas passed away during her time in middle school in 1986.

Along with Dakmak, other recipients of the 2023-24 Nicole Marie Shammas Memorial Scholarship are seventh-grader Rocco Vesprini of St. Clair Shores and eighth-grader Kylie McClain of Grosse Ile.

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referring to a San Francisco-based, industry-leading broker of overnight and extended-stay accommodations in private dwellings in residential neighborhoods rather than in traditional commercial motels and hotels. "My thought is if you're running an Airbnb, it changes the use of the property. It's no longer residential. If my neighbor opens an Airbnb and has a bunch of folks going in and out, that would drastically change the landscape."

The marketplace is forcing upon municipal officials the question of how to handle the new world of hospitality. Annual revenues of Airbnb, founded 15 years ago, are already \$40 billion.

In Michigan, legislation is regularly introduced to let short-term rentals operate largely unencumbered by municipal ordinances.

"It's been introduced at the state level every year," said Michael Boettcher, a senior planner at McKenna Associates, the Park's planning consultant.

"For now, we can make regulations," said Warren Rothe, Park assistant

manager and member of the planning commission.

He's scheduled a special meeting of the commission at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, to address short-term rentals.

"As a council member, we've discussed short-term rentals and talked about the importance of engaging the community and getting feedback," Commissioner Mayor Michele Hodges said. "We can get input from the community to test the thinking and lead that conversation."

"Taking the community's pulse on short-term rentals is a proxy for their thoughts on bed and breakfasts," Rothe said.

"I don't see it being overwhelmingly popular," Chairman Patrick Colletta said.

"Bed and breakfasts and Airbnb, on the other hand, are a tool for attracting more people to your city," Mara Braciszewski, a McKenna senior planner, told commissioners.

"They could be opportunities to enhance your economic vitality."

"If the goal of a bed and breakfast is to bring more people into our community that aren't familiar with it, I don't think that's the best way to do it," Saros said.

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to follow all traffic laws, including red lights (and) stop signs," he added. "People kind of forget that. And if you're going to be entering into a roadway or something like that, make sure you yield the right of way to

vehicles already in the travel lane."

As for anyone who may have spotted a mangled bike under a vehicle on Grosse Pointe Boulevard in front of Grosse Pointe South High School around 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, the scene was only staged for Farms reserve officer training.

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Tau Beta Fall Market slated Oct. 5-7

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

What better way to transition to fall than with the shopping extravaganza that is the Tau Beta Fall Market.

Tau Beta Association hosts its annual Fall Market, featuring a preview party Thursday, Oct. 5, and public shopping days Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7, at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$5 at the door.

This year's market features several returning vendors, as well as 11 new vendors, offering an assortment of home goods, jewelry, clothing, eyewear and more.

"Every year we have some previous vendors return and we have some new," said Abigail Wujek, who is co-chairing the market with Carrie Calcaterra. "We reached across the country to bring new vendors. We've got some coming from South Carolina, from New York, offering new products."

Added Calcaterra, "We're trying to keep it



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From left, Fall Market co-chair Abigail Wujek, patron co-chair Nancy Cotton, honorary co-chair Mary Farley, Fall Market co-chair Carrie Calcaterra and patron co-chair Jennifer Kendall Mooney. Not pictured is honorary co-chair Patsy Gotfredson.

fresh and new. There will be a lot of holiday items, too."

Entering the holiday season, the market is the perfect one-stop shop to find hostess and holiday gifts, they said.

"This is a great opportunity for Tau Beta members, but also for the

community at large," Wujek noted. "It's a kick-off of the season."

In advance

A Tau Beta tradition, the preview party takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, and features a sneak peek at the market's vendors before

opening to the public.

The night includes live music, a signature cocktail, open bar and hors d'oeuvres.

Patrons of the preview party also will have the chance to enter a raffle; tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. A variety of impressive raffle items is

up for grabs.

"Christine Wardwell has donated a beautiful oil painting called 'Sunrise on the Beach, Lake Michigan,'" Wujek said. "Michelle Grates from Girlie Girl donated a B May handbag and also a sapphire rainbow charm bracelet. We're

really excited about the Chanel pearl drop earrings (donated by ReloveLuxe).

"Tau Beta member Kelley Muzingo donated an organize-your-wardrobe package," she added. "And Small Favors and Village Palm donated items together, a basket of goodies."

Other raffle items include a 50-minute Lagree class at The Corner Studio donated by Nancy Cotton; credit toward a permanent makeup appointment donated by Celia Wade of Microblading by Celia; a silk tank and jogger set donated by Epanoui; and a happy hour package donated by Bronze Door.

Raffle winners will be selected at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5.

Open to all

The public is welcome to shop to their hearts' content during Market Days, from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

Returning vendors include Daniella Ortiz of

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Garden Club of Michigan presents 'Into the Woods' Sept. 29

Free flower show, boutique open to the public

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Following disastrous summer storms that felled numerous trees throughout the Grosse Pointes, the Garden Club of Michigan celebrates "the natural beauty encountered while walking in the woods," during "Into the Woods" a Garden Club of America flower show, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The show is free and open to the public.

"It's a very timely theme after our summer, where we saw a lot of trees go down," said Amy Galsterer, a GCM member and co-chair of the flower show with Nancy Follett and Johnese Thibault. "The point is to celebrate the beauty of the woods."

A highlight of the event is a demonstration by renowned floral arranger Jane Godshalk, whose lecture, "Branching Out — Designs Inspired by Nature," takes place at 11 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A faculty member at



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Jane Godshalk creates an arrangement during a demonstration.

Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa., Godshalk has exhibited at flower shows across the country, winning various honors, including the Silver Gilt Medal at the Chelsea Flower Show.

"She is wonderful and we're so lucky to be able to get her," Galsterer said. "Her style is fresh and ... her designs are what I'd like to use in my own home. I'm looking forward to learning her tricks. I always learn from our speakers something I've never thought of."

As part of her demonstration, Godshalk will create five arrangements, which will be auctioned off at the end of her pre-

sentation.

"She likes to use what's in season," Galsterer said. "She'll be cutting plants at friends' gardens to incorporate things you wouldn't necessarily find at a florist right now. They call her 'classic American style.' I would say her style is more informal, incorporating branches, having natural materials as her mechanics. ... It will be a wonderful tutorial on what you'd want to create in your own home."

Tickets for the lecture are available at the door, via cash or check, as long as space allows; seating is limited to 150 people. Cost is \$40. For more information, visit gardenclubofmichigan.org.

Cards for Class 1: four mannequins decked out in at least 51 percent plant material.

"Those are always showstoppers," Galsterer said of the class. "It's the first thing you see when you come in and they're so unique. This year the theme is Wood Nymphs."

Class 2 follows the theme, Changing Seasons, in which designs incorporate plant materials in just two colors to depict a change of season; for example, spring into summer or autumn into winter.

Class 3 zeroes in on miniatures and follows the theme, By the Light of the Moon. Entrants were asked to create a stunning but small design: "You have to fit it in five inches and it's staged in a small, nine-inch-by-nine-inch cube with an opening at the front," said Galsterer, noting she'll have an entry in this class. "The



One of the pieces Godshalk will arrange at the flower show.

mannequins are so big and flashy. Then you get these little miniatures. It's another class that kind of fools the eye. Getting it to scale is the greatest challenge, but it's fun to do. It makes me laugh."

Once Upon a Time is the theme for Class 4, in which tables are decorated taking inspiration from Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods." Each table follows a different tale, such as Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel or Cinderella.

Entries for Class 5, Sink Your Roots, must be staged on a 44-inch high, 12-inch square black pedestal and viewed from three sides. Entries for Class 6, Stand Tall and Proud, must be staged on a black base, 18 inches high, 30 inches wide and 30 inches deep. Class 7, Out on a Limb, includes designs that incorporate branches, while Class 8, Bent and Twisted, features designs using double metal hoops.

The show also features *See FLOWERS, page 6B*

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Men's Club to discuss key changes coming to Medicare

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe will focus on important changes coming to Medicare during its next program, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Victor Whang — president of the Insurance Warehouse and also regionally known as The Insurance Professor, Victor Whang Radio 1400 AM and a leading consultant and voice on Medicare for seniors — will cover a number of significant changes coming to Medicare and trends in the Medicare marketplace.

Whang will provide copies of his presentation for reference and note taking. Spouses, significant others, caregivers or others who work with, assist or support seniors are encouraged to attend. Cost of the buffet luncheon is \$20. Reservations may be made by calling Jerry Teagan at (313) 303-5559 or



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emailing gpmcattendance@gmail.com.

Whang has many years of experience in health and benefits plan designs and also has his own radio program on AM 1400 The Patriot. He is an active blogger and engaged as a member of the National Association of Health Underwriters on significant Medicare issues in Washington, D.C. Every year, he travels to

D.C. to update himself and associates on key trends and issues and voice the concerns of the marketplace to legislators and regulators.

Medicare provides health insurance coverage to 65 million people in the U.S., including 57 million older adults and nearly 8 million younger adults with disabilities. Coverage of Medicare benefits is provided through either traditional Medicare or Medicare Advantage private plans. It affects the healthcare of nearly every senior in the Grosse Pointes.

League of Women Voters of GP to host Know Your New Voting Rights program

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe is sponsoring the program, Know Your New Voting Rights under Proposal 2 of 2022.

Proposal 2 was on the November 2022 general election ballot. Its purpose was to amend the Michigan state constitution to make elections even more accessible and secure. Prop 2 passed with more than 60 percent of the vote, creating new and improved voting rights that include Michigan citizens' rights to:

- ◆ vote early in every statewide and federal election,
- ◆ sign up to become a permanent mail voter,
- ◆ get prepaid return postage on

absentee ballots and applications,

- ◆ an enhanced tracking system for absentee ballots and applications and more.

This town hall will provide information on Michigan's new voting rights and serve as a knowledge base for family and friends.

The event takes place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Registration is not required, but attendees may register at eventbrite.com/e/know-your-new-voting-rights-tickets-703771869607.

For more information, email Dawn Drozd at lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com.

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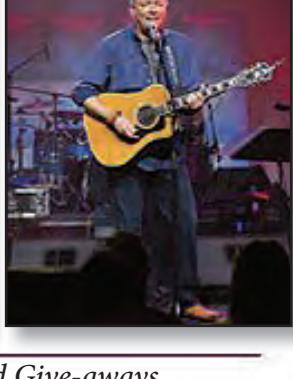
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Underway

The front half of the parking lot between Grosse Pointe Park City Hall and the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch is in the process of being repaved. The entrance off Jefferson is closed; patrons must enter the lot from Maryland.

AREA ACTIVITIES

U.S. flag collection

The John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution; Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution; and Grosse Pointe Boy Scout Troop No. 96 are

collecting worn United States flags during the month of September. Flags may be dropped off at the Grosse Pointe Farms municipal office, 90 Kerby, during business hours; and at the Pier Park gatehouse. A flag retirement ceremony

takes place 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16. All are welcome. Email Patti

Theros at therosp@gmail.com or call the

Farms at (313) 885-6600.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a

variety of programs. To

register for the following, visit grossepoinelibrary.org.

◆ Nonfiction Book

Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, via

Zoom.

◆ DANCE for Hispanic

Heritage Month, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Ewald, 15175 E.

Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Fourth Monday Book

Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at

Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Story Time, 1:30 to 2

p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at

Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ In Cold Mug Book

Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at

Alma Kitchen.

◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to

10 a.m. Wednesday,

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Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to

11 a.m. Wednesday,

Sept. 27, at Woods, 20680

Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Thoughts to Action

Lecture: L.W.V. Presents

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Wednesday, Sept. 27, at

Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to

10 a.m. Thursday, Sept.

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◆ Story Time, 10:30 to

11 a.m. Thursday, Sept.

28, at Woods, 20680

Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Board Game

Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 28, at

Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag

Guests are responsible for the cost of their own lunch. Cost for the bus ride is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers. Signup is required even for those who drive themselves to the restaurant.

◆ Corewell Healthy Cooking Demonstration: "Healthy Meals Without Extra Sugar and Salt," 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, with dietician Andrea Hageman and Chef Dan Kellogg.

Moross Greenway

Volunteers are needed to divide and move perennial plants along the Moross Greenway beginning 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. Volunteers will meet in front of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 21150 Moross, Detroit, and should dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Volunteers also are asked to bring gloves, a shovel and a trowel. Email morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com or visit morossgreenway.org.

GPAA

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

◆ Fabric Color Workshop with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.

◆ "The Art of Pastels," a workshop with Fran Seikaly, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29 and 30.

◆ "Imitating the Masters of Landscape," a workshop with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. select Thursdays. Oct. 5 and 12, the class examines the portraits of Gari Melchers.

History lecture

Katie Doelle and Jim Verney present the history of the Vernier family and St. Paul Cemetery at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society History Center, 375 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Jean Baptiste and Catherine Vernier played a pivotal role in the history of the Vernier family. Having arrived in Grosse Pointe around 1790, not only did they establish a life for themselves, they also laid the foundation for the family to become important members of the community for centuries to come. Catherine Vernier died in August 1831, and Jean Baptiste died in 1834. This year their original headstones

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 "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Out-to-Lunch Bunch, noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Charlie's Restaurant.

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag

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Standards, swing are focus of new jazz series at GP Unitarian Church

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Hot on the heels of her inaugural success this summer, songstress Olivia Van Goor will produce a series of jazz concerts at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church from this fall into next spring.

Van Goor, who said her June concert featuring Caity Gyorgy was "not only everything I could have dreamed for, but turned into something bigger," will produce "Jazz at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church" at 4 p.m. the first Sunday of each month, October to May.

"The premise is we'll have a different guest every month—a different local Michigan person who we think is an excellent representation of the diverse Michigan jazz scene, but who we also feel will put on a unique, traditional jazz show from start to finish."

Co-hosting the series is the Scott Gwinnell Trio, featuring Gwinnell on piano, Samuel Chase Harris on bass and David Zwolinski on drums.

"It's the same trio from the concert with Caity," Van Goor said. "I will open

every show with a tune with the trio. Then, depending on the artist, I might do a couple duets with the guests. And I close out the show, too. "... There will be a whole production for each one," she noted. "We're not just jamming. We will create a unique experience."

