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## Works starts on relief valve

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Installation of the anti-flooding, storm sewer relief valve has a cautious completion date that coincides appropriately with Thanksgiving. “It’s the culmination of years of work,” said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. Construction of the valve began this month

with delivery of dozens of 60-inch diameter, interlocking sections of concrete pipe at Patterson Park. Excavation began thereafter of a trench as much as 25 feet deep in which the pipe will be laid from the intersection of Essex and Three Mile Drive to a storm water holding tank inside the park. “A lot of this (material) See EERV, page 2A



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Welcoming and saying goodbye to new Park City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler, right, are, from left, Park Mayor Michele Hodges and Bowdler’s former employer, River Rouge Mayor William L. Campbell.

## Clerk needs to hit the ground running

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — To guard against the new city clerk emulating her predecessor and bolting less than six months after being hired for higher pay elsewhere, Park officials boosted the job’s starting salary to \$84,000, a 16 percent increase. Upon accepting the offer, new Clerk Bridgette Bowdler promised a

work ethic Park officials embraced, doubly so because a clerk is needed to manage the municipal election roughly one month from now. “It’s important to protect the trust of the public,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “One way of doing that is with solid elections run by competent people. This is a really important hire. See CLERK, page 5A



PHOTO BY JIM DORIAN

## Fair winds, following seas

Sailors from high schools around the state gathered at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club last weekend for the MISSA Michigan 420 State Championships. Teams sailed in 20 brand new 420e boats donated to GPYC by the Youth Nautical Education Foundation. For more on the regatta results, head to page 8D.

## BoE sets new sup’t salary

By Ted O’Neil  
 Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The next superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System will be offered a base salary between \$275,000 and \$350,000, according to a job posting from the Michigan Association of School Boards Thursday, Sept. 28.

The Board of Education earlier in September chose MASB to conduct the search to replace Jon Dean, who retired in August.

“There are all sorts of opportunities for adjustments within the total compensation,” Jay Benett, assistant director of executive search services with MASB, told the board at its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 26. “Annuities, car allowances, cell phone allowances, how much you’re going to contribute toward retirement.”

Board President Ahmed Ismail said Dean’s last contract had a gross compensation of \$363,000, which included money toward insurance

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## E. coli levels cancel Pier Park beach season

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — With fall weather now settling in,

beachgoers in the Farms have missed out on nearly an entire summer, after high E. coli counts caused the Pier Park beach to close the remainder of the season. The city’s water department conducted the last of its weekly testing prior to Labor Day, yielding

acceptable results for the daily geometric mean, but not for the 30-day geometric mean. See BEACH, page 3A

See BEACH, page 3A

## Woods adding generator to pump station

By Ted O’Neil  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — City council voted 6-0 at its meeting Monday, Sept. 18, to spend \$2 million to install a generator at the Torrey Road Pump Station. Councilman Michael Koester was excused. “With the rise in unprecedented weather we decided it

was something to look into,” said Jim Kowalski, director of public services. “We’re getting these 10-, 12-, 20-year storms more often.” Kowalski said days after high winds swept through the Pointes in late July, heavy rains dumped five inches of water on the Woods in a 24-hour period. “We didn’t have any flooding like two years ago, but we want

to be better prepared for what comes next,” he added. Ross Wilberding, a project manager with AEW, the city’s engineering consultants, told council the city should proceed as soon as possible. “The lead time is about 60 weeks,” he said. “It’s not so much a supply chain thing anymore as it is demand. A lot of cities are going this route.”

City Administrator Frank Schulte said the generator will be an insurance policy, “especially as storms get worse and DTE’s infrastructure gets worse.”

Cost for the generator includes \$1.88 million for parts and construction and \$200,000 for design and engineering. It will be powered by an underground diesel tank.

Kowalski agreed about the

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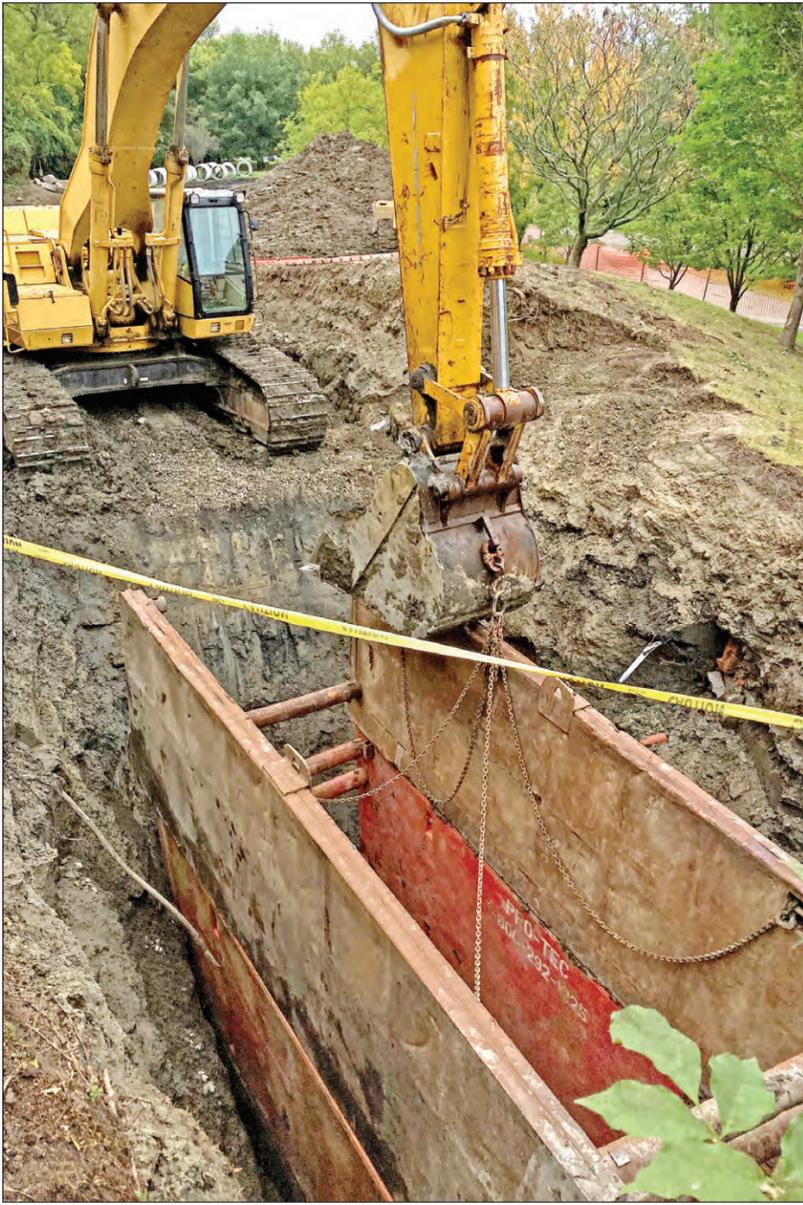


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Installation of the extreme emergency relief value at Patterson Park should be finished by the end of November, with restoration of landscaping next April.

## EERV:

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is custom-made specifically for this project," said Ryan Neddermeyer, site foreman for contractor, L. D'Agostini and Sons. The company won the job with a \$2,935,100 bid.

Wiener, an advocate of flood protections prior to winning his first term on council two years ago, said the construction schedule is conservative.

"I always say, 'underpromise and over-deliver,'" he said.

Neddermeyer cautioned that excavation projects in older communities such as the Pointes are sometimes sidetracked by underground surprises.

"We just came from putting 5 1/2 miles of 16-inch water main in Fenton," he said. "We were there for nine months. That was all new, cross country, easy digging. Down here, we don't know what we're going to find."

"Construction of the valve itself should be done in November," Wiener said. "Buttoning everything up, including landscaping, should be done by April."

"We had to remove several trees at Patterson Park that will be replaced at a future date," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

"We have a substantial landscaping budget to clean up everything and put everything back to how it was, but we're not

doing any planting this late in the season," Wiener said. "Reclamation of the landscape is going to be done in spring."

The valve and related piping attach to the municipal storm sewer network just outside the park entrance.

"There will be some disturbance near the intersection," Sizeland said. "There may be a time or two when we shut down the park due to safety concerns as the contractor works. We'll be posting notices and updates."

Piping roughly parallels the park driveway to an underground storm water holding tank that discharges runoff, not sanitary sewer water, directly into Lake St. Clair.

The valve project is dubbed collectively as an extreme emergency relief valve, or EERV.

Flood protection became a frontline topic in the Park due to sewer system backups into basements during two thunderstorms mid-summer 2021.

Equipment, power and operational failures at sewer pumping stations in Detroit contributed to water back-flowing into thousands of basements on Detroit's east side, the Park, City of Grosse Pointe and Farms.

Lawsuits seeking damages were dismissed in March by a Wayne County Circuit judge citing government immunity and the overwhelming size of the

storms, which dumped more water than regional and municipal systems were designed to handle.

Funding for the Park's EERV comes mainly from proceeds of a 10-year, 2.5-millage rate increase Park voters in November 2022 approved by a 62 percent to 37 percent majority. Receipts generate \$1.7 million annually for a total of \$17 million during its duration.

The increase represents an additional \$425 in property taxes per year for the owner of property having a taxable value of \$170,000.

Also last year, the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation donated \$130,000 to the city to buy valve components.

"Work we're doing for the water and sewer system is ongoing," Wiener said. "This is a piece of the puzzle, but this by itself is a huge project."

Millage funds are required to be used exclusively for water and sewer improvements.

Ballot language stated the 2.5-mill hike is "for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, replacing and enhancing water and sewer systems and related infrastructure in the city."

Councilwoman Christine Gallagher, running for mayor next month, said during a League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe campaign forum Sept. 12, she wished some of the funds could be directed to renovate the municipal marina.



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## Adjusting marina plans to funding

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Members of the recreation commis-

sion sailed through the ABCs of planning to renovate the municipal marina.

As they head toward the XYZs, the high cost of a total redesign plus the existing facility's overflowing popularity convinced decision makers that only a small degree of modernization is called for.

"We have 270 wells

and they are all full," said Tom Fraser, part-time harbor master at Windmill Pointe Park. "How much do you need to change the marina if we're already full?"

Further proof of existing customer satisfaction are the marina's 90 percent boater retention rate, a 15-year average

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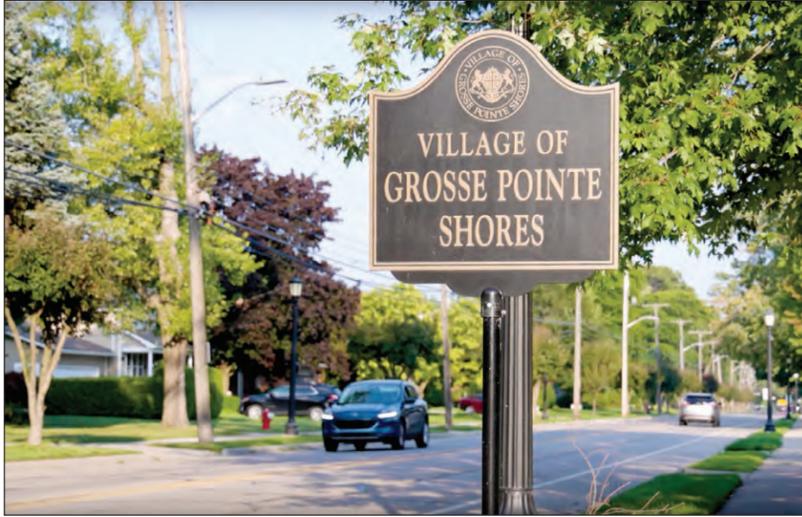
# Shores unveils promotional video

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — After months of planning and a rain delay, it's finally here.

The city's Communications Committee premiered its new video, "A Shore Like No Other," at the city council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19.

"Our project goal was simple — create a compelling, concise and creative Pure Michigan-inspired video that embodies and embraces the true spirit of our amazing community," committee chairman Ted Coutilish said. "One that makes current residents swell with pride and potential residents even more encouraged to move here. And one that makes other Grosse Pointe communities moved to follow our lead."



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Shores recently premiered its new promotional video, "A Shore Like No Other."

The video, lasting just short of 90 seconds, was narrated by Mark Heppner, president and CEO of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. It features shots of the Ford

House and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, plus residents enjoying Osius Park, activities on Lake St. Clair and a backyard get-together.

Coutilish said more

than two dozen residents helped plan and volunteered to be in the piece coordinated by Camren Clouthier, a professional videographer from the University of Michigan.



The video is available on YouTube and narrated by Ford House CEO Mark Heppner.

Planning for the video started earlier this year and it was scheduled to be shot Saturday, July 15. As is common with Michigan weather, rain forced things to be pushed back two weeks.

"This is an amazing community in the true sense of the word," Coutilish said. "It's a village. People get along and enjoy each other's company."

Incorporation papers indicate the official name

of the Shores is "The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City."

"This is all about people's interactions with the shoreline and keeping traditions alive," Coutilish added. "We have great events year-round."

Some of those include the Fourth of July gathering, lighting of city hall for Christmas and Easter and Halloween events.

Watch the video at [youtube.com/watch?v=YNmmrBC4U](https://youtube.com/watch?v=YNmmrBC4U).

## Chamber foundation donates pickleball equipment to Pier Park

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Although one of the Pier Park tennis courts has removable netting, allowing for pickleball play, residents had to bring their own equipment prior to a recent donation from the Grosse Pointe Chamber

Foundation.

As the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation currently is raising funds to construct two proposed pickleball courts at the park, it's fitting timing for residents to have the opportunity to try out the sport for free. The paddles and balls now can be checked out from the gatehouse with a park

pass or driver's license.

"The Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation has an endowment set up at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan with the support of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation," Chamber President Jenny Boettcher explained via email. "The endowment provides

funds annually to support a sport-based project or program for the five lakefront parks."

Thanks to the Farms, three other Pointes — the Park, Shores and Woods — also received donated racquets and balls for their pickleball courts.

"Grosse Pointe Farms applied and with the left-

over funds, they ordered additional racquets and balls to share with the other cities," Boettcher explained.

In past years, the sports-based endowment

funded pickleball courts in the Park, outdoor table tennis in the Farms and workout equipment in the Woods.

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## BEACH:

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Both must fall within the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy's criteria — a daily geometric mean of less than or equal to 300 E. coli per 100 milliliters of water and a 30-day geometric mean of less than or equal to 130 E. coli per 100 milliliters of water — for water to be considered safe to swim in.

"We had 201.2 as the last daily geometric mean and yet, the 30-day was still at 280.8," Farms

Water Superintendent Scott Homminga said. "For that 30-day to get under 130 would have taken a while — and that was based on a lot of high samples we had mostly in August."

While a few factors likely were involved, Homminga's educated guess on why E. coli levels at the beach remained high for so long this year has to do with the amount of rainfall the area received, since E. coli levels can rise when rain produces runoff from land, where contaminants such as animal droppings can

gather along the shoreline.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports the Detroit area saw 5.37 inches of precipitation in July, and 6.5 inches of precipitation in August. This is the highest recorded rainfall in more than a decade.

"We do the same lab samples for our raw water coming into the plant, which is about 1,800 feet from shoreline and our E. coli counts are almost nothing," Homminga said, supporting this theory.

The good news? The

freezing temperatures winter brings act as nature's reset button.

"Once you start getting down to freezing, the counts go down very quickly," Homminga said. "Microbiological activity really does drop off as it gets colder. You almost start anew again next year in the summertime."

Weather dependent, the water department likely will begin testing the water again in early May 2024.

"Hopefully next year will be a little bit better than it was this year," Homminga said.

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DTE issue.

"We have two power sources there now, one underground and one above ground," he said. "In the last round of storms, we lost underground power and had to rely on the overhead lines. One limb can take that out. I hope we don't have to use it, but it's a great safety backup."

The city in April applied for a low-interest loan from the state's Clean Water State Revolving Fund, but was denied. It was noted at the time that more affluent municipalities generally don't score high enough for approval. Money for the project will come from the city's water and sewer fund, which currently sits at \$7 million.

"I'm glad we've been good stewards of that fund to be able to afford this," Mayor Pro Tem Vicki Granger said.

There was some discussion among council about how much noise the generator would

make. Schulte said it would be housed in a heavily insulated shed measuring 30 by 10 feet. Located at 1266 Torrey, Kowalski said the pump station, "sits right smack dab in the middle of a residential neighborhood."

"I think if people hear it running after a storm, they'll be quite happy," Councilman Thomas Vaughn said. "That

means water won't be backing up."

Mayor Art Bryant concurred, noting there would be plenty of homeowners running their own generators in the event of a power outage.

Schulte said noise from monthly tests on the generator shouldn't be too loud since it wouldn't be under the stress it would incur during a storm.

Ed Hall, a DPS crew leader, said the TRPS, also known as a lift station, has capacity to send 122,000 gallons per minute of waste and storm water to the Milk River Drainage Basin.

"We've done up to 37 million gallons a day during the rainy season, but only about 16 million gallons a day in, say, November," he said.



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### MONDAY, OCT. 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 10

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board meeting, 7:30 a.m.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance meeting, 10 a.m.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission short-term rental workshop, 7 p.m.



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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

# Pointer highlights breast cancer foundation during awareness month

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

Mary Pat Meyers passed the state bar to become a personal injury attorney in 1983, driven by a desire to give her clients a voice during a time when few women were going into law.

“When dads speak to their daughters, it matters what they say,” the Farms resident said of her father, who she remembers as a true mentor to her and five siblings growing up. “I never believed I was any different from my male counterparts, so I never let it define me, although I was aware of it.”

While her 40 years in law have led her to take a few prominent cases, such as one against General Motors and another representing some of the survivors of Larry Nassar, she considers every case she takes on to be notable.

“I always say, for my client, it’s notable,” Meyers said. “It’s their only case.”

Her career also led her to first meet her husband, attorney Jeff Meyers, 30 years ago. The two reconnected in 2019, and were married during the peak of the pandemic, outside her mother’s nursing home window.

Meyers’ husband



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From left, Shades of Pink Foundation board members Teresa Anderson, Vice President Susan Wayde, President Mary Pat Meyers, Jackie Riley and Naina Desai.

brought her to Grosse Pointe in 2020, a little while after which a neighbor then introduced her to the Shades of Pink Foundation, which helps provide living expenses to those with breast cancer.

“The more I learned about it,” she said, “it didn’t take me long to raise my hand to become president.”

She did so in 2021.

The nonprofit’s mission can be summed up through the concept of preventing women from having to make the decision between

getting medical treatment or paying for utilities. Its funds go toward paying for necessities such as mortgage, utilities, childcare, insurance premiums and transportation costs to appointments.

“I just loved the idea of the money going to everyday living expenses,” Meyers said. “So many of the breast cancer nonprofits are for research, which is absolutely amazing, but this was to actually help with real life stuff.”

“... Breast cancer is one of the most expensive out-of-pocket

cancers, because of the numerous office visits and treatments and chemos and it affects women mostly, so we have the childcare issues.”

For Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Grosse Pointe and Somerset J. McLaughlin locations will be donating 15 percent of sales to the Shades of Pink Foundation Thursday, Oct. 5. Participants just need to mention they are shopping to support the nonprofit.

“We have a very aggressive goal of distributing \$1 million



From left, Mary Pat Meyers, and her husband, Jeff Meyers; 94-year-old mom, Pat Kubiske; son, Jake Rosen; and his girlfriend, Lizzy Whitty.

annually by 2025,” Meyers said, adding the dollars stay local in southeast Michigan.

To donate or sponsor an event, visit shadesofpinkfoundation.org/take-action.

Meyers also was a founding board member of Impact100 Oakland County — the organization’s structure is to have 100 women give \$1,000 annually and then issue \$100,000 grants to local nonprof-

its — and currently teaches law at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Although having lived the majority of her life in Bloomfield Hills, she now enjoys what Grosse Pointe has to offer to the fullest.

“I watch the sunrise every morning just about and tonight all my friends are coming over to watch the full moon rise,” Meyers said last week.

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“This is in keeping with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce mission to promote businesses and engage residents for a thriving community,” Boettcher said.

An administrative public meeting exploring the proposed pickleball court plans at Pier Park — intended to solicit public input — will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the Pier Park community building, 350 Lakeshore.

## City liability insurance premium to increase

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Last year saw the City increase its liability insurance premium by \$50,000 as it made the switch to Nickel & Saph — a trade-off chosen for the new carrier’s \$10 million sewer basement backup coverage.

As it now approaches its one-year renewal, the City’s premiums will increase by another \$43,367.

“That policy, since that time, was under the pre-

sumption that the properties listed were current; however, since the policy was enacted last year, they did an audit on the properties and did actual appraisals on the properties that we do have,” City Manager Joe Valentine said. “So that adjusted the premium upwards as the true replacement costs of those properties have been identified and updated.”

Additionally contributing to the increase were a couple new city vehicles added to the policy for

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**City of Grosse Pointe**

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After being pulled over for driving with an expired plate at Mack and Grosse Pointe Court, a 21-year-old Detroit man received a citation for the infraction at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26.

His vehicle was impounded.

**25 percent**

A 50-year-old Detroit woman turned herself in last week for a theft from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval that occurred in early July. At that time, she was in a group of four women.

**Stolen plate**

The license plate was stolen off a 2017 Toyota Rav4 parked on Stratford overnight Thursday, Sept. 28.

**OWI**

A 33-year-old Grosse Pointe man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 12:10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1.

— *Laurel Kraus*  
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**Grosse Pointe Farms**

**DWLS**

After driving with illegally tinted windows and a license tab expired by two years, a 25-year-old Detroit man was pulled over on East Warren and cited for driving while license suspended at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26.

**Starting young**

A 17-year-old Grosse Pointe woman reported her third generation Apple AirPods were stolen from her backpack while inside a local high school the morning of Thursday, Sept. 28.

**Scam**

A scammer claiming to be with Xfinity convinced a 73-year-old

Farms woman her computer had been hacked at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, and had her buy \$500 worth of Sephora gift cards and supply him with photos to supposedly get a SonicWall installed.

**Bread crumbs**

While investigating a vehicle dumped in the 100 block of Moran after being stolen from Detroit last Thursday night, an officer noticed insurance paperwork from a Moran resident's vehicle in the street.