The series will focus on traditional jazz, swing and songs from the Great American Songbook, Van Goor said.

"Any jazz lover or music lover is going to hear something they're familiar with and maybe hear something new," she added.

Van Goor said audiences should expect an hour or so of entertainment. And since the shows will be performed in an intimate setting, they likely will include time for a Q&A session with the musicians.

"We're hosting at the church not only because of the success last June, but ... their mission statement aligns with what we're doing with jazz musicians," Van Goor said. "They're excited to branch out and also welcome us in, to show people



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Songstress and producer Olivia Van Goor.



ple diverse musicians and come together as a community on a Sunday afternoon."

In regard to its mission, the church released this statement: "Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is an oasis of religious freedom, spiritual exploration and social justice serving the Grosse Pointes and our surrounding Eastside communities. Love is the doctrine of our church and we affirm and promote the seven doctrines of Unitarian Universalist Congregations, beginning with our first doctrine: The inherent worth and

dignity of every person. We are a welcoming congregation who love and care for our members. Come join us."

Who's on tap

Guests for the first three shows have been announced:

♦ Sunday, Oct. 1 — Dave Bennett

A jazz clarinet player and recording artist on Mack Avenue Records, Bennett names Alice Cooper, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Chris Isaak among his influences. He is equally conversant with the music of Benny Goodman and Roy Orbison, and is able to break from his swing-era repertoire to sing rockabilly hits while accompanying himself on piano or electric guitar.

♦ Sunday, Nov. 5 — Isis Damil

most excited to do the producing. I'm usually the artist behind the scenes. With this, a musician is producing the show, so music will be first above anything else."

Tickets are available at the door and online at oliviavangoor.com/jazzatgpc.

"Online will guarantee a spot," Van Goor said, noting tickets also are available at eventbrite.com. "Online is also the only spot to find VIP front row 'Friend of the Series' seats."

There will be a student discount with ID, she noted, and donations will be accepted at the door as well; funds will be used to further the concert series another year.

"We're creating an event for jazz lovers," Van Goor said. "There are lots of events out there, but not a lot guarantee jazz lovers who love early 20th century jazz, who want to hear standards, will love it."

The series is sponsored by the Greater Detroit Jazz Society.

For more information, follow "Jazz At Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church" on Facebook, follow Van Goor on Instagram @oliviavangoormusic or visit oliviavangoor.com/jazzatgpc.



Scott Gwinnell on piano.

The 2023 winner of the WDIV Local 4 "Go 4 It" competition, Damil is a Detroit-bred singer and songwriter. Her mezzo vocals blend with jazzy R&B melodies to share stories of love and spirituality. Her professional singing career kicked off in 2012, with her first performance at Baker's Keyboard Lounge in Detroit. She has since shared the stage with many legendary music pioneers and performed at various large-scale venues and events.

♦ Sunday, Dec. 3 — Emma Aboukasm

Grosse Pointe native Aboukasm is an award-winning recording artist, vocalist and composer. A graduate of the jazz studies program at the University of Michigan, she also won the Detroit Jazz Festival Youth Vocal Jazz Competition in 2014, and performed at DJF that year with the Airmen of Note. In 2015, she made the top five finalists out of 2,000 applications worldwide in the International Sarah Vaughan Vocal Jazz Competition.

Her December show will feature holiday music.

"I'm excited to be doing this," Van Goor said. "Every concert will allow me to do a collaboration with these artists. But I'm



A well-attended jazz concert in June, featuring Van Goor and Caity Gyorgy, was the impetus to the upcoming jazz series.

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OBITUARIES

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

Dorothy Loretta Taylor

Dorothy "Dottie" Loretta Taylor, 76, passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, surrounded by her beloved family.

Born in 1947, to Joseph and Anna, both now deceased, she enjoyed 56 years of marriage to her adoring husband, William. She was a proud mother to her five children: Sarah, Anna, Katherine (Chester), Daniel (Dorene) and Kenneth (Sandra); and she cherished her eight grandchildren, Benjamin, Alexander, Joseph, Katherine, Elliot, Julia, Owen and Samantha. She was a loving sister to her brother, Thomas; sisters, Susan and Diane; brother-in-law, Isam; sisters-in-law, Marilyn, Judy, Melinda and Patricia; and adored her numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son-in-law, Wesley; brothers, Joseph and Michael; sisters, Joanne and Mary Christine; and brothers-in-law, Robert, Richard and Mark.

Dottie graduated from St. Paul High School in Grosse Pointe Farms. Soon after, she met the love of her life, William. On their first date, they attended a showing of "The Sound of Music" at the Madison Theater in downtown Detroit — a film that remained her all-time favorite. They married in 1967, and lived briefly in Oklahoma and Germany as part of William's service in the U.S. Army. They eventually settled in their native Grosse Pointe and started their family, which grew to five children.

Dottie worked for a number of local businesses, including Meier Cut Stone, JCPenney, Impressions and Addison & Addison, before retiring to enjoy time with family and friends.

Dottie lived a life full of family and faith. She enjoyed being at home and loved to periodically rearrange furniture to give a room a new vibe. She always enjoyed shopping and fully embraced shopping at home via QVC. She enjoyed comfort foods right up to the end, as her final meal was a Sander's hot fudge sundae. She said the best days of her life were days she was surrounded by her family.

Per her wishes, Dottie's remains will be cremated. She will lie in state Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9:30 a.m. until a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

The Mass may be viewed online at sjasc.org or on the parish's Facebook page, face book.com/sjascatholic. A private inurnment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Autism Science Foundation, 3 Continental Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583, or autismsciencefoundation.org/donate.

Joseph Bogosian

Joseph Bogosian, 79, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023. A one-of-a-kind individual, Joe was a successful small business owner and a loving husband and father whose eccentric personality left an impression on all who knew him.

Born in Detroit to Armenian immigrant parents, Kasar and Ovsanna Bogosian, Joe attended Southwestern High School in Delray before starting his career as a pastry chef. He developed his skills at Ranier Pastry Shop and later, La Bonbonniere, before starting his own business.

In 1971, Joe opened Josef's French Pastry Shop and operated it with his wife, Eileen, for 36 years until they retired in 2007. Josef's, on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, grew into and remains a staple of the community, garnering accolades including AAA Michigan Living's Best Bakery in Michigan. Through baking, Joe and Eileen helped metro Detroit celebrate weddings, birthdays and the joys of a simple croissant.

While his persona as "Chef Josef" illustrated his entrepreneurial and creative side, Joe also was known for his big heart and taking it upon himself to look after others who needed it, whether family, friends or community members who had fallen on hard times. Though college was not an option for Joe, he was proud that all four of his children earned college degrees — and some, advanced degrees — from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of California, Los Angeles.

Joe appreciated and celebrated the unique and different in this world. He was a lifelong collector; his various collections reflected this spirit of curiosity and learning. Forever a character, his eccentricity will be remembered through countless anecdotes shared among family and friends. These include: greeting visitors wearing an 18th-century hat or other prop from his "antique" collection; testing his second career as a comedian, laughing especially hard at his own jokes (his wife often reminding him to keep his day job); demonstrating authentic train whistles in his driveway to the surprise of the neighborhood; and waking his children on weekends to the music of Nigerian drum artist Babatunde Olatunji.

His spirit lives on with his wife of 41 years, Eileen (nee Roach) Bogosian; sister, Nan; twin brother, John (Lou); sister, Rebecca (Reed); sister-in-law, Nancy; children, Josef, Daniel (Jeanette), Elissa (Kyle) and Lauren (Zachary); grandchildren, Joseph, Louis, Katherine and Emma; and an extended network of family and friends. Joe was predeceased by his parents; sister, Vicky (Gene); and brother, Jevon.

Visitation will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, with a memorial service at 3 p.m., followed by a dinner and celebration of life.

Charles Johnston

Longtime Troy resident Charles Johnston, 84, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023. Charlie was born April 6, 1939, in Detroit, to George and Elsie Johnston. He grew up in Grosse Pointe, where his passion for sailing developed on Lake St. Clair.

His zeal for learning and architecture began at the University of Michigan, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture from the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning in 1963. Charlie was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and involved in many social and academic activities during his time in Ann Arbor.

Charlie began his career in architecture in 1967, as the chief operating officer/director of design at ODL Architects. He went on to establish his own firm, MAS and Associates, specializing in modern healthcare architecture in 1980. It succeeded and grew and was renamed Trinity Design. It was later acquired by HKS Architects in 2006, where Charlie finished out his distinguished career as the consulting principal architect in the Detroit office. Charlie was a visionary in healthcare architecture desiring to mesh aesthetics, practicality and accessibility into his designs throughout Michigan, the Midwest and the far Middle East.

Charlie loved the Great Lakes and sailing and imparted that passion to his children. He was an accomplished sailor with double-digit Mackinac races under his belt and hundreds of hours cruising the Great Lakes with his family and friends.

Charlie was a loving and proud father, enriching his children's lives by being their longtime soccer coach and sailing mentor. He reveled in hand-making props for the Halloween costumes they devised together. He was involved in Indian Princes/Princesses, Boy Scouts and the many social and athletic activities in which his children took part.

Charlie's grandchildren gave him immense joy as he saw them grow up into fine men and women, especially when they shared their adventures with him.

Charlie's close group of friends were the best friends one could ask for and their friendship and escapades have been epic and spanned decades.

Despite his health difficulties, Charlie was determined not to let those difficulties define who he was or how he lived his life. Charlie strived to be a part of his children's, grandchildren's and friends' lives, making trips across the state to attend birthdays, sporting events, plays and to just spend some quality time with them.



Dorothy Loretta Taylor



Joseph Bogosian



Charles Johnston



Lillian Rose Channell



John E. Berg

the joys of toddler-rearing, because three years later they welcomed their fourth child, Jennifer.

Rose and Nelson often said being older parents kept them young. They genuinely enjoyed many more years of piano recitals, band concerts, high school sports and moving kids in and out of dorm rooms.

Their four children and 13 grandchildren remained their greatest earthly joy throughout their 68 years of marriage.

At the center of Rose's life was her faith in Jesus. She and Nelson were active members of First United Methodist Church in St. Clair Shores, joining in 1955.

Rose's heart for service touched all ages, from the Cradle Roll to the care facility.

She had leadership roles with the Christian Women's Club and United Methodist Women,

and never stopped studying or evangelizing. She loved to mentor younger generations and fondly remembered her many years of teaching young mothers during Bible study fellowship.

Rose and Nelson were strongly committed to preparing the next generation to fulfill Christ's mandate to spread the gospel, also mentoring young pastors and their spouses.

Over the years, they provided numerous scholarships to ministerial students at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. Throughout her 92 years, she never lost her faith in Jesus. She remained faithful and strong until the end, taking care of Nelson through his struggle with dementia and enduring the untimely deaths of her two beloved boys.

Her family finds comfort in believing she was welcomed into eternity hearing the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Rose was predeceased by her husband, Nelson; and sons, Larry and Jason.

She is survived by her daughters, Lois Kilkka, of Charlotte, N.C., and Jennifer Jackson (T.W.) of Las Cruces, N.M.; daughters-in-law, Mariann Metes Channell (Benson Woo) of St. Clair Shores and Aimee Hillman Channell of Sterling Heights; granddaughters, Lena (Thomas), Emma, Lydia, Grace, Deborah, Joanna and Lillia; and grandsons, Spencer (Ele), Alex, Wesley (Karen), Hunter, Jacob and Caleb.

Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home. A celebration of life has taken place at Redeemer United

Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to Asbury Theological Seminary, asburyseminary.edu/donate, or American Heart Association, heart.org/donate.

John E. Berg

John E. Berg, 63, a dedicated and loving husband and father, died peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, following a brief illness. He was surrounded by his family in Boston, Mass.

Mr. Berg, of Vero Beach, Fla., was born in Detroit and raised in Grosse Pointe Farms. He attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and received his undergraduate degree from The Catholic University of America. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1987. He then married his college sweetheart and moved back to Grosse Pointe Farms, where together they raised their three children.

A partner of Clark Hill, he also was a member of the State Bar of Michigan, American Bar Association and a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

He was actively involved in St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, as well as the Country Club of Detroit and Detroit Athletic Club, where he served on the board of directors. His passion for athletics was evident in his love for squash, bowling, skiing and golf, especially with the John's Island Club "Amigos."

John is survived by his wife, Patricia (nee McLaughlin); son, Ross; daughters, Molly Mulligan (James) and Lindsey; beloved mother, Elizabeth Berg Jachman (John); and brothers, Paul (Susan) and James (Jeffrey). He was predeceased by his father, Emil D. Berg. He will be deeply missed by his family and cherished friends.

Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A Requiem Mass will follow promptly at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to scholarships at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, U of D Jesuit Advancement Office, 8400 S. Cambridge Ave., Detroit, MI 48221, or uofdjesuit.org/giving.

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Said Elias Muawad

Said Elias Muawad, 92, of St. Clair Shores, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, one day after his birthday.

Born in Hamat, Lebanon, Said was the youngest of the six children of Elias and Takla. He left Lebanon in 1959, to visit his sister in the United States. There, he met Donna (nee Metry), who became his loving wife of 64 years. They settled in Grosse Pointe Park, where Donna grew up, and raised their family. He was the proud father of Brian (Pamela), Renee (Kevin Chown), Elias (Aline) and Ronny (Amy).

Said graduated from Walsh College with a degree in accounting and was employed as an office manager. His life centered around his family and his church. He cherished each of his grandchildren: Danielle, Michael, Andrew, Brianna, Alex and James Muawad, Erica and Melinda Chown, Alex and Nikko Muawad, and Grace, William and Anne Muawad.

He loved to attend his children's and grandchildren's sporting events and performances, always proud of their accomplishments. He also enjoyed shopping for fruits and vegetables at Eastern Market every Saturday morning. He was a big Detroit sports fan, enjoyed watching old Western movies and playing card games, backgammon and chess.

Said was an usher at St. George Orthodox Church and became so involved that one parishioner remarked, "Growing up, I thought he owned the church!"