Upon following up with the owner, a black 2023 Lincoln Navigator was discovered stolen from the 100 block of Moran between 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, and 1:49 a.m. the next morning.

**Unlocked**

While nothing was taken, a pair of suspects rummaged through an unlocked vehicle on

Fair Acres Drive at 1:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29.

**Illegal entry**

After being pulled over on Mack for driving without a license plate at 9:34 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, two Detroit men were suspected of illegal entry into the country.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection confirmed their illegal status, but reported the two already had court dates and would not be jailed while waiting for the deportation hearing.

**Over here**

Loud screaming alerted an officer to a truck driving over a curb as it backed up from the Pier Park entrance at 5:36 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1.

The driver, a 25-year-old Dearborn Heights woman, was intoxicated and had a blood alcohol content of 0.158 percent.

She was arrested for operating while intoxicated, possession of alcoholic liquor in a motor vehicle and driving with an expired license.

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

**Grosse Pointe Shores**

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

**Grosse Pointe Park**

**Car stolen**

A 2016 Jaguar XJL that was stolen from the 800 block of Park Lane between Friday, Sept. 15, and Wednesday, Sept. 27, was recovered in the 3600 block of Courville,

just across Mack Avenue in Detroit.

The owner reportedly told Park police of being out of town for two weeks while the vehicle was parked in the driveway, unlocked with the key fob inside.

**Car entered**

Someone stole a driver's license and work identification from an unlocked vehicle parked overnight Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the 800 block of Nottingham.

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

**Grosse Pointe Woods**

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

## Bushwhacking city hall

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — City hall appears these days as it hasn't been in years.

For the first time in at least a generation, bushes don't block views of the building's Jefferson Avenue facade.

"The bushes had been in front of city hall for about 35 years," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "They became overgrown."

"I'm thrilled that the bushes in front of city hall have been removed," said Pat Deck, a member of the beautification commission since 1985. "They were untrimmed and detracted from our lovely building."

Dense evergreen foliage and shaggy, interlocking limbs of the nearly dozen bushes not only obstructed views. They also offered a hiding place.

"We commonly have visitors walking to and

from the bus stop," Sizeland said. "The bushes were a public safety issue from people potentially using them as a restroom."

Removal was forecast four months ago during a meeting of the Downtown Development Authority about redesigning the civic campus.

Based in part on 250 responses to a public online survey, plus concepts presented by an architectural consultant specializing in urban

streetscapes, most authority board members agreed the bushes should be replaced by something more open and welcoming, such as airy landscaping accenting a plaza.

"It gives it a kind of city vibe that you'd see in any downtown area," said DDA Chairman Benjamin Wixson at the time. "The front (of the property) is so unused right now."

"It will be nice to see a landscaping refresh that will enhance the appearance of city hall," Deck

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For the first time in more than three decades, bushes don't block views of Park city hall's front facade.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

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Clearly, we found the right person."

"I'm coming in to do a job," Bowdler said during a special council meeting Wednesday, Sept. 27, during which all those attending approved the hiring. "My job is to make sure this election is fair and that it runs smoothly."

She starts Monday, Oct. 9. Bowdler comes to the Park with four years of experience as deputy clerk of River Rouge.

River Rouge Mayor William L. Campbell attended the Park meeting to endorse her hiring and wish her well.

"She's an excellent worker," Campbell said. "She brings a lot to the table. We hate to lose her, but from time to time there are opportunities in life."

Park Manager Nick Sizeland said he chose Bowdler from around 10 respondents to a job posted with the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Association of City Clerks.

"One of things we're looking for in a city clerk is someone who can hit the ground running because we have an election coming up, but also someone who is passionate about the job," Sizeland said. "When I interviewed Bridgette, I found someone who is

truly passionate about the city clerk's role and her community."

He and Park elected officials attending the special meeting — Hodges, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Caulfield and councilmen Marty McMillan and Max Wiener — welcomed learning that Bowdler is willing to offer fresh ideas and solutions.

"I'm not the kind of person to sit back," she said. "I will bring as much as I can to the

table. I'll probably bring the table."

In addition to clerking in River Rouge, Bowdler administered the police, fire department and employee retirement systems.

"I love my police and fire guys," she said. Bowdler also served on the city's Economic Development Commission for six years.

Her volunteerism includes helping give more than 400 school children backpacks

through No Kids Without a Christmas, 17 years as president of the Christmas parade, partnering with DTE Energy and other organizations to provide more than 2,400 children winter hats and gloves over an eight-year period and partnering with animal rescue organizations to provide vaccinations and licensing.

"I'm super excited to be here," Bowdler told the council. "You guys have a beautiful commu-

nity. I'm very personable with my council. This is a huge decision. I want to help. It's going to be

great." "It looks like we found the right person," Hodges said.



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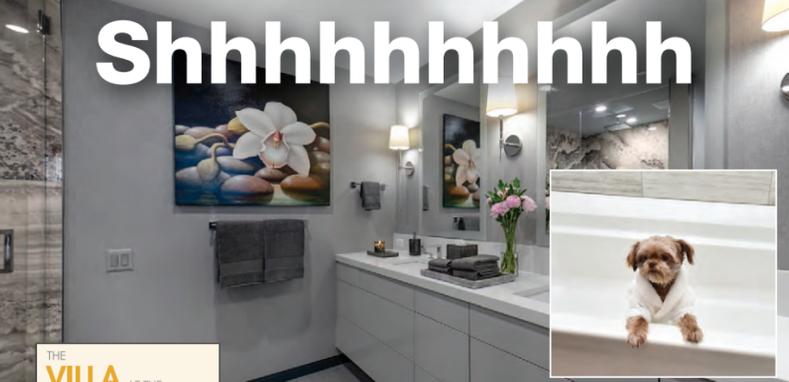
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### OUR VIEW

## There's no place like home(coming)

Three of our area's high schools have celebrated homecoming in the last two weeks, creating some unforgettable memories for countless students. We are so impressed by what each school manages to execute for this special celebration — students, teachers, staff and parents work on each aspect beginning in June, culminating in the annual football game and dance.

It is truly a treasured, student-based tradition we say is one of the year's biggest highlights, bar none.

Grosse Pointe North held its homecoming dance Saturday, Sept. 23. The Norsemen found creative ways to express this year's theme of "Through the Decades," on class spirit days and at the pep rally, parade and football game. And don't forget the school's annual toga day, a much-anticipated event.

As is tradition, the senior class chose first (as it should be) and selected a decade close to many of their parents' hearts — the '80s. The senior class float went back in time to capture the greatest decade ever with a DeLorean car (complete with flames shooting out the back), the MTV logo, Rubik's Cube and Doc Brown from the film classic, "Back to the Future." Juniors, sophomores and freshmen did great justice to the '60s, '70s and '50s respectively.

The annual homecoming game was about as big of a celebration as you could hope for, with North's band, dance and cheer teams dazzling the crowd at halftime before the Norsemen secured a nail-biting 27-20 win in the final minute.

Grosse Pointe South marked homecoming festivities the next week and the action-packed six days of celebration did not disappoint. Its annual dance took place Saturday, Sept. 30, when the student body arrived in droves, decked out in sleek suits and fancy dresses, ready to dance the night away.

The Blue Devils got into the spirit with class themes like Sparta seniors, Jurassic juniors, sandlot sophomores and fairytale freshmen, who even as the least-seasoned group of the bunch successfully managed to work a huge blow-up fire-breathing dragon onto South's lawn.

Each class marked spirit day with an early-morning breakfast before storming the halls with cheers and chants and taking a class picture under a banner created by artistic classmates, which hung high above Cleminson Hall.

A pep rally, parade and football game got the weekend started before Saturday's dance with a DJ, outdoor tent, food and games galore.

University Liggett School also marked its homecoming dance Saturday, Sept. 30. For the spirit week leading up to it, the middle school joined the high school to also get into the homecoming act. Middle schoolers celebrated each day with fun themes like "anything but a backpack day," jersey day, decades day, pajama day and Knight pride day.

The high school held daily competitions between all four grades to determine who would win the Spirit Week Cup. The seniors won it all with silly, fun contests like quiz bowl, dance-off, hockey and soccer games, musical chairs and a human version of Hungry Hungry Hippos. Daily themes included holidays, seasons, jerseys and colors, ending in Knight pride day. A Friday pep rally preceded the Knights' first football game under the lights since 2016.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Pure Grosse Pointe

After tearing down a small building next to Ahee Jewelers on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods to expand the store's footprint and relocate its parking lot, construction workers uncovered a fun vintage sign on the side of Henry's Cleaners. Built in 1948, the building used to house Oxford Beverage before Henry's moved in. Oxford Beverage has since moved next door, where customers can still grab an ice cold Pepsi to "hit the spot."

### GUEST OPINION By Dr. Megan Knuth

## Online bullying and why it's so harmful to you, others

Online harassment, also known as online bullying, is the use of technology and social media to harass or bully people. Many times, we think of school children bullying each other and sending mean messages. Unfortunately, this practice has been rising in adults and has become more frequent with the ease of use of social media and private groups.

People use the guise of expressing their opinions in social media forums and groups to harass members of the community and others who do not share their same beliefs. There is a strong difference between expressing your opinion or trying to explain your belief system and making hurtful comments that are designed to offend and intimidate others.

Unfortunately, these comments just turn into an echo chamber, where most people tune out the opposing comments and just look for comments that agree with their own. These comments, that are made from all sides of an

argument, are meant to be offensive and rude, and showcase the rise in online harassment.

So how does online harassment affect your mental health? Let's take a look:

Online harassment becomes addictive. You get an adrenaline rush from making anonymous comments, or comments you normally would not say to someone's face, which causes you to seek that rush again. You end up making more negative comments and awaiting more fighting with others online. You worsen the echo chamber with mean and aggressive comments about divisive topics and you continue to seek out that adrenaline rush.

This constant need to seek out an adrenaline rush from saying controversial and offensive topics also puts you into a negative frame of mind. You start seeing people in a negative light instead of seeing neighbors with diverse backgrounds and different opinions.

This mindset to constantly seek out that rush

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### Rescind Shores pit bull ban

#### Letter to the Editor:

BAN. That was the extent of the wisdom of four Shores councilmen, who voted over the mayor's objection and passed a pit bull ban, part of a radical restatement of an existing animal ordinance. This short-sighted, hasty legislation is their response to a single incident involving a pit bull type, owned by a new resident, which severely injured a small dog owned by a long-term resident.

When this ordinance takes effect in October, upon a resident's mere single incident complaint, accusing a pit bull type dog of an undefined "attack" or "threat," even without injury, the Shores police can seize the accused pet from your home and hold it for possible destruction. Further, should any resident owning a pit bull type have puppies, those puppies are to be destroyed.

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I SAY By Meg Leonard

# Don't lose sight of what we have here, GP

I attended the Grosse Pointe North versus Grosse Pointe South varsity volleyball game last week to cover it for this week's paper.

A friend of mine from across town was there and asked me, "Are things really as crazy as they seem at your schools?"

He's from Birmingham, so he's experienced school drama firsthand. But I told him not to believe all the hype.