After Said retired, he looked forward to annual visits to his birthplace in the mountains of Lebanon. He loved swimming in the Mediterranean Sea every day.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; children; and sister-in-law, Sally Metry Conner; as well as 13 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Said was predeceased by his parents, Elias and Takla Muawad; siblings, Elizabeth, Alice Doumit (Abdullah), Haleem (Alice), Nabih (Mona) and Mona Thomas (Tom); parents-in-law,



Said Elias Muawad



Marie Torakis

Sam and Elmas Metry; and his wife's siblings, Gilbert Metry (Eva), Frederick Metry (Alice) and John Conner.

His family will receive guests at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, until his 10 a.m. funeral at St. George of Troy Antiochian Orthodox Church, 2160 E. Maple, Troy. Interment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Said's life may be made to St. George of Troy Antiochian Orthodox Church, 2160 E. Maple, Troy, MI 48083, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Marie Torakis

Marie Torakis, 92, passed away peacefully Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, with her children at her side.

Marie was born May 4, 1931, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was the third child of Spiro and Efstatia Chavel.

The family soon moved to Detroit where she was raised on the east side.

Marie attended Foch Junior High School and graduated from Eastern High School in 1949. While in high school, Marie participated in the drama program and had a leading role in her senior play, an accomplishment she was

particularly grateful and humbled for the outpouring of support of many volunteer neighbors and friends from Rosedale Park Community who helped her with John's twice daily exercise schedule.

After raising her family, Marie started on a new business endeavor. She opened Michael's, a sundry/convenience store in downtown Detroit. After her husband's retirement from Michigan Wholesale, they continued working together, ultimately growing their business to five stores.

Marie and George enjoyed spending time at their cottage in Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada. They loved to travel to the Caribbean, eventually buying a timeshare in their beloved Aruba. They were fortunate to have taken several trips to Europe. Marie's last trip to Europe was in 2008, to Greece with Michael and his family.

Marie remained active at Assumption Church as a member of the Senior Citizen's Club and Daughters of Penelope,

Thamyris Chapter. She worked several years on the Festival of Tables, which benefits the Liggett Breast Cancer Center at the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

Marie lived for four years at the American House in Grosse Pointe Farms, an independent living facility. She met many new friends there and enjoyed the many activities provided.

Her last public activity, in March 2022, was a joyous family event. She was able to be at the baptism of her beloved great-grandchild, Galina.

During her later years, Marie had difficulty with mobility, but never let that stop her. She remained active until her final illness. Marie

passed that strength and tenacity on to her children and grandchildren.

Marie was predeceased by her husband, George; son, John; brother, Sam; and sister, Joan.

She is survived by her children, Michael Torakis (Linda) and Chrisanne Palmer (Kimon); grandchildren, Marina, Alex (Nicole) and Alexandra; great-granddaughter, Galina Marina; sister-in-law, Dena Chavel; and many nieces, nephews and godchildren.

She will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, with a funeral service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the

family asks for donations to Angie's Residential Care, which provided loving care to Marie in her final year, 30645 Lebanon, Warren, MI 48093.

MEMORIAL**Richard Thomas Vroom**

A memorial service celebrating the life of Richard Thomas Vroom is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. His obituary appeared in the July 20, 2023, Grosse Pointe News.

Annual Senior Expo at Assumption Oct. 5 Keynote speaker is Devin Scillian

The 2023 Senior Expo — a wellness event for seniors that is free to the community — takes place 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores

This 28th annual event provides area adults with informative exhibits, educational seminars, interactive experiences and valuable resources for today's senior lifestyles. More than 1,500 seniors, their families and caregivers are expected to attend the event, which is dedicated to offering a day of health, wellness, recreation and community resource information to help design a happy, healthy and secure lifestyle.

"We are committed to providing a vibrant and informative event that celebrates and supports our senior community," said Terri Murphy, CSA, Hope Senior Home Care, and chairperson of the Senior Expo Committee. "We continue providing a platform that empowers seniors to live their lives to the fullest."

The keynote speaker is WDIV-TV anchor Devin Scillian, who returns as one of the original guest speakers of Senior Expo. After his address, Scillian will join his band, Arizona Son, during a luncheon provided by Henry Ford Health. The band is sponsored by A.H. Peters.

Visitors will be treated to more than 50 exhibitors offering giveaways and information on healthcare, recreation, self-improvement, retail products, managed care, physical training, financial and legal advice and more. Popular workshops include "Food is Medicine," "Ask the Elder Law Attorney," "Medicare Counseling," "Ask the Physician" and "Ask the Nutritionist."

Onsite health screenings include spine evaluations, blood pressure checks, knee pain/arthritis/physical therapy screenings, mini chair massages, ultrasounds and other checks from area health facilities. Also featured is a community resource center

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Memorial Church presents Oct. 1 concert with Motor City Brass



The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir joins the Motor City Brass Quintet in "Hymns of Majesty and Glory," a free program of magnificent hymns arranged by Minister of Music James Biery. The vaulted ceiling will resound with the sounds of pipe organ, brass instruments, timpani and the combined

voices of the choir and audience.

The concert features familiar traditional hymns such as "The Church's One Foundation," "When

Morning Gilds the Skies" and "Be Thou My Vision," as well as original songs written by Marilyn and James Biery. The concert begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. All are welcome to attend; there is no admission charge.

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Palm Beach, Fla.; DESEDA of Lake Forest, Ill.; Flutter Eyewear of Redwood City, Calif.; GLAMOURPUSS of New York, N.Y.; Jack and Jill of Western Springs, Ill.; Kathy Kamei Designs of Santa Ynez, Calif.; KP Designs of Atlanta; Pearly Vine of New Albany, Ohio; Susan Lister Locke, Jeweler of Nantucket, Mass., and Palm Beach, Fla.; and Whitehead Studios of Lake Bluff, Ill.

Vendors new to the market include Arm Candy of Birmingham; Chakeris Charleston of Charleston, S.C.; DCLW Designs — Denise Ward of Westlake, Ohio; Joey Wölffer of Sag Harbor, N.Y.; Madison Mathews of Charleston, S.C.; Ohama Couture of Newport Beach, Calif.; Seesaw Society of Chicago; So Zen Designs of Franklin; Soxords of Pound Ridge, N.Y.; The Grove & Clementine of Winter Park, Fla.; and Toffee Traditions of Highwood, Ill.

"We're excited for the new vendors," Calcaterra said, "but we're also excited for the old ones to return, because that means they've done well."

"We received more applications this year than ever before," Wujek added. "We'd love to have more, but we just don't have room for them all at the Little Club. We love it there. It's a beautiful setting."

Added Calcaterra, "They're pretty good to us, too."

Fall "Market-tinis" and cocktails will be available at a cash bar from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday.

As in past years, pro-

Special to the event is the Fall Market Martini Giveaway, which also takes place Friday. The winner of a Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collections \$1,500 luxury gift basket will be drawn at 5 p.m.

The philanthropy

Wujek and Calcaterra, who have worked on several Tau Beta volunteer projects together, said Fall Market is their biggest role to date. It's been quite a commitment, but they wouldn't have it any other way.

"We love Tau Beta, we love the market and we wanted to support it," Wujek said. "Fall Market is such a fun event. ... We've gotten to know a lot of our newer members."



Apart from the Fall Market Committee, the event's honorary chairs are Patsy Gotfredson and Mary Farley. Patron chairs are Nancy Cotton and Jennifer Kendall Mooney.

Tau Beta's president is Christy Warren.

Added Calcaterra, "We have a really good committee this year, too. They're doing their job and doing it well. It's nice to see the community come together to support Tau Beta. ... It's nice to support Tau Beta and all of its philanthropy."

As in past years, pro-

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ceeds from Fall Market benefit the Children's Center of Detroit and other charitable projects of Tau Beta. 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.

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.

For more information about Fall Market, visit taubeta.org, email fallmarket@taubeta.org or find Tau Beta Fall Market on Facebook or Instagram.

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were repaired and relocated, concluding a three-year project to mark their final resting place.

Optimists

The Grosse Pointe Optimist Club will hold its next regular public meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. A tour of the GPHS campus is included. The Optimists support various youth-related activities throughout the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and east side of Detroit. The meeting is open to the public. Contact incoming club president Julie Baumer at (586) 601-8578 or baumerjulie16@gmail.com.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Village Administration Building, 27575 Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Harper, St. Clair Shores.

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including VA information, Medicare information and much more.

The Courtyard Senior Super Tent, sponsored by Hope Senior Home Care, includes exercise and fitness evaluations,

balance and fall risk assessments, BMI screenings, recumbent bikes and more.

The Resource Guide, a valuable reference book for adults of available

services throughout the metro area, is distributed at expo and remains a useful tool all year through. The guide is developed by the Senior Expo Committee and made available at hospitals, city offices, libraries and committee facilities.

Senior Expo Committee members include: Assumption Cultural Center; The Helm at the Boll Life Center; Macomb County Chamber of Commerce; Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce; Henry Ford Health; A.H. Peters Funeral Home; Detroit Area Agency on Aging; Cranberry Park/ShorePointe Village; Shores Hearing; Hope Senior Home Care; Corewell Health; Ascension Health; Harper Chiropractic Center; and American House Lakeshore.

Free shuttle is provided by Cranberry Park for convenient parking at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.

For more information, call (586) 779-6111.

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a photography division with five themed classes, including Fantastic Fungi, Mirrored Waters, Beautiful Branches, Wildlife Unexpected and The Enchanted Forest.

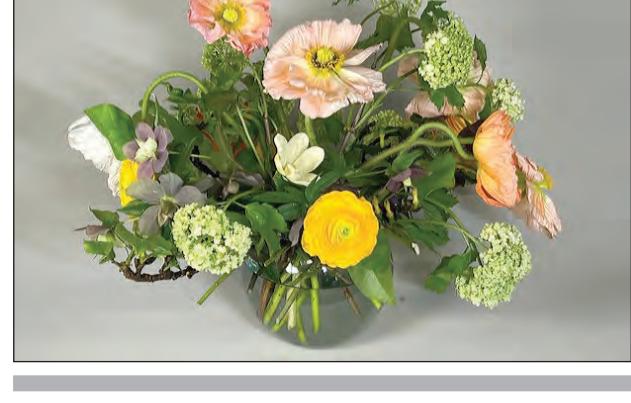
While the floral design and photography division entries were selected months ago, members of the public who wish to show off the best of their home gardens are invited to enter the horticulture division.

"I wish people knew they can enter our show with a horticulture specimen," Galsterer said. "It's judged. People win prizes."

Those interested should bring a cut specimen in a clean green bottle; a favorite house plant they have owned at least six months — as long as its in a pot no bigger than 12 inches in any dimension — or a vegetable

they have grown. Entries will be accepted from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, and 8:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28.

"It's a fun way to include people and generate goodwill and excitement," Galsterer added.

**DIY designer arrangement**

Expert floral arranger Jane Gotshalk presents step-by-step instructions to create floral arrangements for the home.

Want to create a branch structure that will support flowers from the garden or a combination of garden and market materials?

Find her recipe at tinyurl.com/2s647hme

Want to create a flower column with orchids? Find her recipe at tinyurl.com/yveuwyy5k

Also included in the horticulture division will be a challenge issued this summer for Garden Club of Michigan members. They were asked to grow mushrooms on a small log for The Fungus Among Us.

Not only will guests to the show be treated to unique designs, they'll also get the chance to learn about efforts underway to restore Michigan's tree canopy, which has been lost to Dutch elm, emerald ash borer and oak wilt, as well as how to improve tree longevity and health.

Educational exhibits from Re-Leaf Grosse Pointe and Brian Colter, city forester for Grosse Pointe Park, Farms and City, will be displayed in an effort "to motivate visitors to bring the beauty of the woods and all of its environmental benefits to their neighborhoods by planting more trees."

"This show is not for ourselves; it's for the public," said Galsterer, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. "I'm expecting 'Into the Woods' to be my favorite flower show, because I love it up North. I love to hike and explore the woods and the thought of creating flower arrangements that capture that natural beauty is really exciting."

For more information about "Into the Woods" or The Garden Club of Michigan, visit gardenclubofmichigan.org.

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Next Chapter Books finds permanent home

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

What started as a holiday pop-up last winter has snowballed into a permanent fixture on East Warren — and a dream come true for Next Chapter Books owners Sarah and Jay Williams.

After several months of operating their shop — which sells general interest contemporary fiction and nonfiction, both new and used books — as a pop-up in the vacant Alger Theatre building, the pair found a permanent home just down the street at 16555 E. Warren.

Next Chapter Books had its soft opening Sept. 19, and its ribbon-cutting ceremony is Thursday, Sept. 21. Its official grand opening takes place Saturday, Sept. 23.

"When we closed at The Alger at the end of April and signed the lease here, we thought we'd be setting up the same sort of thing and then grow as much as we could," Sarah Williams said. "The building was in good condition, but we wanted to change the space."

That change happened this summer after the Williamses learned they'd won a \$50,000 Motor City Match grant from the city.

"That was a huge encouragement," Williams said. "It helped us finish the open space and build our inventory, but it also encouraged us,



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Jay and Sarah Williams invite the community to the grand opening of Next Chapter Books this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

knowing the city believes in the business and the people involved see promise and that it's something needed in the community."

Throughout the summer, while also putting work into the new location, Next Chapter hosted pop-up shops at the East Warren Farmers Market, where an already-solid customer base stopped by to ask how business was going.

The market also helped create a connection between Next Chapter and a burgeoning pop-up coffee shop, with which it formed a partnership.

"Eastside Roasters was also popping up at the farmers market and were looking at ways to grow its business," Williams said. "Over time, while growing our relationship, it helped

us see we were a good match. They'll be behind us in the building, where they're going to roast. They'll open up a small coffee shop in the fall."

In the meantime, until Eastside Roasters gets settled in, it will pop up in and around Next Chapter, "so people will be able to order coffees and hand-crafted Italian sodas in our bookshop," Williams said.

Party time

Following its soft open earlier this week, Next Chapter will be part of the inaugural East Warrenfest, which takes place 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.

The eight-block festival, which runs from Cadieux to Three Mile, includes multiple music stages, food trucks, a bounce house and other family festivities.

"It will be a lot of fun," Williams said. "Our hours will be 4 to 9 p.m., the same as the festival."

Saturday's grand-opening celebration, which takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will include Next Chapter's first storytime session, as well as fresh-baked sweets by Emma Williams's Been There Baked That business.