Spend some time among our students, athletes, teachers, staff, coaches and fans, I told him, and that is where you will see the heart and soul of who we really are. It's Grosse Pointe at its best.

As the sports editor for this newspaper, I'm out and about pretty frequently to quite literally "go touch grass" around the Pointes. I get away from a screen and the nastiness between neighbors on social media and interact with people. Real human beings, real conversations.

Let me tell you, once you get a chance to spend some time at our schools, that negativity evaporates. It's like getting a second wind. It's the breath of fresh air you didn't know you needed. Being around our district's students and staff makes you a believer in our schools and the community in which we live.

I can't quite put my finger on why there is so much division around us and around the country, for that matter. I kind of blame the pandemic. It seems like we all have gotten especially mean and unforgiving toward each other since then.

So then why am I so heartened about this community? I could fill this entire paper with examples. Just a few recent ones include when I stood on North's sidelines at homecoming on a gorgeous Friday evening two weeks ago. Everyone was so clearly proud to represent North.

At a recent meet, I was greeted with smiles and hellos by swimmers who were so polite and quick to apologize if they stood in front of me to cheer on teammates as I snapped photos.

I saw members of the Devils' Den and Norsemen Tide — student spirit groups from South and North — arrive in coordinated dress to fill the stands for a Tuesday night volleyball game. Some arrived in the third set, clearly making an extra effort to support their school after finishing their own practices.

I chatted with administrators like Dr. Roy Bishop at a South football game, who brought along his son, who proudly wore his Red Barons football jersey. Knowing we have people who both live and work in the community gives you the sense that they believe in Grosse Pointe schools, too, and that's motivating.

Our coaches always make time for interviews, win or lose. They work countless hours and pour into our kids, building them up as athletes and good human beings. They deflect credit off of themselves and give praise to their teams.

I regularly talk to students who always answer interview questions thought-



fully. Their resumes blow away whatever I was doing at their age, yet they are humble.

I have watched highly educated teachers arrive in the pre-dawn hours to celebrate a class spirit day, helping parents set up and clean up before they go

teach a full day of classes.

I honestly can't recall a time where I have attended a game or school event without seeing our principals, athletic directors, teachers or staff engaged in whatever is happening in our buildings.

My connection to our district runs deep and maybe that's why I care so much. My father, John Blondin, taught at Grosse Pointe South for 30 years. He also was an assistant basketball coach there for a spell and his best buddies were all of the teachers who also coached.

While Grosse Pointe was always a presence in my family, I grew up in Detroit until moving to GP before my sophomore year of high school. Walking through the doors at South on my first day in 1986, I felt like Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz" — everything turned from black and white to Technicolor. I was dazzled by this school.

I found my passion quickly as a Blue Devil by taking a journalism class with the beloved Bob Button. I became a sports editor at The Tower. Mr. Button encouraged me and guided me, establishing what I believe is the strongest foundation any high school journalist could have. He was ahead of his time. He never made me feel for one moment that as a young woman I was not cut out to be a sports writer, or that it was a subject better suited for the boys on staff.

He was a teacher who influenced the trajectory of my life. Guess what? Our schools are loaded with teachers who are willing to invest in our kids like Mr. Button did with me — don't lose sight of how powerful an asset that is for us here.

My husband and I graduated together at South (shout out, Class of '89!). We also are parents to three recent South grads and our fourth just started his freshman year there.

I don't think I am overstating this — I feel honored to have another four years in this district. As a parent here since 2004, it's not all been a bowl of cherries. There have been times I have been upset with administration or with teachers or principals.

In fact, the jaded part of me considered sending my youngest to a private high school. But we chose to send him here, because deep down, it felt like it would be too big an opportunity to miss. We believe in our schools.

We are overwhelmingly lucky, blessed, fortunate — whatever you want to label it — to be a part of this community and this district.

As fate would have it, my son has a class in my dad's old room at South. I wish he was still here to see his grandson, whom is named after him, thrive at a place where he gave so much. He loved it here with all his heart.

I'm grateful to say we do, too, Dad.

to interact with everyone by showing courtesy like you would when meeting a stranger in public.

Megan Knuth, D.O., is a family medicine resident at Corewell Health East Beaumont in Grosse Pointe. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from the University of Michigan and a medical degree from Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her interests include sports medicine, procedures and education.

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from saying offensive things seeps into your real life and can affect the way you speak to your family, children, coworkers and strangers. You can shift into an overall negative mindset, instead of seeing the beauty in each other's differences.

But there is some helpful advice so you can course correct this harmful practice.

We need to be careful with our online presence. Looking at controversial comments and allowing yourself to become enraged does nothing productive or helpful for your mental health. You can look at news sources or talk to members of the community to get differing opinions, but be cautious when you do so on social media.

When you engage in social media, try to speak the same way you would when speaking to someone in person. Do not make comments meant to anger and offend people and if you do make any statements about controversial topics, make sure you stick to data. In total, try to be courteous and kind and a model for the younger generation and how they should interact on social media. And try

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Beware non-residents considering bringing your dog into the Shores. It might be seen as pit bull type. You could lose it!

JOHN L. BOOTH II  
Grosse Pointe Shores

Editor's Note: The new ordinance states if a pit bull were to have a litter of puppies, the puppies must be removed from the city or turned over to be euthanized.

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rental period per boater and a list of 250 people waiting to join.

“Most of our boaters are longtime boaters, longtime well-holders,” Fraser said.

Of the marina’s 270 well renters, little more than half responded to the commission’s recent survey seeking general recommendations for improvement.

Nearly 69 percent of respondents said they’re willing to pay higher annual slip rental rates in exchange for a new or updated marina. They may get their wish, at least incrementally, with an anticipated 5 percent increase Fraser said he anticipates next year.

A smaller majority, 53 percent, would replace fixed docks with floating ones that rise and fall with changing lake levels, making it easier to step onto and off boats.

Two-thirds of respondents had no interest in adding dockage for personal watercraft, such as Jet Skis.

“It doesn’t surprise me that boat owners are not huge PWC fans or are looking for additional PWC capacity in the marina,” Chairman Michael Bannon said. “Did we do anything to reach out to non-current boat owners to determine if there’s additional demand we could fill with PWCs?”

“No,” Fraser answered. “We didn’t go into the waiting list, either. The only people we surveyed and talked (with) extensively were

boat owners in the harbor now.”

In hopes of getting additional perspectives, the survey will be extended to people on the waiting list, according to Chad Craig, supervisor of municipal parks.

Commission members doubt the willingness to pay more for better facilities extends to the \$10 million to \$15 million the city’s consulting engineers estimated in 2021 it would cost for a complete renovation.

Commissioners also are paring down renovation proposals by Abonmarche, a civil engineering company in Benton Harbor specializing in marinas and waterfront projects, which the city retained last November for \$23,200.

“Although we’ve cut back on some of what Abonmarche has recommended (and) took their least expensive concept, we’re still facing a huge challenge when it comes to funding renovation of the marina,” said Commissioner Larry Haggart, chairman of the marina subcommittee. “We have some ideas we’re playing with right now.”

Haggart said it would be premature to announce those ideas now. “We’re definitely not at a consensus on the subcommittee regarding how we’re going to go forward,” he said.

Craig said the extent of renovations depends on funding.

“We don’t really have that figured out yet,” he said. A rejected element of

Abonmarche’s upgrade was reducing the number of wells to 190 and widening many of those that remain.

Fraser said he, fellow sailor Councilman Tom Caulfield and Craig “squashed” that idea fast.

Still, market forces call for wider wells.

“Newer boats are all wider,” Fraser said. “Fifty years ago, boats were six or seven feet wide. Today, they’re eight, nine, 10, 12 feet wide. More people are getting into pontoon boats. We have three (or) four in the marina now.”

“I believe we will move forward with the concept once they revise it for a total of 260 total wells,” Craig said.

“When we started this project, we knew we were going to lose wells (but) we didn’t want to lose 80,” Fraser said.

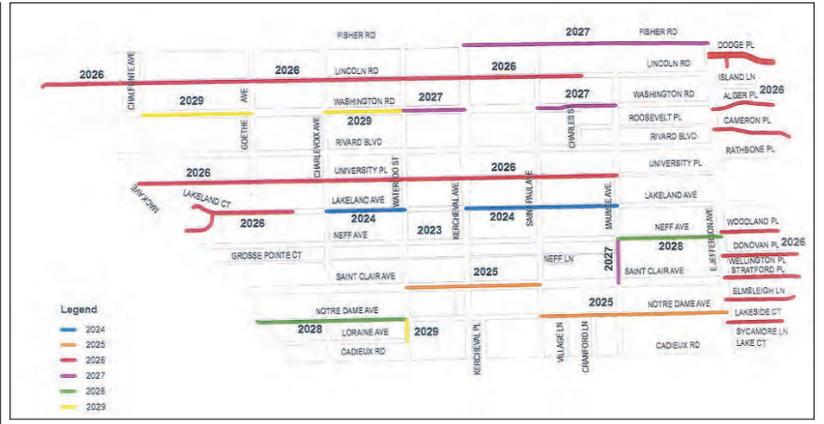
There’s a degree of gallows humor among boaters regarding the cost of their passion.

“We remind newcomers the definition of a boat: a hole in the water in which you throw money,” Haggart said.

Fraser added, “The acronym is, ‘bust out another thousand.’”

The municipal harbor operates from an enterprise fund generated by users, not general tax dollars.

Mayoral candidate Councilman Christine Gallagher proposed during a League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe campaign forum Sept. 12, funding marina improvements with money drawn from the 10-year, 2.5-mill sewer-water infrastructure millage.



COURTESY DESIGN

The tentative six-year road improvement plan in the City is subject to change, largely due to potential underground infrastructure projects that may be undertaken.

# Lakeland construction on deck for next year

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Now two-thirds of the way through its 15-year, voter-approved road improvement millage, the City again is getting a head start on its 2024 road improvement plan in hopes of taking advantage of early-bird pricing on contractors to do the work.

As such, Lakeland from Maumee to Kercheval, as well as from Waterloo to Charlevoix, are up for construction in the 2024 season.

“We are moving this a little bit further ahead this year with the understanding that we will try to get our bids out as quickly as we can in January, so we hit the beginning of the construction season and hopefully get better pricing on our projects,” City Manager Joe Valentine explained, before council unanimously approved the plan during its meeting Monday, Sept. 18.

Valentine, newly appointed to his role in August, also announced a fiscally responsible change to the historical prac-

tice of annually compiling an updated PASER rating — a system that tracks road conditions — of the city’s roads. The City now will begin conducting its PASER update every two years, as is suggested by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

“Not only does it save some money, but it really doesn’t add any value doing it every year,” Valentine said. “Not much changes (because) it’s a visual inspection of the roads throughout the city.”

A tentative plan for the next five years of roadwork in the City — subject to change, particularly due to potential underground infrastructure projects that may be undertaken — notes the 2025 season may focus largely on Notre Dame.

“We have a schedule that we put in place that’s prospective, but may be adjusted as needed as things evolve from year to year,” Valentine said. “But this really gives us a guide of how we want to proceed with our road projects going forward and also allocate funding to those projects based on what the millage allows and internally what our revenues are.”

## BUSHES:

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said. City hall dates to 1918. It was designed by George Hass, who assured his legacy in the Pointes by designing Defer Elementary School in 1925, Grosse Pointe South High School in 1928 and Mason Elementary School in 1928.

“We want to show off city hall and take pride in our building,” Sizeland

said. “As part of the DDA campus revision, those bushes had to come out. It was perfect timing because not only were the bushes taken out, but we also had the art sculpture installed.”

The sculpture, titled “Sails of Two Cities” and created by brothers Israel and Eric Nordin, had been mounted six years ago as the centerpiece of the traffic circle at the intersection of Kercheval and Maryland. Repeated narrow misses by reckless and drunken

drivers convinced city leaders to move the work to safer ground near city headquarters’ southwest corner.

Additional recent improvements to municipal headquarters are a new roof, tuck pointing, installing modern windows styled and colored for historical accuracy and replacing the front sidewalk.

New windows and doors were installed this summer next door at the public works pump station.

## INCREASE:

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coverage.

Council unanimously approved the insurance renewal with Nickel & Saph Monday, Sept. 18.

The plan now will run through Sept. 30, 2024.

The policy covers all city-owned property, including vehicles, contractor equipment, electronic data processing equipment, buildings, parks and the marina. It

also provides protection from lawsuits against City officials, as well as crime, employment, personal injury, police and fire professional liability and cyber-liability coverage.

— Laurel Kraus

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# Congressional commissioner addresses America 250

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The Louisa St. Clair Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated an America 250 Patriots marker at Joy Bells Park on Constitution Day.

An Honor Guard provided by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Tomcat Squadron from Selfridge Air National Guard Base presented the colors. Deann Newman, Chapter America 250 chairwoman, opened the ceremony welcoming the crowd of more than 100 who gathered at the park. Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros welcomed community members and leaders from other Eastside communities, encouraging the crowd to reflect on the values of America's founding fathers.

Grosse Pointe Farms is one of the few cities selected as home for a marker honoring Revolutionary War Patriots. Theros and Farms City Manager Shane Reeside were instrumental in collaborating with Newman from the DAR Chapter to install the new marker on the Helen Newberry Joy bell tower in Joy Bells Park.

Chapter Regent Dot Martin introduced honored guests from NSDAR and State Regent Kelly VanWormer shared greetings from DAR of Michigan with many members attending.

Peggy King Scully, chapter finance director and local historian, shared the history of Joy



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From left, Lynn Forney Young served as keynote speaker; Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros addressed attendees; and Deann Newman, Chapter America 250 chairwoman.

Bells Park and the Joy family. Helen Newberry Joy was an early member of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter. The 15 bells of the carillon were commissioned by Henry Joy in 1929, from the Paccard Foundry in the French Alps. Longtime residents of the community still recall hearing the bells during the day and when Mrs. Joy signaled her husband, on his sailboat on Lake St. Clair, that it was time to come home for dinner. The tower and bells were a gift to Grosse Pointe Farms by their son, Henry.

America 250 Congressional Commissioner Lynn Forney Young provided the keynote address. Young served as 43rd president general of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution 2013-16, and was subsequently named honorary president general, an honor bestowed on a



Louisa St. Clair Chapter members with NSDAR honored guests.

select few. As the organization's president general, Young oversaw a \$4 million restoration of DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., among other noteworthy accomplishments during her administration. When Congress estab-

lished the United States Semiquincentennial Commission in 2016, and tasked it with establishing nationwide plans to observe the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026, House Speaker Paul Ryan appointed Young



Grosse Pointe South High School choir students Gordon Hudson-Nelson, Alex Cline, Caroline O'Dell and Allie Thomas sang the national anthem.

to serve on the commis-

sion. Young spoke about the enormity of the commission's role, considering the waning sense of patriotism in America since its bicentennial celebration. Of course, 1976 was not without its challenges either, having just come out of the Vietnam War and Watergate. While there was an uptick in patriotism following the

attacks on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, the patriotism rating slipped significantly from 55 percent then to an all-time low of 38 percent today, according to a Gallup poll. While Congress established the America 250 Commission to prepare the country, the real work needs to happen locally, Young said.

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# Hot Yoga Grosse Pointe celebrates 21 years

By Clare Ramsdell  
Intern

Twenty-one years ago, Ella May Jones opened the first yoga studio on the east side of Grosse Pointe. Situated at the intersection of Kercheval and Wayburn, her business has not only endured but thrived despite the challenges posed by a flood and a pandemic. The practice she offers is hot yoga, a style originally taught by Bikram Choudhury, comprising 26 fundamental postures and two breathing exercises. The classes are held in a room heated to a temperature of 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

For Jones, the discovery of hot yoga was akin to finding her true self. Following a divorce, she attended her first hot yoga session in the basement of a Unitarian church with a friend and instantly fell in love with the practice. Driven by her passion, she felt compelled to establish her own studio, which began with a rigorous nine-week training program in California under the guidance of Choudhury himself.

“My motivation was to find my own identity and purpose in the world,” Jones said, “and to serve others while setting an example for my three daughters.”

Originally known as Bikram Yoga Grosse Pointe, Jones decided to rebrand the studio as Hot Yoga Grosse Pointe in 2018.

Yoga is all about fostering a sense of com-

munity and practicing together. Creating the required heat — maintaining a temperature of 100 degrees with 40 percent humidity — is challenging outside of a studio environment, unless it’s summertime and one can practice in an attic, Jones said.

With a small team of around three instructors, including herself, the studio offers various classes. These include the traditional 90-minute hot yoga class, a 60-minute version, a non-heated restorative class incorporating yoga nidra meditation and a yin class. On occasion, Jones hosts gong immersion events and crystal bowl sound baths. Although these events occur less frequently due to logistical challenges, their transformative power and the effort put into organizing them are cherished by the community.

“[The restorative class is] a wonderful class with no heat and we use the props, bolsters, blankets and blocks for people to just lay on,” she explained, “and you go into a yoga pose and you just lay on these props. So you’re basically just relaxing; you’re letting the props do all the work. And then the yoga nidra meditation is just a really powerful, guided meditation that I do for 30 minutes.”

Jones encouraged everyone to release their inner critic and overcome any apprehensions they may have, urging them to give yoga



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Hot Yoga Grosse Pointe is located at 15000 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

a try. The practice of yoga is a transformative tool that benefits individuals of all ages; all it takes is the first step.

“Anybody can do it at any age and you just do what you can do,” she said. “... This hot yoga, what it’s doing, it’s relaxing your muscles, loosening them up, so you’re stretching without the risk of injury or hurting yourself, plus you’re sweating so you’re letting go of toxins and impurities and clearing out your body. It’s a great way to clear your mind, especially if you’re under a lot of stress. It helps with your sleep. You know, there are so many recent articles where they’ve done studies about the benefits of practicing yoga

and brain health. The sooner you start the better off you’re going to be.”

With more than 10,500 classes taught to date, Jones shows no signs of slowing down in her yoga journey.

“To be an example to my daughters was a really big motivator,” she said, “not just to crumble in a heap, but to rise from the ashes and just go, ‘Hey, you know what, here’s an opportunity.’ I’m actually kind of grateful to my ex-husband because divorcing him led me to yoga.”

Yoga has helped Jones unearth her true self and she hopes to inspire others to do the same by expressing her genuine self, granting them permission to shine their own light. With clients who have taken more than 1,000 classes at the studio, she has discovered individuals who also recognize the profound significance yoga holds in their own lives.

Reflecting on her journey, Jones believes authenticity is crucial. She prides herself on living and embodying the principles of yoga, striving for a healthy lifestyle and practicing what she preaches. Authenticity, honesty and transparency are

values she upholds, as they are essential for sustained success in any profession.

“It goes back to being authentic,” she said. “I like to think that what you see is what you get with me. I love yoga and I try to live healthily. I try to walk the walk that I talk, and I think that’s very important in any profession that you’re in. You have to be authentic, you have to be truthful, you have to be honest and transparent. And, you know, that’s the way that you’re going to keep going.”

Jones made it a point to underscore the uniqueness of the yoga offered at her studio.

“It’s important to emphasize that what we do here is a niche,” she said. “Our focus is hot yoga. It’s the core of our studio. We do offer other practices, such as restorative yoga nidra and yin yoga for stretching, but hot yoga remains our specialty.”

For more information, visit hotyogagp.com.



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## Flyleaf open

Flyleaf, an independent bookshop, bistro and bar at 92 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, provides clientele a three-story experience featuring literary fiction and nonfiction, a chance to unwind with a cocktail or catch up with friends on the rooftop. From the seating to seasonal menu, every element was created to provide a welcoming escape. For more information, visit flyleafgp.com/. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting event for Flyleaf on Aug. 24. Pictured, from left, are Chamber Director of Finance Lisa Frasier, Chamber board Vice Chairman Alan Lowenthal, Anthony Scalici, Cia Hunter, Kellie Finger, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly, Flyleaf owner Lindsay Scallen, bookshop manager Lani Martin, chef Andre Fuentes, Chamber board Chairman Mark Hepner, Chamber board member Maria Miller, Anton Mikolowski, Stephanie Moreen, Chamber President and Executive Director Jenny Boettcher and Chamber Membership and Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull.

## FAN hosting annual fundraiser

Families Against Narcotics hosts its annual Fall Fest Fundraiser 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township.

Proceeds help support FAN’s various programs that help individuals strug-

gling with addiction, all of which are free of charge.

One such program is Hope Not Handcuffs, in which all five public safety departments in the Pointes participate. It allows people with a substance use disorder to walk into any participating agency and seek help, even if they are in possession of illegal drugs, without fear of being arrested. FAN then dispatches a volunteer

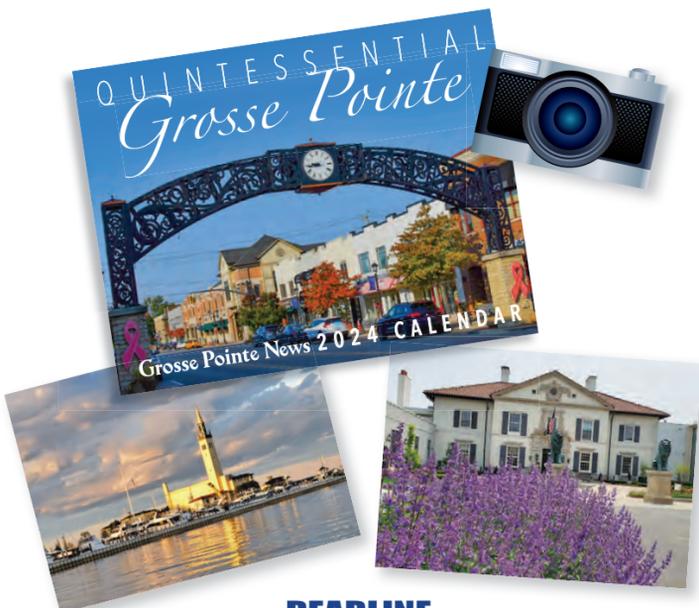
“angel” to assist the person with paperwork and insurance issues to be placed in treatment. More than 10,600 individuals have sought resources through the program since 2017.

The evening includes dinner, entertainment, a silent auction and raffles.