"We're really excited," Williams said. "It feels like we spent the summer doing grunt work, bringing in friends and experts to help, putting together tons of bookcases. Now it's looking like a bookstore in here. Now we're thinking, how can we grow in gift items? How can we support local artists with art on the walls? How can we grow our inventory?"

Williams said. "It feels like everyone."

A selection of gifts also is available, featuring locally crafted stationery from Mint Artists Guild, Live Coal Gallery and Dear Ollie. T-shirts, totes, coffee mugs and assorted Detroit-themed products like water bottles, drinking glasses, journals and coasters also are available.

A children's area, as well as seating — for enjoying a book and cup of coffee, or for working remotely — round out the shop.

Settling in

The new Next Chapter has enough space for double the books it showcased at The Alger, bringing its inventory to around 4,000 titles.

"We hope to offer increased affordability among book ownership and increase our local author inventory," Williams said. "We want to offer different selections, lots of stories of experiences being silenced. We want our inventory to be inclusive, something for

everyone."

Book donations that fit Next Chapter's curation are accepted. The Williamses also currently are creating a trade-in program for book exchanges.

Hours of operation at 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

"We're so thankful," Williams said. "When it comes to winning Motor City Match ... we're thankful for all that God provides. It's been such an encouragement for us."

"... It still feels like we're in this little vacuum," she added. "I'm excited to open our doors and start interacting with people every day."

For more information, visit nextchapterbkstore.com.



Next Chapter Books has found a permanent home at 16555 E. Warren, Detroit.

"We hope to have poetry



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Julia Kline, LMSW, CAADC

Back to school ... back to self-care

The start of the school year can be a great opportunity to evaluate your self-care strategies.

Schedule time for yourself.

Set aside five to 10 minutes of uninterrupted "me time" daily. This can be a great opportunity to practice mindfulness or journaling. Also schedule things to look forward to such as a massage or lunch with a friend.

Set limits.

Be mindful of your schedule and commitments. It's OK to set limits on obligations if you believe your calendar is getting too full.

Prepare the necessities.

Find time and opportunities to prepare in advance to make the next day a little easier. Maybe try doing meal prep or finish laundry the day before a busier day. These little steps can make a big difference.

Get a sleep schedule in check.

Try getting into the practice of going to bed at the same time and waking up at the same time. Consider establishing a common nightly and morning routine to support quality sleep hygiene.

Practice limiting screen time before sleep as well.

Keep a calendar or planner.

Maintain a physical or electronic planner to keep tasks, events and schedules organized and easier to remember. This also can help you organize your time and reduce the potential for overcommitting.

Ask for help when you need it.

Sometimes life can come with so much going on and not enough time or hands to do it. Remember to reach out to someone if you need help or assistance.

Julia Kline, LMSW, CAADC, is a therapist at Thrive Advantage Group, where experienced clinicians are available to help clients develop coping strategies, reduce stress, improve communication and more. For more information, call (313) 306-2970 or visit thriveadvantagegroup.com.

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Pimples are not fun

Dear Gabby: My son has terrible acne-prone skin and I'm afraid to "face shame" him or make him feel bad.

However, I would really like to help him and get started with some dermatologist help/guidance.

What is the best way to get the ball rolling while respecting his uncomfortable feelings about it?

— Trying to Help

Dear Trying,

Gabby: The good news is that there are professionals armed with compassion and, maybe

more importantly, tools to help.

We have consulted with the experts at Ferrara Dermatology to help answer your question:

Dr. Katherine Caretti: Acne is one of the most common dermatologic conditions that affect both teenagers and adults.

There are many times when a person may want help, but is too embarrassed to ask, or it may be possible the person does not realize treatment options exist to treat the condition.

A board-certified dermatologist will be sensitive to the needs of the child/adolescent and help devise a skin care routine that will help improve the acne and may be beneficial for lifelong skin maintenance.

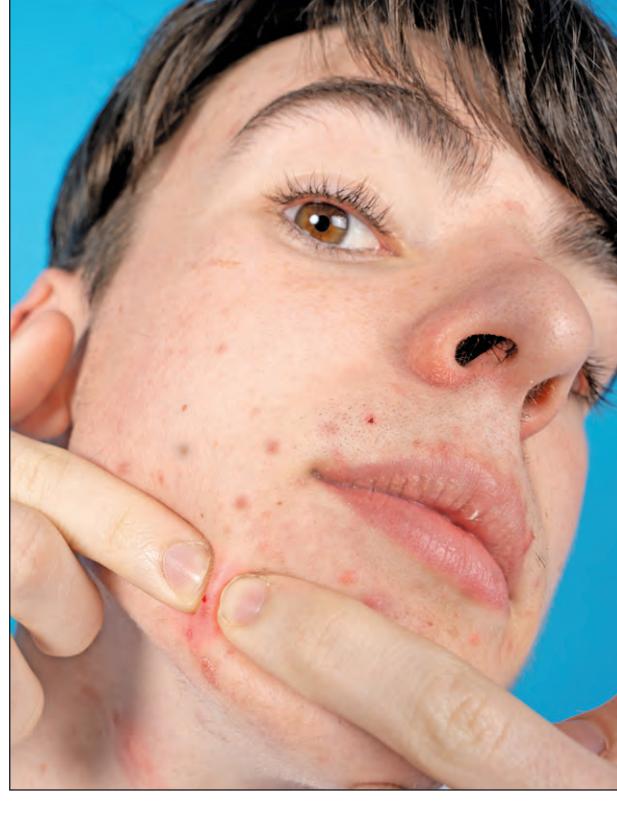
Dr. Richard Ferrara: I agree it's important to handle this situation for a teen with sensitivity, as acne can sometimes be a stubborn condition.

As dermatologists, we will educate a young patient on all the possible treatment options including optimizing cleansing techniques, prescription topical medications and even prescription pills when needed.

Depending on the severity of the acne, it is important to get started because long term acne can cause permanent scarring.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Caretti or Dr. Ferrara, contact the Ferrara Dermatology Clinic at (313) 884-9100, or find them on the clinic's website at ferraraderm.com.

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



Religion causes a rift

DEAR ANNIE: My girlfriend is driving me nuts talking about religion. Every time we talk, she brings it up or mentions it. I've told her that I don't want to discuss it anymore. She does not understand how I feel about this. What should I do? I told her just to email me for now. — RUBBED WRONG BY RELIGION



DEAR ANNIE: Can you please offer me some advice about my sister? I am in my 60s and have dealt with her and her drama for more than 50 years. I am about ready to stop for good.

She is an alcoholic, a daily pot smoker and a three-pack-a-day cigarette smoker. It has been a roller coaster with her and her anger.

I am far from perfect, but I do not smoke or drink. One of my brothers recently passed away from liver disease. After his death, we found out that he lived a secret life, which has left us all a gigantic mess to have to clear up legally and emotionally.

I've never felt this depth of anger, and I've not been able to grieve for him. My sister keeps telling me that I don't understand the brain of an alcoholic. I've experienced a lifetime of alcoholics and their brains — their actions, the consequences, their emotions and their effects on those around them. I've had my fill.

I've had it till I am unable to take any more. I angrily let my sister know that I'm sick to death of the addict's excuses. If I'm mad at him, don't make excuses on his behalf.

Once again, she is angry with me and not speaking to me for the millionth time.

I deeply love her, but

I'm not sure I can bring myself to try to smooth this out anymore. I need some advice/inspiration/different thinking to keep me going this time.

Where do I turn? What do I do? — SISTER DRAMA

DEAR SISTER DRAMA: Loving and living with an addict is challenging and heart-wrenching. I understand how watching your brother and sister make decisions that hurt themselves or others around them causes you pain.

However, it's important not to lose sight of the fact that addiction is a serious disease, not something they are choosing to do to upset you.

While you're unable to improve the relationship you had with your brother, you still have time to do so with your sister.

Take the time and space you need when you need it, but try to be supportive of her making positive changes in her life. Encourage her to look into Alcoholics Anonymous, if you can.

You can't make her decisions for her, but knowing she has your genuine support might make all the difference in her deciding to seriously pursue sobriety.

You might also find comfort from others in Al-Anon, especially in grieving your brother's death.

DEAR ANNIE: Somehow, sometime, it was determined by my family members that since I was living at home after being disabled, that I would be the sibling (out of six) who would be responsible for caring for our parents until their death.

My father passed away about 12 years ago, while Mom is still with us. However, she requires more care than I can give, but my siblings don't see that.

I recently came into funds that would allow me to relocate to Tennessee and an independent living community where I went to college. But my five siblings want me to stay and nurse Mom till the end.

If I can, I'm going.

Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

I'm already planning a visit to Tennessee to visit several facilities to make a final decision. I expect pushback from all five siblings, but I am tired of trying to meet other people's expectations. I figure with 800 miles distance, I can finally get away from them.

Is it right to want to be me at 59? — WHEN IS IT MY TIME?

DEAR MY TIME: If you already know you'll get pushback, why not be proactive and have a conversation with your siblings before the move?

Of course it's not fair for you to be solely

responsible for your mother's caretaking, but jetting off without any communication is not quite fair either.

Explain to your siblings that you are seizing this opportunity to live in Tennessee, and then start brainstorming a plan for your mother's care.

Ideally, the six of you can all chip in; not only would this be the most fair, but it would also give your mother the opportunity to spend time with all of her children.

*Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.
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We Tried It!

I have seen some really expensive devices online to cleanse the face and they are very tempting. However, reviews are mixed and I was not ready to commit to A.) spending \$250-plus or B.) actually making time each day to spend several minutes massaging and cleansing my face. I'm usually lucky if I splash on some water, slap on makeup and throw my hair back.



I decided to dip my toes — or nose as it were — into the face cleansing device world with a \$40 Amazon dupe called the "Face Scrubber, NâgraCoola CLIE Facial Cleansing Brush, Waterproof and Rechargeable Face Scrub Brush."

It was a cute yellow color and essentially claims exactly the same benefits as the very high-end devices I have seen.

At the most basic level, these devices have silicone heads with little nubs on them to stimulate the skin, help the cleanser absorb into the skin and give you a bit of a massage. The companies claim you will "experience brighter, softer, smoother skin and an energizing facial massage. All you have to do is spend two minutes twice a day to enjoy healthier, youthful looking skin in as little as two weeks."

Some of the benefits of these devices are that they are fully waterproof, rechargeable, help maximize your products, deep

clean better than washing your face with your hands and are compact.

I have to say I do like this product, but it's a "nice to have," not a "need to have."

Personally, I am glad I didn't splurge on this item, as it's not necessarily in my nature to spend much time on self-care.

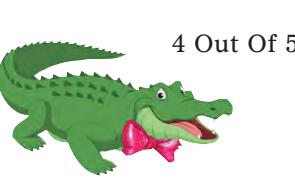
However, when I do make time, it's a great way to exfoliate and clean my face and have a moment to myself.

As a bonus, my daughter loves it and has made it part of her skincare routine. This would make a

cute gift for someone who is into beauty products.

I'm giving this 4 out of 5 alligators. It's fun, cute and a nice addition to your skincare routine.

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.



4 Out Of 5

Fall feels

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

The recipe is absolutely soul warming. With the fall weather rolling in, I've been craving warm and spiced foods.

My twins were home all week because of tonsil surgery and we had to find things to do! We went to Ewald Library and of course I immediately went to the cookbook section for inspiration.

I found a book that was absolutely inspiring. The name of the book is "Urban Italian," by Andrew Carmellini. Each page was more exciting than the next.

It's filled with so many wonderful and simple hearty Italian food that I actually drooled on the table. I really drooled. So I was very excited to get home and get to work.

His lamb ragu is incredible. I love lamb and my family loves lamb so this is a win-win for a cold evening when the kids have activities.

It's spiced with coriander and cumin which makes it stand out from your typical tomato sauce. Lots of red wine and whole tomatoes make for a delicious base once they're simmered on the stove.

He serves it with gnocchi. I went for the homemade route and it was a

total fail. My suggestion is to go to Trader Joe's and buy it prepackaged.

We didn't have a drop of sauce leftover. If you love lamb and love gnocchi, make this now.

Lamb Ragu with Gnocchi

1/4 cup olive oil
1 1/2 lbs ground lamb
1/2 cup diced onion
1/2 cup diced carrot
1/2 cup diced celery
1 tbsp tomato paste
1 1/2 cups dry red wine
1 cup good quality Italian canned whole tomatoes (like San Marzano)
3 cups chicken broth
2 bay leaves
1/2 tsp ground cumin
1/2 tsp ground coriander
1/2 tsp ground fennel
1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
1 tbsp fresh thyme
1 tbsp fresh rosemary

Salt and pepper to taste

1 pkg. gnocchi

Parmigiano Reggiano

Heat the oil in a large stockpot over medium heat and start browning the meat. Once the lamb is brown add in the spices, bay leaves, tomato paste and vegetables. Cook for about three more minutes and add the wine.

Let the wine reduce almost completely. Make sure to scrape the bottom so the tomato paste and vegetables don't burn. Then add the whole tomatoes and chicken broth.

Stir everything together, bring to a low simmer and cook for one and a half to two hours. The color should be a beautiful dark orange.

Cook your gnocchi according to package directions and then add to a saucepan over medium heat with a big knob of butter until it's brown around the edges. This step will create an extra savory nutty note to the pasta.

Serve with a big ladle of sauce over the top. Finish with grated par-migiano reggiano.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON



Cafe wine

Travelers to the French countryside, notably on country roads, often see cafe signs that advertise all-inclusive luncheons at reasonable prices and the signs frequently say "vin compris."

Such meals aren't

usually "elegante" or expensive. The two-word phrase means that wine is included in the price of the meal. This is partly because the French consider wine to be just another course in a normal meal.

The wine that's

included usually is modest. About 98 percent of it is red; it's hard to find white wines in France; the French don't drink much white wine.

And a key point: the "compris" wine almost always is modest. In many places, it never saw the inside of a corked bottle. Most of it is local, served directly from casks, stainless steel drums or other large vessels.

Because it's modest and almost always local, alcohol levels tend to be low, colors typically light red, and it usually works fine with the unexceptional meals that you find in such places.

Almost nothing like this exists here. Although many U.S. cafes, including some chain-owned, today serve wine, in most cases prices are absurdly high, the wine is mundane (usually higher in alcohol than the French prefer) and rarely is designed for food.