Tickets are \$125 each. Visit familiesagainstnarcotics.org or call (586) 909-5750 for more information.

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# Grosse Pointe Nursery School celebrates anniversaries

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Grosse Pointe Nursery School is marking its 25th anniversary being located at Crosspointe Christian Church, but in a way it is celebrating two milestones this year.

“It actually started off at a private home as a summer camp for boys 80 years ago,” said Lisa Moen, the school’s director the last 11 years. “That segued to a nursery school on Vernier that was run by the Lolich family before joining Crosspointe in 1998. In fact, many of our parents remember attending the nursery school on Vernier as children.”

GPNS enrolls 85 students ages 2 1/2 to 5 during the school year and 150 kids up to age 12 for its summer program.

“A lot of the students who attend during the summer are also here during the academic year, so it’s not an entirely new 150 kids,” Moen noted.

The nursery school is considered a ministry of Crosspointe.

“We’re under the umbrella of the church, which helps keep prices down,” Moen said. “Especially the way inflation is now, we want to come alongside families that may be struggling.”

Located a block inside the Woods from St. Clair Shores off Mack, Moen said most students come



COURTESY PHOTO

Students of Grosse Pointe Nursery School took a walk to Lou’s Pet Shop where they visited Frankie, a large turtle.

from the Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

“We get that question a lot, but you don’t have to be from Grosse Pointe to enroll,” she said. “We have kids from all over. Harper Woods, Detroit, Clinton Township. We even have one family from Redford. You don’t have to be a member of the church, either, although those families do get a discount.”

The daily schedule is a mix of learning, prayer, singing, outside activities and rest time. The calen-

dar also includes special events, including a family potluck dinner, Christmas carnival, a spring fling with petting zoo and end-of-the-year cook-out.

“We’ve got 15 staff members and a lot of parent volunteers,” Moen said. “The pastors will dress up as the Three Wise Men and flip pancakes for the kids on pajama day.”

Moen said the school also has a good reputation with kindergarten teachers around the Pointes.

“When they know a student is coming from us, they’re very pleased,” she said. “Kids are generally expected to know how to count to 30 by kindergarten, but we have a 100 club. Kids are like sponges, they just soak things up.”

The school day runs from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., but a flexible schedule is available where parents can choose less than five days per week.

“For the younger kids it’s a minimum of two and a half days a week and three and a half for the older kids,” Moen said. “That’s very popular with parents in the medical profession who might work different schedules week to week. We’re always trying to go above and beyond to serve our families.”

Visit [gpnurseryschool.org](http://gpnurseryschool.org) or call (313) 881-3460 for more information.



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## GPPSS’ Bishop honored

Dr. Roy Bishop, deputy superintendent for educational services for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, received the “Leadership in Education” award at the 10th annual Michigan African American Leadership Awards held Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. He is pictured here with his wife, Latoya Chanel, holding his nomination certificate and award.

Bishop joined GPPSS in 2016 as principal at Mason Elementary School and was promoted to deputy superintendent in 2021.

## DAR:

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Many states, including Michigan, have established an America 250 Commission to support the effort working with local communities.

Newman and Jane Turnbull, chapter chaplain, conducted the official marker dedication, while Martin and Patty Drury, chapter vice regent, unveiled the America 250 Patriots marker.

Musical selections included the national anthem offered by Gordon Hudson-Nelson, Alex Cline, Caroline

O’Dell and Allie Thomas, students from the Grosse Pointe South High School choir. O’Dell and Thomas also sang “America the Beautiful.”

Also participating in the dedication were local scouts representing Troop 96 and Troop 6100. Denver Laabs, director of development for the Michigan Crossroads Council Boy Scouts of America, played taps and the colors were retired.

The DAR is a service organization open to women who are lineal descendants of patriots who sacrificed their lives and fortunes supporting the American Revolutionary War.

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# South, Liggett celebrate homecoming

The sights and sounds of homecoming celebrations had students, staff and fans at Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School buzzing with excitement Friday, Sept. 29. Each school enjoyed a week's worth of school spirit building up to the annual football game, including student spirit days, pep rallies, floats and parades. The Blue Devils and Knights each capped off the week's homecoming festivities with their annual dance Saturday, Sept. 30, in their schools' gymnasiums.

— Meg Leonard

## Grosse Pointe South



South's marching band starts off the homecoming parade along Kercheval.



From left, Nina Morneau, Patrick Messacar, the South Blue Devil mascot, Lily Petz and Seamus Doyle assemble on the track in front of the Devils' Den student section, where they get fans pumped up with music throughout the game.



The Sparta Seniors make a Trojan horse the centerpiece of their float.

Photos by Renee Landuyt



The Fairytale Freshmen show their support for a storybook ending, hoping to grab first place in the float contest in their inaugural high school year (Alas, they finished second behind the seniors).



The Jurassic Juniors see to it their homecoming theme is dyno-mite!



The Sandlot Sophomores hit a home run with their baseball-inspired float.

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## SALARY:

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and retirement, but no annuity.

Bennett originally suggested a base salary range of \$275,000 to \$325,000 to the board.

Trustees agreed to raise the ceiling to \$350,000, noting it would appeal to a wider range of applicants.

In looking at what GPPSS commonly refers to as "peer districts," Bennett said West Bloomfield offers the highest overall package at \$356,000.

Bloomfield Hills stands at \$341,000 and Birmingham is \$312,000. While the base salary in those districts is

lower than what Grosse Pointe will offer, they pay more toward pensions, annuities and other allowances.

The MASH job posting will be available in 15 other states, primarily in the Midwest, which are part of a job board consortium. The district also agreed to pay approximately \$2,000 to post the job with the National Alliance of Black School Educators and the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents.

Applications are due Nov. 21. In the interim, Bennett will spend four days in the district — Oct. 5, 11, 16 and 26 — meeting with stakeholder groups. Those include:

- ◆ Staff: teachers, administrators, the Grosse Pointe Education Association and student groups;

- ◆ Parents: PTA groups, booster clubs and alumni;
- ◆ Community members: municipal leaders, business groups and faith-based organizations.

Those meetings are intended to gather information on what qualities and attributes the community wants in the next superintendent.

The schedule for community meetings can be found at [shorturl.at/sxRY1](http://shorturl.at/sxRY1).

For those who cannot attend a listening session, or wish to give additional input, a survey is

available at [surveymonkey.com/r/gpsearch](http://surveymonkey.com/r/gpsearch).

Bennett will conduct interview preparation with the board Nov. 28, with target dates of Dec. 6 and 7, to conduct interviews with finalists. Bennett previously suggested the board pick six finalists, with two selected for a second interview, possibly on Dec. 12. After the initial interviews residents will have an opportunity to submit questions they want asked during the final interviews.

"Once you pick someone, then it's a matter of contract negotiations," Bennett added.

He told the board last month it might be difficult to have a new superintendent in place for the start of the second semester in January 2024, as most are hesitant to leave their current district mid-year, and a July start is more likely.

"It comes down to, if you think you have the right candidate, are you willing to wait," Bennett explained. "But it's good that you're getting out in front of this."

Several other high-profile districts currently are searching for a superintendent, including Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester and Midland.

"They haven't set a timeline yet, so you've got the best of both worlds," Bennett said. "The posting makes it clear that a start date is negotiable."

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# University Liggett School



Liggett's students battle it out in tug o' war at the pep assembly.



The Liggett student section coordinated a "black out" for the annual homecoming football game.



Students perform in the drum circle at Friday's pep rally.

Photos courtesy of University Liggett



Seniors Olivia Johnson and Mark Saigh hold court as the Liggett mascots, Lady and the Knight, at the football game.



Front row, from left: Seniors Mallory Childs, Meg Gallagher and Bella Metry lead the dance team and ULS students in a parade around the track.

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## Haunted Garage Productions: It's a scream!

### Attraction raises funds for area schools

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

For more than 32 years, Glen Williams taught students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The youngsters were a big part of his life then and remained in his heart after he retired in 2005.

Combining his love for children with his lifelong passion for Halloween, Williams created Haunted Garage Productions, first as a series of charitable parties and tours, which later evolved into an award-winning haunted attraction that raises funds for PTOs in and around Grosse Pointe.

In fact, HGP has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for PTOs since its inception. Now in its 16th year, around 30 charities will benefit from this season's haunt, which opens Friday, Oct. 6, and runs weekends through Sunday, Oct. 29.

"This is why started — I wanted to have a family event," Williams said.

Williams has been collecting and building Halloween props more than 40 years. His ever-growing collection of "things that go bump in the night" are revealed to guests in various scenes, each connected by a corn maze and each following a different theme: aliens, spiders, witches, bats and other ghastly ghouls.

"This year we tried to freshen up every scene as best we could, but we really freshened up the haunted forest scene," he said.

For those interested in checking out the haunt, but who don't want to be frightened, HGP sells no-scare blinking lights, which alert actors to guests' sensitivities.

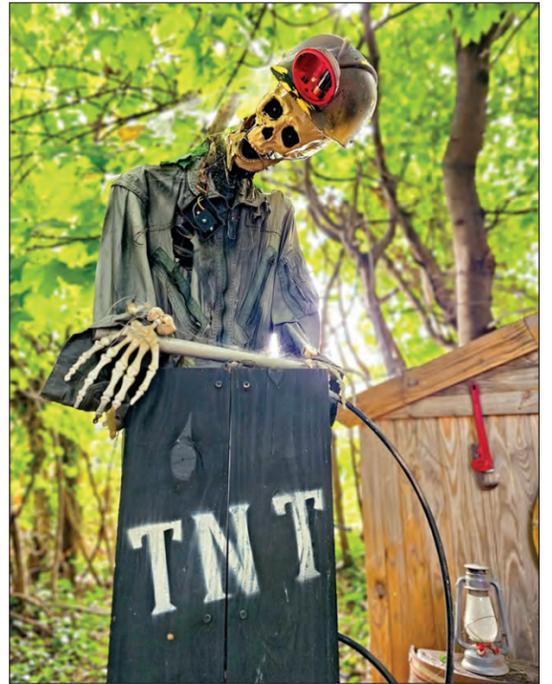
"The actors won't pursue you, they won't yell at you or follow you," Williams said.

The tour ends up indoors, where Williams shares his enormous Christmas collection,



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A few of the sights that will greet guests at this year's Haunted Garage.



which he said was a huge hit last year.

"I like to be here and thank everybody and thank them for their contribution to charity," he said.

Charity is what it's all about at HGP. While sponsorships and a small portion of ticket sales help Williams maintain and upgrade his props, most of the proceeds benefit schools or charities of the donors' choice. The last two years alone, HGP has donated around \$70,000.

"I've asked the PTOs to let me know where the money goes," Williams said. "Trombly, for example, before it closed, (Principal) Walt Fitzpatrick told me Haunted Garage was the sole supporter of its One School, One Book program. I know we help with assemblies, field trips, supplies teachers need. I would love more stories like that."

The timing is right, he added, noting the start of the school year often is a good time to receive a charitable donation.

"In early October, perhaps if it's a new PTO coming in, their bank account is dry," he said. "This will at least get some funds in there to get them started. At least we can be



an extension for them to continue through the year."

Tickets cost \$15 for general admission and \$22 for VIP, which brings guests to the front of the line. Tickets may be purchased three ways — through a school PTO, online at [hauntedgarageproductions.com](http://hauntedgarageproductions.com) or at the gate.

"We document what charity, so we make sure they get credit for it," Williams added.

Season ticket passes, which don't designate a specific night or beneficiary, can be used any weekend and benefit any charity.

"This is old school," he said. "It's a passion. The people involved, my friends and family, are second to none."

Thanks to a team of volunteers, HGP isn't something Williams has to go alone; however, this is one project that keeps them all busy from late July until opening day.

Ron Carloni and Mike Bilski are set designers, while Teresa Hellrung and Daris and Diane Silcox help build sets. Animation is maintained by Jim Weime.

Ticket sales are handled by Dawn Magnuson and concessions are helmed

by Liz Fildew. Steve Robinson is the liaison between HGP and the PTOs; Marco Maceri hosts the website; and Jamie Hackett provides social media support.

The HGP staff — from crossing guards and ticket takers to puppeteers and concessions workers — numbers around 50 people, including Williams' 95-year-old parents, who have rarely missed a season.

Concessions include freshly made doughnuts, hot and cold cider, hot chocolate and water. HGP T-shirts also are for sale.

"I'm attempting to really help charities and produce a show people really want to come back to," Williams said. "The effort is there. This is not a money grab. We just try to be sustainable so Haunted Garage comes back another year."

Visitors to HGP this year should be aware of the potential sewer work taking place along Mack, close to the attraction. At press time, Williams was unsure if the work — not yet completed — would cause an issue.

"We are a staging area

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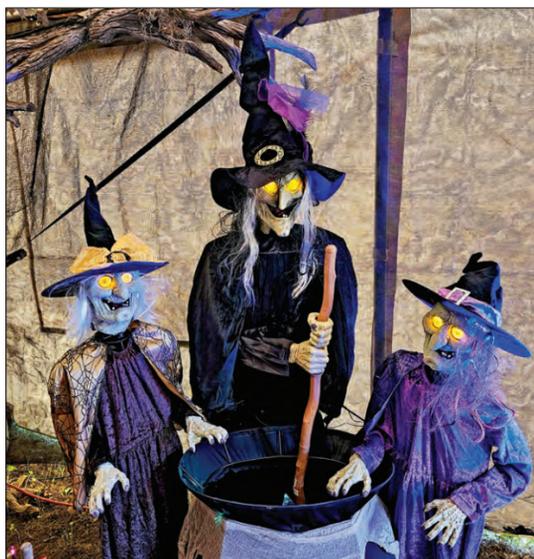
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for Colonial Court, so our front lawn will probably be holding most of the supplies for this project," he said. "We need volunteers from PTOs — adult volunteers — to come in. I can't imagine what it's going to look like with what is out there, so we'll need four or five adults each night to make sure it doesn't turn into a play-scape.

"... We will bounce any way we can to make it safe and easy for customers to make it to us," he added.

HGP is open 6 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 6 to 9 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 6 to 29.

For more information or tickets, visit [hauntedgarageproductions.com](http://hauntedgarageproductions.com).



Haunted Garage Productions is open weekends, though Oct. 29.

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# Call & Response 4 pairs artists, poets

## Exhibition dedicated in memory of two late artists

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Following an unplanned three-year hiatus — due to the pandemic, major flood damage and extensive restoration — Grosse Pointe Congregational Church's Call & Response exhibition is back in full force.

Call & Response 4: Poets and Artists in Dialogue, a collaborative effort, is open to the public now through Jan. 7, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"The idea came from a poetry workshop," said Lori Zurvalec, chairwoman of the church's arts ministry. "While I'm an artist, I also have written poetry, though never seriously. Mary Stebbins Taitt is a poet who has dabbled in art. ... We went (to the workshop) together."

The workshop featured ekphrastic poetry — poetry written about art.

"It's an ancient Greek tradition," Zurvalec said, citing John Keats' "Ode to a Grecian Urn." "Poets always get the short shrift; the reverse doesn't happen."

Zurvalec and Taitt decided if poetry can be written about art, artists should be able to take inspiration from poetry.

"I'm not saying we're original; you can find it today in metro Detroit," Zurvalec noted. "But it sparked something in me. In 2016, the arts ministry started. In 2017, we had this conversation. Since I run the arts ministry, I said, let's do it."

As past president of the Michigan Watercolor Society and current president of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, Zurvalec has access to a tremendous talent pool. She hand selects artists to participate each year, while Taitt curates the poets.

"Most people are more than happy to participate in something like this," Zurvalec said.

### Dedications

Call & Response 4: Poets and Artists in Dialogue is dedicated to the memory of two artists who were part of the program since its inception.

"What makes this year poignant beyond words is the loss of two key people: Tamm Lehw Whitty and John Olser," said Lori Zurvalec, chairwoman of the arts ministry at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. "When I started the arts ministry, someone told me in order to be taken seriously you've got to have paid staff. Tamm was the choir director and ... she became my paid staff. Tamm and I worked together on all the arts ministry projects from 2016 onward. She was in all three prior Call & Response shows. She died (in 2021). The loss is palpable for the whole congregation — she was the choir director — and for me personally.

"John Olser was an incredible artist," she continued. "He died this year. I was planning on him being in Call & Response 4. He always did these gorgeous oil portraits, usually of African American folks. He was a real booster of the arts ministry here. He was in three Call & Response shows.

"Having lost both of those people, we dedicated this year to their memory."

A commemorative book created for Call & Response 4 features photos taken by Zurvalec's son, David Stanley Hands, of Whitty and Olser with their Call & Response 3 artwork, along with poems written in their memory.



Call & Response 4 features artwork inspired by poems and poems inspired by works of art. The show is open to the public 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays and by appointment, through Jan. 7.

"It's a unique ministry."

In July, the selected poets and artists — 18 of each were chosen this year — met at the church, each of them armed with several selections of their work. The art was laid out, the poems distributed in packets and numbers were drawn.

"Poet No. 1 got to pick from all the artists," Zurvalec said. "Poet No. 2 got to pick from all but one of the artists," and so forth.

After the exchange, artists and poets took home their inspirations and had four weeks to create their responses.

Artwork in this year's show ranges from painting, collage and photography to ceramics, manga, encaustics and more. Corresponding poems relating to the works are posted on broadside paper, "to treat the poets as equally as important as the artists," Zurvalec said.

Some of the participants have been part of Call & Response since its inception, so there is some continuity, she noted, though there is plenty of new talent as well.

"And this year, there's a lot of diversity of age," she added, "ranging from early 30s to mid-90s."

In addition to the exhibition, a book was created featuring artists' responses to poems and poets' responses to works of art.

Artist and former Grosse Pointer Linda Allen, who has been involved in all four shows, helped Zurvalec lay out the artwork. Zurvalec also credited her husband, David Hands, for his ongoing help.

"We would not have an arts ministry without David Hands," she said. "He hangs, has framed work, levels everything. For three artists, he has fabricated stands or

ways to make the work hang properly."

An opening reception takes place 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, and features live music by the Matthew Daher Trio, light refreshments, wine, cheese and pizza.

A poetry reading and discussion forum takes place 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, and includes light refreshments.

Most of the artwork is for sale. Those interested should email arts@gpcong.org.

"This is all free of charge," Zurvalec said. "There's no cost to the artists. And if an artist sells a piece, the transaction is between the artist and the buyer. Of course, we'll accept freewill offerings."

The art gallery is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays, as well as by appointment. For more information or to schedule a visit, call (313) 884-3075.

### Participants

Linda Allen  
Patricia Barnes  
Patricia Tucker-Beard  
Elaine Elizabeth Belz  
Mady Chen  
John Diephouse  
Jan Filarski  
Kelly Fordon  
Laura Whitesides Host  
Christian Kroeyr  
Carol LaChiusa  
Robert Laidler  
Candace Law  
M.L. Liebler  
James Macmillen  
Michael Madigan  
Caroline Maun  
Theresa Moore  
K. Michelle Moran  
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Carol Cook Reid  
Lucinda Sabino  
Kimberly Kelly Santini  
Nancy Shattuck  
Joan Smykowski  
Dwight G. Stackhouse  
Ronald C. Strickler, M.D.  
Mary Stebbins Taitt  
Heidi Uhlman  
Hilda Vest  
Alinda Dickinson Wasner  
Lori Zurvalec



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

Lori Zurvalec, chairwoman of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church's arts ministry, stands by one of two pieces she entered to Call & Response 4, titled, "World on Fire," and inspired by the poem, "Storms," by K. Michelle Moran.

## Murder-mystery a fun whodunnit at GP Congregational Church

Amateur sleuths, clue collectors and theater lovers alike are invited to Grosse Pointe

Congregational Church to "An Evening of Intrigue," a murder-mystery dinner theater event

that takes place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14.

"The pastor gets mur-

dered and everybody in the congregation is a suspect," the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver said of the plot. "What's wonderful about this is it's not onstage. It's out and amongst the people."

A cast of 15 actors will share their personal

accounts throughout the evening, which starts promptly at 6 p.m. and begins immediately upon arrival.

"In the parking lot, as guests arrive, they'll be talking about their stories, about themselves," Yeager-Stiver said.

"They'll be in our fellowship hall and in the theater talking."

At the conclusion of the first act, patrons will have a chance to refuel with a meal catered by Ferlito's while comparing notes with other guests.

"The second act is about who did it," Yeager-Stiver said. "The audience asks questions and then they'll vote on who they think did it. We'll have prizes for those who guess correctly."

Tickets for "An Evening of Intrigue" cost \$45 and are available online at gpcong.org.

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church is located at 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 884-3075.

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# Fundraiser supports kitchen upgrades at Freedom House

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, The War Memorial, Baobab Fare and more than 70 honorary host committee members are partnering for an evening of food and fellowship while raising funds for a unique nonprofit.

A celebration for Freedom House Detroit takes place 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the Alger Center at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Freedom House is Michigan's only housing and full-service provider for people seeking humanitarian protection. Because of its comprehensive and integrated care model, on average, 85 percent of its clients exit with jobs and move into independent housing.

"There are not a lot of these places in the country," said Kristi Lincicome, who, with her husband, the Rev. Jeff Lincicome, as well as Dr. Keith and Debbie Belovich, are co-chairing the fundraiser. "The fact we have this here in Detroit is pretty incredible. ... It's rare to have such a special place that's doing such incredible work."

The Lincicomes first learned of Freedom House during a visit to Detroit's Baobab Fare, owned by Grosse Pointe Park residents Nadia Nijimbere and Hamissi Mamba. The Lincicomes were new to town and a parishioner took them downtown to enjoy some of her favorite food. They were so impressed, a follow-up "food field trip" with 30 or 40 more parishioners soon followed.

During the visits,

Nijimbere shared pieces of her and her husband's story: She fled Burundi in 2015, after facing persecution as a human rights activist. She landed in Detroit, finding refuge and support at Freedom House, which serves as a home and family for those in need of safety, healing and a path to empowerment in their new community.

Mamba joined Nijimbere two years later. They dreamed of sharing the food and culture of their home country with the people of Detroit and in April 2021, opened Baobab Fare to near immediate success.