And often costs \$8 a glass or more. (In some ways, this is an outgrowth of the Prohibition era, dating back to 1919!)

Wine lovers who visit U.S. cafes usually pass on the utterly simplistic wine

choices; in most cases that's wise. When you pay \$8 for a glass of some cafe wine here, chances are the restaurant paid \$2 for the bottle.

But if you can't imagine eating any lunch or dinner without a glass of wine, here are a few tips to maximize your experience.

• Buy European, if you can.

California's Mediterranean climate creates huge sun exposure. Lots of sun produces lots of sugar in grapes, which is converted into alcohol. So, most California wine has 14 percent alcohol or even more, which isn't as good with food. European wines from a continental climate usually have less alcohol and work better with food.

• Check the vintage. Younger is better than older, especially in a cafe. If you're offered chardonnay and the label has no vintage, ask if there are other choices (sauvignon blanc?) where the vintage could be 2021 or 2022.

• Ask to see the bottle. A look at the label can tell you the alcohol content, where the wine is from and how much remains in the bottle. A red wine bottle with only a couple of ounces left in it might have been opened days earlier and already has declined. In

that case, ask for a fresh bottle.

• Add an ice cube to most cafe reds.

With many California red wines, the alcohol is high and the acid is low — and the wine probably is served too warm. You can solve all these problems with an ice cube.

• Don't ignore Chile. Some of the best wine values in cafes today come from the southern hemisphere. Chilean wine, especially sauvignon blanc, often is a superb choice. Prices for many of these wines are low enough for cafes to stock them. They can represent good value for money.

Wine of the Week:
2022 Albamar

Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley (\$13)

— The cool Chilean region of Casablanca Valley produces sauvignon blancs with an interesting, faintly tropical aroma.

Here there's an attractive lemony note in the midpalate, and it's best served cold to take advantage of its vibrant structure and balance. It works beautifully with lighter-weight foods and cheeses or as an aperitif. Imported by Global Vineyard.

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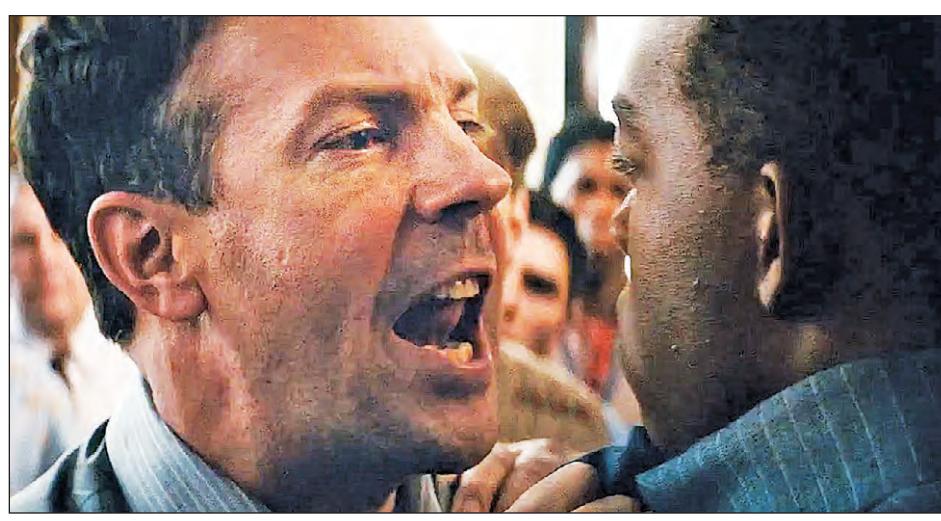
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Left, Jason Sudeikis as coach Larry Snyder and Stephan James as the 1946 Olympic runner Jesse Owens, in the 2016 movie "Race," directed by Stephen Hopkins.

MOVIE REVIEW
"Race"
2016 - Rated PG-13
2 hr 14 min
★★★★★

I'm embarrassed to say I knew very little about the great runner Jesse Owens before watching this fine biopic. What an amazing story it is. The film was written by Joe Shrapnel and Anna Waterhouse and directed by Stephen Hopkins. Its title "Race" serves as a dual role. It represents the act of racing as a sporting event, and the racism encountered by minorities in this country, and the belief in Aryan superiority in Nazi-era Germany.

At the beginning of the film, we're given a bit of background regarding Owens' upbringing in the slums of Depression-era Cleveland in the early 1930s.

We learn that he has a young daughter by his high school sweetheart Ruth (Shanice Banton), and although he had a brief affair while in Los Angeles at the Olympic tryouts, the couple eventually married.

However, the focus of the film is the two years leading up to and including the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Jesse Owens (Stephan James) arrives at Ohio State University, where he joins the school's track team. He's soon met with overt racism and taunting by the white athletes.

I was surprised at how cruelly he was treated, by the Ohio kids. But this

was the 1930s, and our country has a long history of racism.

As soon as he arrives, he meets with his coach Larry Snyder (Jason Sudeikis). While Snyder was a terrific athlete, he's nothing compared to the young Jesse.

Sudeikis, of "Ted Lasso" fame, does an amazing job playing the hard-driving and talented coach. He instills a winning spirit in Owens, and you can feel the fatherly attitude he adopts.

Both actors deliver Oscar-worthy performances. Sadly, they were overlooked when "Race" was released.

As a backdrop to all the action on the track, several things are also occurring. In Germany, Adolph Hitler has come to power and due to his belief in the superiority of the Aryan race, he's

persecuting Jews, Blacks, Gypsies, and other minorities in his country. He is also hosting the Olympic Games to showcase this so-called Aryan supremacy.

As a result of his racism, there are two factions at loggerheads over sending American athletes to Berlin. The president of the Amateur Athletic Union Jeremiah Mahoney (William Hurt) urges the country to boycott the Olympics. Avery Brundage (Jeremy Irons), a rich industrialist, supports U.S. participation.

In the end, Brundage wins out and America sends a team.

There's also a fair amount of pressure on Jesse to boycott the Games. In a tense scene, members of the NAACP pay a visit to him at his parent's home. They

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



present their case to him, pointing out that his going sends the wrong message to the Blacks in this country. You can sense the inner turmoil he goes through before making his final decision. Naturally, he decides to go, otherwise this movie would never have been made.

Another story within a story is that of Leni Riefenstahl (Carice van Houten). She was the famous (or infamous) filmmaker hired by the German Minister of Propaganda Joseph Goebbels (Barnaby Metschurat), to document the Olympics and show the whole world how superior the German athletes were.

I enjoyed seeing her behind the scenes, setting up dramatic camera angles to recreate various highlights of the games.

Overall I thought the film was quite moving and uplifting. It showcases the triumph of the human spirit.

I only have a couple nits about the film. I thought the cinematography was a bit mundane, especially the

racing events. It was ironic seeing just how hard Ms. Riefenstahl worked to add extra excitement to her filming. I also felt the soundtrack was a little lacking. While classic films like "Chariots of Fire" feature uplifting and iconic music (courtesy of Vangelis), I really can't recall any significant music in "Race". Those are a couple minor beefs.

I think this film telling the story of such a legendary athlete was long overdue.

Currently streaming on Netflix and to rent on 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.

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Owens (James) at the finish line.



The real Jesse Owens.



Coach Larry Snyder, played by Jason Sudeikis.



Jesse Owens (James) being congratulated by Avery Brundage (Jeremy Irons).



Carice van Houten as documentary filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl



Owens (James) soaring.



Owens (James) preparing for the long jump.

Zot Artz roll out

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Zot Artz hosted an event in partnership with the Full Circle Foundation for anyone to create art using stamps and rollers on a large sheet of paper that covered most of the gymnasium floor at Ferry Elementary School on Saturday, Sept. 16. Dwayne Szot, founder of Zot Artz, designed the adaptive art tools so people of all ages, including children with disabilities, could create art. For the piece created at Ferry, the finished work will be cut into smaller pieces to make cards and small boxes to be used at Full Circle's gala event later this year.



Dwayne Szot, artist and founder of Zot Artz, and his wife, Marianne, in the middle of the large art piece created at Ferry Elementary School.

Valter Dervish, head engineer at Ferry Elementary School, helped create art using one of the stamps.



A close-up view of the art.

Six-year-old Sam Polla shows his dad, Darin, where he wants to take the roller to create art on the floor.



Sam Polla watches as Dwayne Szot pours white paint next to blue paint in the roller attachment.



From left, Full Circle board member Patty Sunisloe; Valter Dervish, head engineer at Ferry; Zot Artz founder Dwayne Szot; Full Circle board member Alicia Carlisle and her son, Michael Carlisle.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, September 21, 2023:

You're curious about everything because you have a strong sense of adventure and lust for life. You probe deeply. You are in the first year of a nine-year cycle, which means be open to everything. Be courageous and ready to explore new directions. It's time for a major change.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

This is a strong, happy day for you! Relations with others will flow smoothly and be affectionate. In fact, romance is favored! You will also put a lot of energy into doing something to expand your world, especially through travel or making travel reservations. (It's nice to have something to look forward to.) Tonight: Explore!

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Issues related to work, your health or dealing with a pet are favored today. Discussions related to home and real estate, especially about finances or responsibilities, will go well. You might spend money on redecorating projects. You have lots of energy to work today! Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Conversations with someone, probably a female, will be lively today. This person might be a close friend or partner, and today they have something to say. Fortunately,

things appear to be convivial and friendly. Enjoy physical competitions, sports, games and social outings! Tonight: Listen.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today you're focused

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Today you are focused on tasks and responsibilities; nevertheless, you will enjoy what you're doing.

You might be able to boost your income or increase your wealth. This is also a good day to make improvements to your home or even family relationships. Many possibilities! Tonight: Work.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

This is a romantic, fun-loving, playful day. Don't hesitate to express your affection for someone.

You will also be very convincing and persuasive in getting your way, especially with social events. You will also have a strong voice in matters related to kids and sports. Tonight: Play!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You have a lot to say today! You might keep track of household expenses or issues related to family. You might want to set aside some time to focus on where the money is going. (Information is power.)

Meanwhile, an involvement in a secret love affair continues for some of you. Tonight: Cocoon.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today you're full of vim and vigor, ready to work and accomplish as much as possible, especially related to your job or ways to earn money. You will be effective dealing with friends as well as groups and organizations.

In fact, very likely, you will get your way. Tonight: Conversations.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Enjoy schmoozing with friends and groups today. It's a sociable day! You might feel a bit competitive with someone. Nevertheless, relations with partners and close friends will be warm and friendly. Tonight: Friendships.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Today details about your personal life might be made public to some people.

Fortunately, work colleagues are supportive. If you have to discuss how to divide or share something, including property, money or responsibilities, you'll be pleased. Tonight: You're noticed.

BORN TODAY
Author Stephen King (1947), singer, actress Faith Hill (1967), director, producer Ethan Coen (1957).

Contract Bridge

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ A 9 2
♥ A J 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ 6 5 4

WEST

♠ J 10 6 5
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ K 3
♣ K 9 2

EAST

♠ K 8 4
♥ 9 5 2
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 10 8 7 3

SOUTH

♠ Q 7 3
♥ K Q 10
♦ A 10 8 7 4
♣ A J

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of spades.

Many deals contain booby traps that all too often ensnare unwary declarers who don't take the time to think things out. Perhaps the best advice is to assume that there is a booby trap on every deal and proceed from there.

Consider this case where you're in three notrump and West leads the five of spades. When you play low from dummy, East wins with the king and

shifts to the seven of clubs. Your jack loses to the king, and West returns the nine of clubs to your ace.

You cross to dummy with a heart and lead the queen of diamonds, finessing after East follows low. West wins with the king and returns a club, and you wind up down two, losing a spade, a diamond and four club tricks.

You could complain about bad luck, if you're so minded, because two finesses had to fail in order to lose the contract. In fact, you would have made five notrump if West had had the king of spades and East the king of diamonds. But when you analyze the play more fully, you realize that the contract was a sure thing from the word "go," and that the outcome was really your own fault.

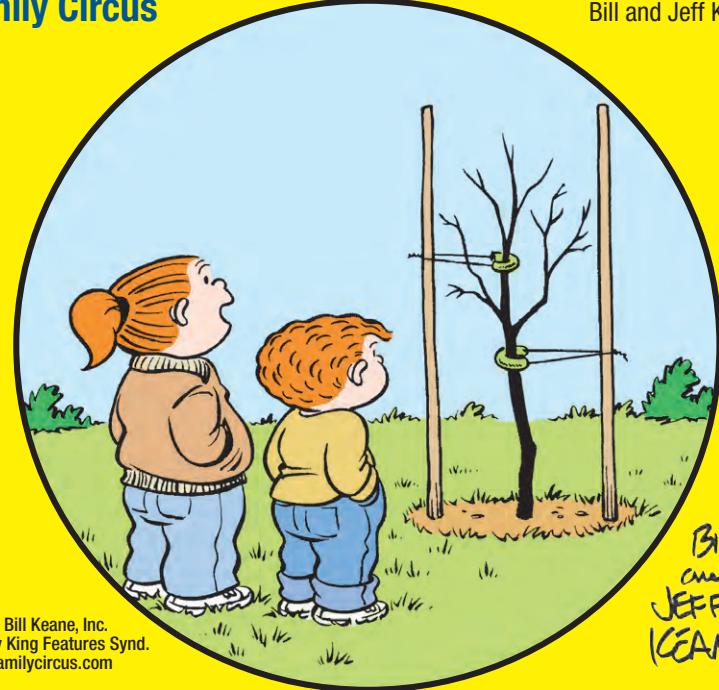
All you had to do to wrap up three notrump was to win the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and take a diamond finesse. Win or lose, you could not score less than nine tricks.

It is certainly not difficult to prove that playing a low spade from dummy at trick one jeopardizes the contract, while playing the ace of spades guarantees it. A little thought — combined with a cautious nature — often makes all the difference between success and failure.

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by Steve Becker

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"Those sticks are helpin' that tree grow 'cause they remember when THEY were a little tree."

Bill and Jeff Keane

Garfield


Jim Davis

Popeye


Bud Sagendorf

Beetle Bailey


Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

9/14 Solution

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg September 21, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 Meat sandwich chain
- 6 "In Flanders Fields" conflict, briefly
- 9 Reveal a secret
- 13 Banksy work
- 14 Actor McKellen
- 15 Part of 36-Across
- 16 Just plain silly
- 17 New dad's carryall
- 19 Particularly sage insight
- 21 Photo —
- 22 Punch sound
- 23 Person caught in a white lie?
- 24 Not many
- 25 Houston baseball team
- 30 Singular accuracy in an otherwise dubious story
- 34 "I'll say!"
- 36 Kind of bulb
- 37 In addition
- 38 Life hack, perhaps
- 43 Use, as resources
- 44 World Cup chant
- 45 Weep
- 47 Snowy —
- 51 Nondescript phrase ... or, in another sense, a hint to 19-, 30- or 38-Across

56 It's closer to the middle of a plane than its neighbor, surprisingly

57 HS class that covers cell structure

58 Word before "pudding" or "basket"

59 With 62-Across, tarot card said to "radiate" happiness

60 Tornado warning sound

61 Appear to be

62 See 59-Across

63 Say "Boo!" to, perhaps

DOWN

1 Essential acid type

2 Incur, as charges

3 Boasts

4 Bowen of "SNL"

5 Word before "agent" or "hit"

6 Black — spider

7 Oliver Twist, for one

8 Flabbergasted

9 Pelican or toucan

10 Former WNBA star

11 Singer Lambert

12 Plead

15 Cease's partner

18 Spiced rice dish

20 Not quite a city

24 On the (undecided)

26 Prepare to make a kid's handprint craft, say

27 Preside over Extra NFL periods

29 "Yellowjackets" channel, for short

30 " — the change"

31 One of Iceland's "hidden people," in folklore

32 Broadway's Salonga

33 Peculiar

34 King Kong, for one

35 It may precede "by hand" in a recipe

39 Followed as a consequence

40 Unpleasant scents

41 Promises

42 "None for me"

46 Red vegetables

47 More than sometimes

48 Savanna animal with a mane

49 More cold and unfriendly

50 "E.T. — home"

51 Rhyming antonym of "hire"

52 "Ah, makes sense now!"

53 Dressed for a night out, say

54 Honolulu's home

55 "Beowulf," for one

56 Muscles that planks work

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

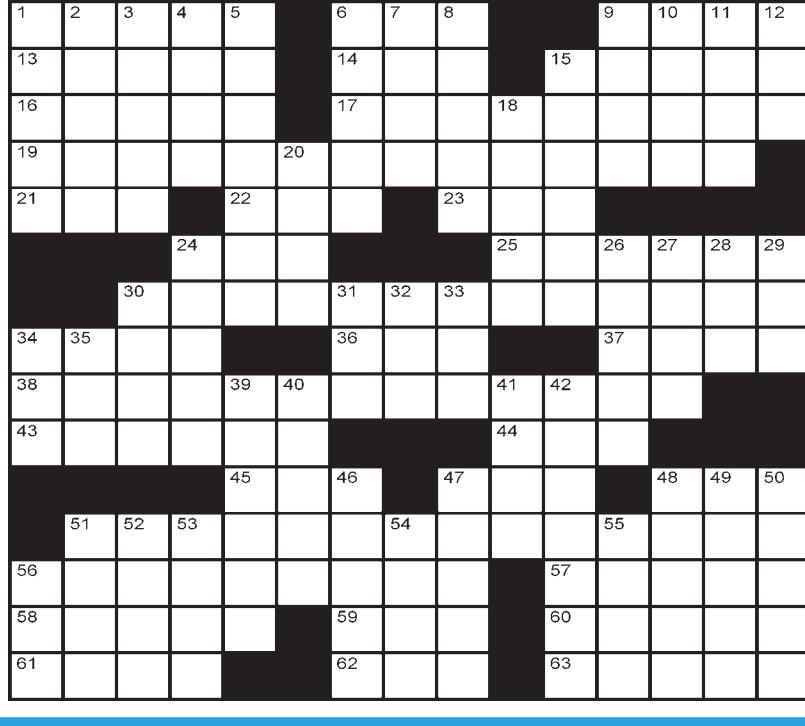
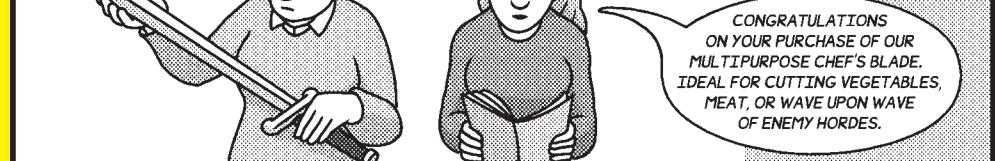
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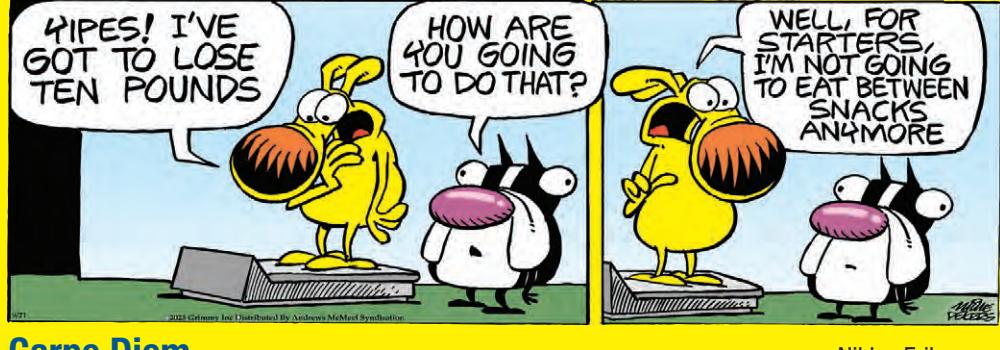
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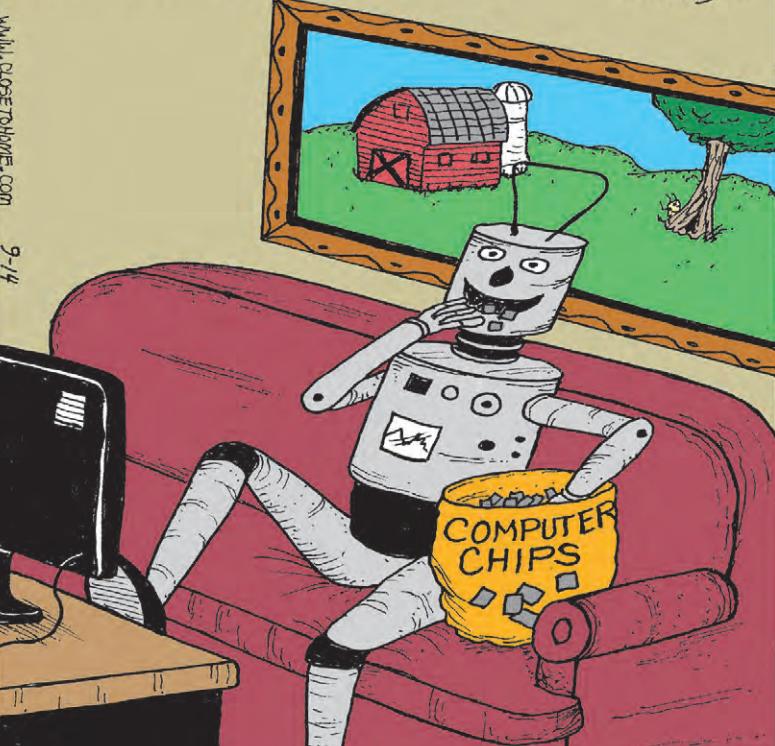
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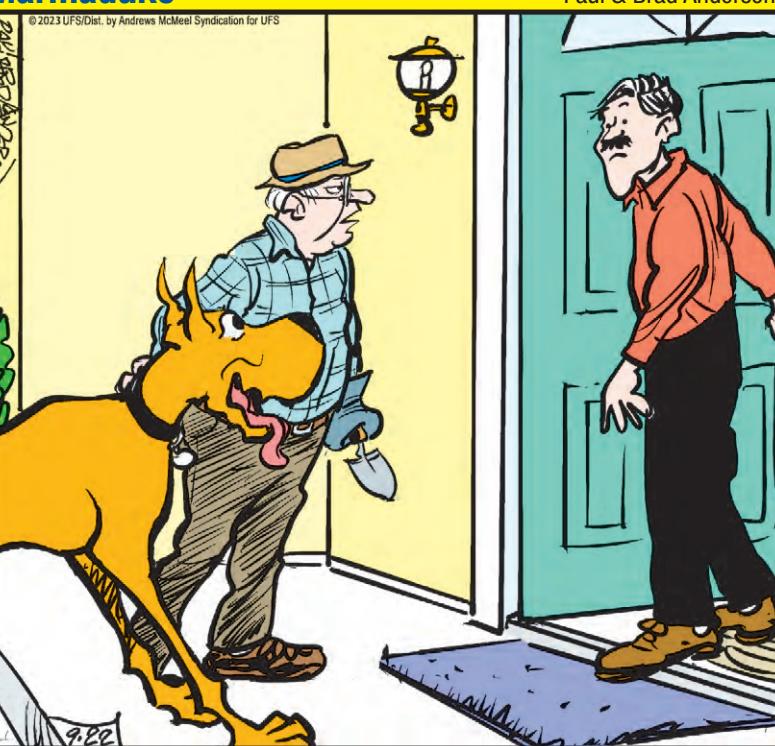
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Why do I cry?



Everyone Cries Sometimes

Crying is natural! Sometimes crying gets the sadness out, and after a good cry, we feel better. There is a good reason for this. Tears contain some special ingredients that make you feel better.

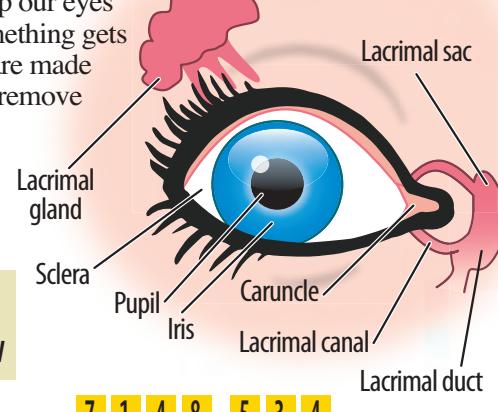


Why do tears come out of my eyes?

Your eyes always have tears. There are special glands near your eyes that make tears. Most of the time, they make just enough to keep our eyes clean and healthy. If something gets in your eye, more tears are made that rinse your eyes and remove what shouldn't be there.

What's in tears? Use the code!

1 = A	4 = L	7 = S
2 = E	5 = O	8 = T
3 = I	6 = R	9 = W



Mostly **9 1 8 2 6**. A little **7 1 4 8 5 3 4**, and something that kills germs. When you blink, your eyelids spread the tears around your eyeballs.

The **5 3 4** helps keep the **9 1 8 2 6** close to your eyes.

Happy Tears

When people have a lot of happy feelings inside, that can bring out the tears, too.

Circle the things that sometimes make you cry happy tears.



Seeing a family member who lives far away



Laughing with your friends



A happy ending in a movie or book



Winning an award

Kid Scoop Together

What's the difference between sweat and tears?

Your body makes liquids. Some of those liquids are tears.



Some are sweat.



While they are both wet, they do different things.

Tears keep your eyes from drying out. They can also help you feel better.

Sweat comes out of your skin to keep you cool on a hot day. Sweat also cools you down when you exercise.

Brain to Glands!

A part of your brain turns the "tear faucet" off and on. This happens when you feel strong emotions—happy and sad.

Your eye glands can produce more than half a cup of tears in minutes. This is too much for the eye glands to hold, so the overflow tears fall out of your eyes. Sometimes, overflowing tears go down your nose. That's why when you cry, your nose might run.

Circle every other letter to discover what the glands that make the tears that flow to your eyes are called.

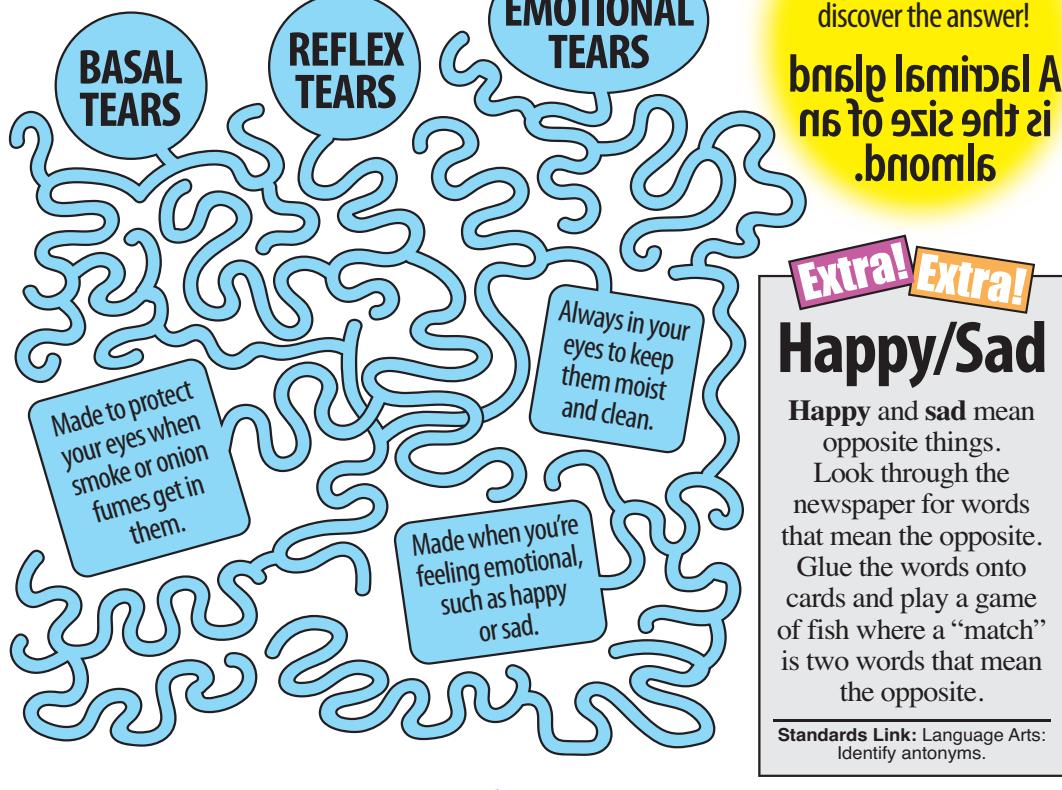
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L _____

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that humans have structures that aid in survival.

Three Types of Tears

Follow the maze to learn about each.



How big is the gland that produces tears? Hold this page up to a mirror to discover the answer!

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.briomil

Extra! Extra!

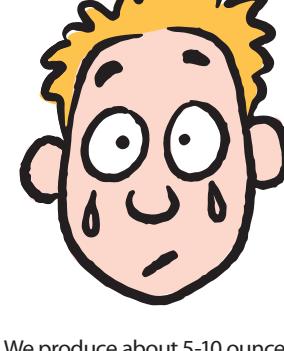
Happy/Sad

Happy and sad mean opposite things.

Look through the newspaper for words that mean the opposite. Glue the words onto cards and play a game of fish where a "match" is two words that mean the opposite.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify antonyms.

About how many tears do our eyes produce each day?



We produce about 5-10 ounces of tears every day.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

SCIENTISTS **CLOSER** **SUPPER**

Replace the missing words!



Crocodile Tears

Long ago, a _____ told a story about crocodiles crying to get people to come _____. When they did, **SNAP!** _____ time!

People started saying certain kinds of crying are "crocodile tears." It means a person is just pretending to be _____ to get something.

Strangely, _____ have noticed that sometimes crocodiles DO indeed cry when they _____, but not for emotional reasons.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand the origin of idioms.

Double Double Word Search

AWARD
BLINK
BRAIN
CLEAN
CRY
EYES
FEEL
GERMS
GLANDS
HAPPY
NOSE
PUPIL
SAD
TEARS
WINNING

N B T S C Z E S O N
I S G H A P P Y G J
A D N U W D R T E B
R N I P A C L C R S
B A N I R U L W M R
F L N G D E I N S A
E G I V A R P Q W E
E C W N L S U I T T
L J P S K O P L N E

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

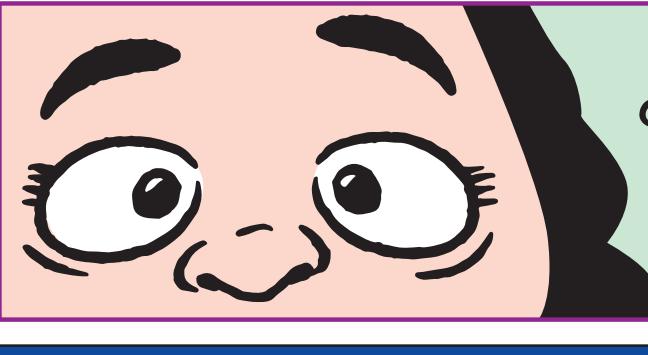
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Cause and Effect

Often, a newspaper headline reports on what has happened. This can be called an **effect**. Something **caused** the effect to happen. Read a newspaper article and underline the **effect**. Circle the **cause**.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Differentiate between cause/effect.



What did one eye say to the other?

ANSWER: "Between us, something smells!"

Write On!

Is it okay to cry?

What is your opinion? Write about it!



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Knights soccer starts season on roll worthy of state's No. 1 ranking

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett boys soccer team entered this fall season with some high expectations, and so far the Knights have shown that they have been deserving of the hype. Liggett is 6-0 through its first six games of the season and five of those wins have been shutouts, earning the Knights the distinction of being the No. 1 team in the state for Division 4 in the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association rankings.

"We've given it very limited or no attention but we've announced ourselves with some of our results," Liggett boys soccer head coach David Dwaihy said about his team's spot at the top of the rankings. "...I think we have such a naturally competitive group that I don't worry about them becoming complacent or cocky because they know that stuff is all superficial."

The Knights got their sixth win of the season last weekend on Saturday, Sept. 16, on the road against Royal Oak Shrine. Liggett was victorious 3-0, with two goals by Claudio Cavallo and one scored by Cass

Cooley.

Cavallo and Cooley have been somewhat of a dynamic duo for Liggett this season. The two have followed through on their expectations to be leaders of the Knights' attack so far, but what has really impressed their coach is their ability to influence the game in more areas than just the offense.

"They're really flying for us," Dwaihy said. "...I think what really stands out to me is that they're delivering the way we hoped, but defensively they've also been very strong. A reason we were

with a few other members of the defense have stepped up this season and helped shut down almost everyone the Knights have faced.

"We've been so confident defensively," Dwaihy said. "Even if we make a mistake or the other team gets into an advantageous position, John (Francis) in particular can just cut that stuff out because he's so quick, and Nick too...They've been lights out. Caden Martin on the right and Alex Wysocki on the left have completely stepped up their game."

No defense would be complete without solid goalkeeping, which Liggett has also benefited from much of this season. The Knights have four goalkeepers on the roster, including Ian Flynn, Brody Lindsay and Nathan Silwinski. The one who has stood out the most so far, however,

is senior Preston Barr, who has played his way into becoming Liggett's go-to man in net and recorded the shutout in the most recent win over Shrine.

Preston is such a great athlete," Dwaihy said. "Physically, he's a very imposing presence. He's a big, strong, athletic and mobile guy and he's



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

The University Liggett boys soccer team has started the season with a 6-0-0 record and is currently ranked No. 1 in the state for Division 4.

taken to the position immediately. It was a surprise because we didn't really know how it was going to go to start, but then you realize this guy is such a good athlete that he just has it figured out."

The Knights have ten games remaining on the regular season schedule, including a showdown with Orchard Lake St. Mary's, currently ranked sixth in Division 2, on Oct. 10. Their next game sees them hosting Cass Tech at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22.

Being the No. 1 ranked team in the division and

being undefeated are nice accolades for Liggett to have, but this team knows all too well that it cannot rest on its laurels. Just last year the Knights went undefeated in the regular season and were eliminated in the opening round of the playoffs. In order to try and avoid that same fate, Liggett is focused on blocking out the noise and any hype around them and focusing on what it can do to get better with each game.

"We've got a really good thing going and have been very deter-

mined," Dwaihy said. "We still have some growth in front of us in terms of quality of play toward the forward line. We've been very direct so far in our style of play because we have such strong forwards, so why not feed the strong part of the team as much as possible. I think teams are going to start to really come up with more effective ways to stop guys like Cass and Claudio and we're going to have to become more dynamic in how we bring the ball forward and exploit different areas of the field."

Blue Devils slice through Lancers with 41-7 win

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Capitalizing on having two of its running backs rush for more than 100 yards each, Grosse Pointe South used its top offensive weapons to slice through L'Anse Creuse for a 41-7 home win Friday, Sept. 15.

Though the victory was convincing, head coach Chad Hepner cautioned his team to regain a more balanced attack before it faces Roseville this Friday, a team he said is arguably the Blue Devils' toughest opponent on the schedule.

"This week feels different than last week," Hepner said while addressing his team post-game. He emphasized the need to protect the ball better and reduce penalties.

"This was a great victory and obviously the scoreboard tells a lot of it, but I felt like it was a little more uneven than last week," he said. "I think we made some more mistakes as far as the penalties and still didn't take care of the football."

Despite some imperfections in last Friday's performance, South largely commanded the game, though it took a few drives to find its tempo.

After stopping L'Anse Creuse on its first drive, the Blue Devils gave the ball right back thanks to



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

An excited sideline greets South's Henry Domzalski (No. 6) after his fourth quarter interception, which included a low five from starting center C.J. Schervish (No. 74).

an interception by Lancers' defensive back Donovan Rey, who took it to the 38-yard line. The Lancers moved the ball to the South 44, but failed to convert on third-and-6, forcing a punt.

Starting from their own 16, a Blue Devils false start pushed them back to first-and-15 from their own 11. A completed pass to junior Vince Vashon to the 35 began South's first march down the field.

A short dump pass to Hunter Belanger gave South a first-and-10 at the 50. Two plays later, junior running back Matt Agnone moved the chains to the 23 with 2:08

left in the first. On a quarterback keeper, Jack Lupo showed off some of his athleticism, finding the endzone for South's first points of the night. After a C.J. Rosati extra point, South took a 7-0 lead with 1:48 left in the first.

With only 35 seconds to go in the quarter, South got the ball back and took advantage. Lupo handed off to senior running back Joey Michelotti, who took it 49 yards to the house to put the Blue Devils up 14-0.

The score held until 5:28 in the second quarter when South struck again. Lupo found one of his favorite targets,

senior wide receiver Karter Richards, in the end zone for a 35-yard touchdown to extend South's lead 21-0.

Junior linebacker Lex Willson came up big for the Blue Devils on the Lancers' next series, intercepting the ball on the 36-yard line, setting his team up with a short field and a chance to score with 4:43 left before half.

But after a 10-yard run by Agnone, the Lancers intercepted a pass intended for Connor Pattie, giving them the ball on their own 23 with just under two minutes before the half.

When an illegal proce-

dure penalty had the Lancers facing third-and-14 on the 19, South's Marcus Giaquinto came up big, strip-sacking quarterback Yahmarion Cole, giving South one minute left to put points on the board.

South failed to get a first down, but Rosati booted a 34-yard field goal with 47 seconds left in the quarter for a 24-0 South lead.

Perhaps the game's most exciting moment came near the 10-minute mark of the third quarter. Starting a drive on their own 28, South moved the ball near midfield to the 45-yard line. That's when Lupo handed the ball to

Michelotti, who swept right and raced down the sideline for a 55-yard touchdown to give his team a 31-0 lead.

L'Anse Creuse finally scored on its next drive, finding the endzone to avoid a shutout, to narrow the gap to 31-7.

In the waning minutes of the third, Agnone ran it in for another South touchdown and a 38-7 lead.

As the fourth quarter began, Michelotti moved to quarterback for the Blue Devils.

Hepner said the ability to put Michelotti in to give Lupo some rest is something he considers a valuable option.

"We have kind of put (Joey) as the backup QB right now," Hepner said. "He just looked really good in practice all week running those quarterback keepers and obviously he's got the skills as a running back, so we felt like he's a good weapon back there — give Jack a break, get him off the field and give guys an opportunity."

Rosati added a 39-yard field goal with less than five minutes left to give South its final points of the night and a 41-7 win.

South's defense made another statement in the Week 4 win, holding L'Anse Creuse to a single touchdown and recording seven tackles for loss, a sack and two intercep-

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South bests North in crosstown tennis showdown

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The boys tennis team at Grosse Pointe South did not have to go far last Wednesday, Sept. 13, to find its second MAC Red division victory of the season. The Blue Devils traveled across town to take on Grosse Pointe North in the only scheduled head-to-head matchup between the rivals this fall. In eight matches, South emerged victorious 6-2 over the Norsemen.

"The decisive win over North shows just how much hard work pays off and the impressive direction that the team is headed," South boys tennis coach Brian Kean said in an email. "We have five freshmen rostered on varsity this year and they had big shoes to fill. Further combined with the great leadership

from our four senior captains... our entire team has seen tremendous growth."

South's singles players played a massive role in leading the Blue Devils to a win as they swept all four singles matches. Matthew Holowinski defeated Xavier Sarnaik of North in No. 1 singles. The No. 2 singles match saw South's Mikey Kornmeier get the win over Troy Lipscomb. Brendan Stafford defeated North's Louis Macres in No. 3 singles, and No. 4 singles was won for the Blue Devils by Will Gryzenia over Sam Michael.

The Norsemen got their first win of the day thanks to their No. 1 doubles pairing of Gruhith Yerramali and Vasilios Vasilios beating South's Shawn Coyle and Chase Bartoszewicz. The Blue Devils bounced back in No. 2 doubles,

when Jonathan Holownski and Matthew Bartoszewicz defeated Aakash Nagori and James Muawad.

North got another win in No. 3 singles as Jack Sendoykas and Stephen Listman were victorious over South's Joseph Guthat and David Sutts. Rounding out the pack in No. 4 doubles, Max Prather and Oscar De Luca collected another win for the Blue Devils against Mac Graham and Emerson Hilliker. Their victory stood out to coach Kean in particular, who praised the resilience of two of his team's youngest players.

"(They) also showed how mentally tough South tennis is, with two freshmen who lost the first set in a close tie-break, came back to win the second set 6-2, and third set 6-3 to close out the match for the evening," Kean said.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's Max Prather and Oscar DeLuca get a fist bump from their coach in between sets during a match against Grosse Pointe North.

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Livy Marcero has led the way offensively this season for Liggett, including scoring five goals and two assists in two games last week.

Liggett field hockey opens scoring floodgates

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Combating what head coach Amanda Amine termed "an uncharacteristically slow start" for her University Liggett girls varsity field hockey team, the Knights appear to be heating up at the midseason mark, thanks to two high-scoring wins last week.

"We were having a hard time converting on our scoring chances (earlier this season)," Amine said. "We graduated 11 seniors last year, including our main scorer, Izzy Fruehauf, so I think once this year's team started getting used to playing with one another and meshing out on the field, we've started to play a lot better."

That improved team mojo was on display when the team headed west to face Dearborn Monday, Sept. 11. The Knights ran away with an 8-0 mercy win in the third quarter.

"We finally opened the scoring floodgates," Amine said.

Sophomores Livy Marcero and Avery Welsh each had two goals in the Knights' victory.

Hallie Marcero, Aliya Abraham, Constantina Bournias and Elizabeth Dickey also got in on the scoring frenzy, adding one goal apiece.

Harper Wallace notched the shutout in goal. Senior Tori Nugent led the defense against the Pioneers.

On Thursday, Sept. 14, Liggett hosted St. Catherine's of Wixom. Once again, the Knights offense exploded in the 7-1 win. Hallie Marcero blazed the scoring trail for the Knights with three goals and two assists. Bournias tacked on two goals and two assists, while Welsh also had a multiple goal game, adding two to the scoreboard.

Amine said she credits Marcero for setting the team's tempo from a leadership standpoint.

"(Hallie) is really the catalyst for our team," she said. "She gives 110 percent every single minute of the game and is such a strong player and

leader for us."

But, Amine said, her underclassmen are establishing themselves as the team's engine. "A lot of our production this season is coming from our sophomores," she said. "That's a great sign for the future of our program."

Amine said she also is seeing an improved defensive effort and pointed to junior Kerith Short, who is in her first year with the team, and freshman Maisy Huebner.

"(Both) have been major contributors to the team on defense," she said.

The Knights have a busy week ahead. They faced one of the strongest field hockey teams in the state, Ann Arbor's Father Gabriel Richard, Tuesday after press time. They host Regina at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, before hosting Cranbrook Friday. Face-off is at 4:30 p.m. at Liggett's Muriel Brock Field.

Liggett is 2-4 on the season and 0-2 in Catholic League play.

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tions from Willson and Henry Domzalski.

Lupo was 6-for-19 for 119 yards passing. He also rushed for 29 yards on two carries and threw a touchdown and two interceptions. Vashon had three catches for 63 yards.

Michelotti and Agnone, who happen to be first cousins, were huge contributors out of the backfield. Michelotti had 15 carries for 158 yards rushing for two touchdowns, averaging 10.5 yards a carry. He was also 2-for-3 passing for 13 yards.

Agnone had 11 carries for 102 yards and one touchdown. He averaged 9.3 yards a carry.

Beyond his offensive line stepping up and getting the job done, Hepner also credits another important factor for an improved running game

— incentive.

"Our running backs are extra motivated," he said. There's some competition in the backfield and they support each other, but when they get an opportunity, they want to score.

They're not satisfied with just getting a big gain."

He also pointed to better execution from his team.

"You know, we're getting a little better each week designing some of our run plays, but these guys are hitting the hole much better these last two games."

Hepner also praised his kicker, senior Rosati, for stabilizing a special teams unit that struggled on kickoff coverage Friday night. Rosati kicked two field goals against the Lancers and is perfect on the season for extra points.

"C.J. has been tremendous," he said. "... A thing like (a kicking game) allows us to be a more complete team and be

able to get some more points, even if our offense can't punch it in."

Up next in Week 5: South faces one of its biggest tests of the season when the Blue Devils leave the friendly confines of home field to play at Roseville at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22.

"I haven't taken a look at them yet, but we know they are going to have size up front and a lot of team speed," Hepner said. "I think that's going to be the emphasis, being able to contain their athletes and just execute. I challenged our O-line to step up again as far as running the ball and that's kind of our weekly challenge. We want to stay on that."

"... We know they are physical, we know they have athletes and team speed all over the field, so it's gonna be a different kind of game and we gotta adjust," he added. "We gotta play above that level."

Norsemen show resilience in comeback win over Cousino

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Just one week after putting on the best offensive showcase in program history, Grosse Pointe North's varsity football team took a bit of time to really get the ball moving during its Week 4 matchup against Cousino on Friday, Sept. 15. The Norsemen hosted the Patriots in a MAC Gold Division showdown and were able to overcome a 14-3 halftime deficit and turn it into a 24-20 victory.

The first quarter of last Friday's game was relatively quiet for both sides. An interception for the North defense made by Rocco Cardinale was the only major highlight of the first 12 minutes, but nothing was added to the scoreboard.

Cardinale's interception did help set up the first points of the game. North's offense was able to get into field goal territory and open the second quarter with three points courtesy of Asyad Okar's leg, putting the Norsemen up 3-0. That would end up being the last time North would hold the lead until late in the fourth quarter.

Cousino struck twice after that, scoring its first touchdown about halfway through the second quarter to take the lead 6-3. The Patriots then closed out the half with another score, that was followed by a successful



The North defensive line squares off against the Cousino offense in the fourth quarter.

PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

two-point conversion to put the scoreboard at 14-3 Cousino going into halftime.

Being down by double digits at halftime did not shake the Norsemen's confidence, and North was able to cut into the deficit to start the second half. About midway through the third quarter, the Norsemen got their first touchdown of the game. Senior QB Ryan Henderson, who was out for the first half of the game as backup Deon Doe got the start, connected with Cardinale for a five-yard touchdown followed by a two-point conversion that made it a 14-11 game.

That remained the

score to start the fourth quarter, and Cousino started the final frame by once again making it a two-possession game. A Patriots' TD with just over ten minutes left made the score 20-11 in favor of Cousino, but North's rally was ready to begin.

Henderson tossed his second touchdown of the night from 17 yards out as Sebastian Rouse caught the ball and took it into the end zone, leaving the score at 20-18 with just under seven minutes remaining.

The Norsemen defense came up with a few key stops in the final quarter to keep the Patriots from adding to their lead.

After one stop with through the entire around four minutes left, Cousino defense on his way to the end zone to put North up 24-20 with a 99-yard touchdown.

"I was upset about (the call) but Ryan (Henderson) went out on the field and said 'I got you coach,'" North football coach Joe Drouin said about the late-game sequence of events. "Him and Leo, that end zone with the two of them goes back to their JV year in the rain against Fraser when Ryan found Leo for a 99-yard strike very similar to this one."

Up next in Week 5: The Norsemen are back at home on Friday, Sept. 22, for this year's homecoming game. Warren Wood-Tower comes to town amid the homecoming festivities for another MAC Gold Division game. The Titans are 2-2 this season after defeating Eastpointe 29-14 last week. Kickoff at North this Friday is scheduled for 7 p.m.

After the long touch-

down to take the lead with 3:22 left to go, North's defense came up with its biggest stop of the night and ended any hope the Patriots might have had for any late heroics of their own. While a big offensive highlight would go down as the play of the night, it was North's defense stepping up in key spots that helped show their coach that the unit can overcome adversity and show improvement.

"We had to rework the linebacker core because we didn't know if we would have Ethan Bailey...we didn't know until Thursday that he would be cleared to play," Drouin said. "It's an inexperienced group but guys are stepping up and filling voids. Caleb Green stepped in as a sophomore on varsity and was a real spotlight for us. We're just reworking the linebackers and working with the defensive line on getting off the ball and really looking at being gap solid."

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Knights open Catholic League play with win over Lakers

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Ever since a Week 1 loss to Fowler to open the season, the University Liggett Knights football team has been rolling. Liggett made it three straight wins on Friday, Sept. 15, when it faced its first road test of the season in Waterford against Our Lady of the Lakes.

The game was also the opener for Catholic League play for the Knights, who had little trouble taking care of the Lakers in a 39-14 win.

"It's always great to start league play off with a win because it sets the tone," Liggett's head football coach Kevin Glenn said. "The past few weeks we've been growing as a team,

but there's still things we need to pay attention to and work on... Getting that first league win is a big thing and it was our first road game too which was huge because we'll be on the road more later in the year."

The win for the Knights was once again highlighted by junior running back Gary Stacy. A week after

rushing for four touchdowns in a win over Chandler Park Academy, Stacy one-upped himself by reaching the end zone five times in the victory against the Lakers. In addition, his total on the ground reached 300 yards for his biggest rushing performance of the season so far.

"The fact that he's a kid who never played high school football until now is mind-boggling to me," Glenn said. "But it shows the commitment he has to the sport and to the team because he worked so hard over the summer to get himself in

shape and do what he's been able to do. He's a very coachable guy too."

Stacy accounted for five of the six times Liggett found the end zone last week. The other score came when quarterback Nikkos Davis found Santino Cicarella in the end zone for a 27-yard touchdown pass. Cicarella finished the game with five catches for 103 yards to go along with his touchdown and made six tackles on defense.

Up next in Week 5: The Knights return home on Friday, Sept. 22, for another Catholic

League game. Liggett hosts Everest Collegiate in a matchup that some are viewing as a benchmark game on the Knights' schedule.

"They're very well coached and disciplined and they have a program at the end of the day," Glenn said. "Those young men have been playing together for years through little league and high school and when you can build that camaraderie in a team, sometimes it gives you an advantage. But I think we'll have our guys ready."

Kickoff between Liggett and Everest is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.



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Gary Stacy holds up five fingers on the Liggett sideline after rushing for his fifth touchdown of the game against Our Lady of the Lakes.

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Norsemen, Blue Devils tee off twice

Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Traditional rivalries and city bragging rights took a backseat to some crosstown camaraderie between the girls varsity golf teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North when they hit the links in back-to-back tri-meets at Lochmoor Club last week.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, South bested the Norsemen 183-247, but the Stevenson Titans out-shot both squads, shooting 181 and edging out South by two strokes.

The Blue Devils came roaring back Thursday, Sept. 14, improving its team score by 10 strokes to handily beat Port Huron Northern (184) and North (250).

South head coach Shaun Hampton said his team played loose alongside North and that translated into solid rounds of golf.

"(These teams) love playing with each other," he said. "They get along really well and they just have a lot of fun out there."

Hampton noted how many of the girls from South and North compete with each other in the off season and occasionally caddy for each other.

In Wednesday's match, Grosse Pointe South varsity team captain, Cate Hampton, sinks her putt on the fourth hole at Lochmoor last week.

was four over through five holes, but double bogeyed on nine in what was otherwise an impressive performance.

Stevenson's Alexis Lang won the round, shooting 40 on the day. South's Lyla Hampton came in second with 42, while her sister, Cate Hampton, came in fourth with 43. Tenley Stieler came in fifth, shooting 46.

North's best golf of the day came from Lea Paluzzi, who finished ninth with 58.

Morgan McIntyre (61), Scarlett Flynn (63), Catie Kaslatas and Alyssa Burney (both 65) and Alissa Mourad (69) took 12th through 16th place, respectively.

Thursday brought a better round of golf out of the Blue Devils. Lyla Hampton beat the entire field with 39. She



From left, varsity golfers and cousins Lea Paluzzi (North) and Alissa Mourad (South) played against each other Wednesday, Sept. 13.



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South's Alissa Mourad lines up to tee off, while her cousin from North, Lea Paluzzi, waits her turn.

North's Catie Kaslatas lines up her putt in a tri-match last Wednesday against archrival Grosse Pointe South and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

green, we're not bad." after press time. They will swap opponents

Wednesday, Sept. 27, to finish out the regular season.

South's Murphy confidence his program can rise to the challenge. Russell shot 50, good for seventh place, while Maggie O'Brian shot 52, shaving eight strokes off of her outing Wednesday.

The Norsemen took 12th through 15th place with McIntyre (60), Paluzzi (61), Kaslatas (63) and Flynn (66), respectively.

North head coach Greg Normand said he will continue working with his team to iron out some kinks, noting his squad has underperformed the last few weeks.

"We get along really well," Shaun Hampton said. "I want (Greg's) girls to get better and he wants my girls to get better and we go from there."

Hampton also remarked about smiles and laughter present on the course last week.

"This is really about the relationships that they build together. Those relationships matter, no matter where they go in life."

South is 5-3, while the North is still looking for its first win in division play with two division matches left. South faced Eisenhower and North played Dakota Tuesday.

Normand also noted that North competes in one of the toughest divisions, MAC Red, but has

HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Whether it's games, meets or matches, high school fall sports in the Pointes are in full swing and the Grosse Pointe News is here to bring you all the varsity action. Some of the week's biggest hits and highlights include:

NORTH GIRLS VARSITY SWIM & DIVE

Grosse Pointe North girls varsity swim and dive beat Chippewa Valley 106-73 Tuesday, Sept. 12. The Norsemen also earned two state cuts, five MISCA cuts and 15 Wayne County cuts in the team's win.

"Our girls showed up to swim and worked on making (their) cuts," North head coach Chris Trepanowski said.

Trepanowski said Avery Beal qualified for states in the 50 free and 100 free, noting his junior swimmer made "getting two state-cut times look easy."

Cailey Hard earned three MISCA cuts, 200 free, 500 free and 100 free. She also has cuts in the 200 and 400 medley relays. Freshman Elliana Orlando earned three Wayne County cuts in the 200 IM, 50 free, 100 breast. Others swimmers to earn Wayne County cuts in-



Grosse Pointe South girls swim and dive beat University Liggett 146-18 Tuesday, Sept. 12.

clude: Rylee Nugent (200 and 500 free), Kennedy Hasting (200 IM, 100 back), Addie Wakefield (50 free), Mia Melham (50 free, 100 fly), Lauren Loper (100 fly), Maggie McSkimming (100 back) and Niya Kendell and Ayla Grazioli (100 breast). Penny Roustemis qualified for diving.

"The season is looking great so far," Trepanowski said. "We plan on continuing to work hard and drop times."



NORTH CROSS COUNTRY

The boys and girls cross country teams for Grosse Pointe North both had a banner day on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Autumn Classic at Stony Creek Metropark. Despite missing one of their top runners, Caleb Kosel, due to illness, North's boys team finished in first place out of a field of 27 teams. Senior captain David Rochon earned second place and sophomore Neil Orlowski was 11th. North's Lucie Leonhard finished in second place in the girls varsity race, and the Norsemen were second overall in team standings. Zofia Lutoborska and Katie Madigan also finished in the top 25.

SOUTH GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Blue Devils raced on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the New Boston Huron Invitational. Out of 18 teams, South finished fifth in the standings and had three runners finish in the top 30. Chloe Caulfield set a personal best time of 20:40.8 and crossed the finish line in 18th place. Morgan Deenik ended up 22nd and Adeline Parikh was 26th.

NORTH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Grosse Pointe North volleyball collected a pair of league wins last week. On Sept. 12, the Norsemen handled business against Ford II winning 3-0. Last Thursday, Sept. 14, North traveled to Utica and got the victory 3-1.

The Blue Devils also got a league win in the MAC White on Thursday, Sept. 14, defeating Fraser on the road in straight sets 3-0.



HOCKEY EQUIPMENT DONATION DRIVE

For a second year in a row, Grosse Pointe North student and hockey player Massimo Todesco is helping to grow the game of hockey one piece of gear at a time. Todesco is once again organizing a hockey equipment donation drive to benefit the community of Clark Park in Detroit.

Todesco received around 1,000 pieces of new and gently used equipment during last year's drive and looks to exceed that number this year. The drive is open now and runs through Oct. 31, just in time for the opening of the Clark Park Ice Arena in November. Donation boxes can be found at Big Boy Ice Arena in Fraser and at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

Does your team have a newsworthy quick hit or highlight from the week to share? Send it along to mleonard@grossepointrnews.com.