Accolades poured in quickly and in November 2021, the food website, Eater, listed Baobab Fare as one of the 11 best new restaurants in the country. They also received a James Beard Foundation semifinalist nomination for best chef in the Great

Lakes region.

Finding their journey intriguing, the Lincicomes arranged an outing to Freedom House to learn more about the organization that helped get the couple on their feet. After a visit — and an assessment of needs — they decided they'd like to support the nonprofit. Memorial Church, where the Rev. Jeff Lincicome preaches, was quick to offer support as well.

"Visiting Freedom House, it's a simple building, not fancy, but what they do there for asylum seekers is incredible," Kristi Lincicome said. "They provide trauma care, health care, legal help. The work they're doing is helping people transition into life here. ... It's all the pieces you would take for granted."

"... Maybe this becomes a beacon, a way to show other communities and

other states how to do that," she added. "People should come here and feel warmly welcomed. They're fleeing terrible things. To be a receiver is really special."

Nijimbere and Mamba found a second home at Freedom House and its kitchen table, where all are welcomed. However, the current state of the kitchen is substandard. The Oct. 11 fundraiser will help "build a bigger table" for Freedom House as all proceeds will be used toward a new kitchen to better serve the more than 100 visitors who seek refuge there annually.

The Freedom House Detroit Kitchen Fund was kickstarted in March 2023, after Mamba won an episode of "Chopped," an Emmy Award-winning cooking show on Food Network. He donated his \$10,000 winnings to the fund.

"Six months ago, Nadia contacted us and said they were doing a fundraiser for a new kitchen at Freedom House," Jeff Lincicome said. "It made sense for them to do, in their line of work."

"... This is one of those things we can all do together," he added. "We're partly there to eat; it will be catered by Baobab Fare. There will be a chance to hear stories from Nadia and Mamba about their time at Freedom House, a chance to hear from the staff at Freedom House and a chance to be generous and give toward this project. We're thankful to The War Memorial, who are wonderful hosts to be able to house this."

A limited number of tickets, which cost \$125 per person, is still available. Tickets may be purchased online at

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## Great Lakes water the subject of 2-part series by Men's Club of Grosse Pointe

"Water, water everywhere ... and nary a drop to drink."

This verse from the landmark poem "Rime of the Ancient Mariner," Samuel Taylor Coleridge's 19th century epic, is an apt introduction to the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe's two-part special program Tuesdays, Oct. 10 and 24, on the Great Lakes' unique and vital role serving the region's health,



John McGrail

water, sanitation, commercial and recreational needs — the triumphs and challenges in harnessing, renewing and sustaining this defining asset and the region it serves.

Beginning with a Great Lakes regional perspective and drilling down to the Detroit-Grosse Pointe environs of this basin that is home to 20 percent of the world's fresh water, the two-part series will explore the Great Lakes impact on the Grosse Pointes and take a look at the future.

All with an interest in the lakes are invited to attend two luncheon sessions at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Oct. 10 meeting begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. Registration is \$20 per person. Reservations may be made by calling Jerry Teagan at (313) 303-5559 or emailing gpmcattendance@gmail.com.

The Oct. 10 session will deal with the historical development of the Great Lakes and the Detroit region. It will be presented by club member John McGrail, who was long involved in the development and growth of the system until his retirement in 2011, as head civil engineer of the wastewater construction group of the regional utility formerly known as the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. He held that title from

1989 until 2011, and was responsible as owner's representative for the construction of more than 100 construction contracts worth more than \$1 billion. These contracts spanned all locations of the department. Though predominantly at the wastewater treatment plant, his group worked in all the system's water treatment plants, pump stations and combined sewer overflow facilities.

Prior to arriving at the wastewater treatment plant, McGrail was on the staff of the assistant administrator for operations during the plant's efforts to recover from its failure to comply with both air and water discharge permits.

Born in Waterbury, Conn., McGrail graduated from the University of Maine with a major in civil engineering and a sanitary engineering option.

Before joining the utility in 1979, McGrail worked for the Maine Public Utilities Commission providing analysis of numerous problems facing the state's small rural water utilities. He is married with three children.

The Oct. 24 session will be presented by William Wolfson, chief administrative and compliance officer of the Great Lakes Water Authority, and will deal with developments since 2014.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of programs and classes. Register for the following at warmemorial.org.

◆ Fused Glass Charcuterie Boards, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5. Cost is \$98.

◆ Cookie Rookies—Fall, for ages 8 to 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. Cost is \$65.

◆ Cookie Rookies—Fall, for ages 16 and older, 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. Cost is \$65.

◆ Beginner Line Dancing, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 11 to Nov. 15. Cost is \$65.

◆ The Wine Counselor: Wine 101—How to Taste Wine Like a Sommelier, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12. Cost is \$65.

◆ Certified Babysitter Training, for ages 9 and older, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Cost is \$75.

### GPAA

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

◆ "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.

◆ "Acrylics with Valerie Allen," 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

◆ "Watercolor of Yupo Paper with Nancy Philo," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 11.

◆ The deadline for the next GPAA exhibition, "Table Talk," is Oct. 30. The juror is Alex Trajano of the Moth Story Hour on WDET. For details, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

### Library

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

◆ "Gales of November: The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald," 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Authors to the Pointe, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Hustle for Health Dance Class, noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Beginner CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ "Never Whistle at Night" book reading with Mathilda Zeller, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Girls Reading, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Story Time, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Tuesday Night Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Story Time, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Creativity Circle: Spooky Glass Lanterns, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Appy Hour—Expand, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Story Time, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Coding @ Ewald—Disney Infinity, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 3D Thursday, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Eek! Who Dunit? Murder Mystery, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Miniature Painting for Beginners, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Alison Infante Zamora speaks. He currently serves as moderator of the synod of the IPRC, the Cuban Presbyterian Church. Cost of the breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required. First-time guests eat free.

### Tau Beta

The Tau Beta Fall Market public shopping days take place 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms. A preview party takes place 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5. A variety of vendors will be on hand; funds benefit the Children's Center of Detroit and other charitable project. Visit tau-beta.org for details.

### Ford House

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

◆ Autumn Landscape Tours are offered through Oct. 31.

◆ Storytime: "Walter's Wonderful Web," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through Oct. 31.

◆ Game Night: Trivia Night, 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

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## 4B | OBITUARIES

# 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.

## Pauline Caras

Pauline Caras, 98, passed away peacefully Monday, Oct. 2, 2023.

She was born Sept. 2, 1925, in Detroit, to Tom and Anastasia Collins. The family name was shortened from Kollinatis by immigration officials when Tom arrived from Greece.

Pauline was the beloved wife of the late George Caras; and the loving mother of Cynthia Doherty (William) and Marianne Schrode (Robert). Her "precious jewels" were her grandchildren, Benjamin Schrode (Sarah), Alexandra Decker (John), Tommy Doherty (Lizzie) and Zachary Schrode. Pauline never stopped thanking God that, in living to the age of 98, she was able to be the adoring "GiGi" to her six great-grandchildren, Gibson, Ira, Kennedy, Clark, Jude and Avery. She also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Pauline was predeceased by her parents; brother, Nicholas Kollinatis (Vera); and sister, Katherine Kepreos (Nicholas).

As a woman whose life spanned nearly a century, Pauline will be remembered for her beauty, sense of style, quick wit, strong character and love for her family and friends. As a young girl during the Great Depression, she became her family's spokesperson for requesting government services, since her parents spoke little English. This served her family well and also helped create her fiery, assertive spirit. A pioneer among her female peers, she went beyond the role of homemaker, which was the social norm in the '50s, and entered the workplace to help her husband create a wonderful life for their family, which included education, culture and travel.

Pauline worked at General Motors for more than 20 years and rose within the corporation to become a tool control analyst. She took pride in saying that her office position was atypical for a woman, as it was a "man's classification." Her pride grew each time her daughters and grandchildren credited her with being their role model of a strong work ethic, educational and professional aspirations and creating a template for a beautiful home and family life.

Pauline had a mid-life blossoming of an untapped creative artistic talent. She became a prolific artist, studied under university-trained professionals and participated in painting groups to help enhance her creativity and growth. This followed decades of creativity in the areas of gourmet cooking, gardening, dressmaking, crocheting and being a "happy hooker" of rugs. Until the day she died, she stayed relevant, interesting and curious, keeping up with current events and politics and always having a best-selling novel on hand. As her contemporaries passed away, the younger generations con-

tinued to gravitate to Pauline's magnetic personality. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, until the time of her funeral service at 10:30 a.m. at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Pauline's honor, go [assumption.org/stewardship](http://assumption.org/stewardship). Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Raymond (Orazio) Joseph Rallo

Raymond (Orazio) Joseph Rallo, 96, passed away peacefully Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. His legendary sense of humor, caring soul and uncanny ability to speak directly to the hearts of those around him never ceased to illuminate every room he entered.

He leaves behind his wife, Rosemary; daughter, Rosemary Baize; grandchildren, Brent and Rachel; brother, Antonino (Linda); and an extended list of close family, including cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, all of whom will miss him dearly. He is reunited in death with his parents, Giuseppe and Mary (nee Buttice) Rallo; daughters, Rebecca and Zandra; and sister, Josephine.

Rosemary, his devoted wife of 68 years, was the light of Ray's life; they were inseparable. The love shared between Ray and his dear Rosemary was of the purest, most joyous form and a blessing to witness.

In his illustrious career, which was as diverse as it was impactful, he was human resources manager at General Motors, vice president at Hunt Steel and, his favorite, director of HR at North Central Technical College. His most stunning accomplishments included using his quick wit to out-negotiate mobsters to end a UAW strike, crafting a landmark deal to bring new jobs to Youngstown, Ohio, and successfully representing his college against a fabricated lawsuit despite being untrained in law. His proudest accomplishment, however, was securing more than \$250,000 from GM to North Central Technical College, funding a training center that arms young people with valuable skills to this day.

Despite his accolades, Ray considered his most important titles to be husband, father, brother, grandfather, cousin, uncle and great-uncle. Ray would say, "La famiglia è tutto," or "Family is everything." Especially with family, Ray enjoyed the little things in life: an evening drive, frozen yogurt, spaghetti Bolognese, a morning newspaper, watching "The Godfather," couch cushions, playing cards and hugging the grandkids.

Ray also enjoyed a deep

relationship with God. He said the rosary daily, deeply examined scripture and attended church nearly every Sunday. While his family will miss him every day, he was well-prepared to be called home to eternal life in heaven.

Friends may visit with the family at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, until 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22415 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. A graveside ceremony will immediately follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 17100 Van Dyke, Detroit.

Memorial donations in Ray's name may be made to the Solanus Casey Center, [solanuscasy.org/help-us-serve/memorial-gifts](http://solanuscasy.org/help-us-serve/memorial-gifts).

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Zita Frances Wright

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident Zita Frances Wright (nee Herron), 85, passed away peacefully Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, surrounded by loved ones.

She was born Sept. 20, 1938, to Oliver Donald and Marie Breen Herron. She attended St. Clare School and graduated from St. Paul High School in 1956. After attending Barry University in Florida, she returned home to Grosse Pointe to marry her high school beau and love of her life, Robert Wright Jr. Having married at St. Paul on a snowy January day in 1960, they celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary this past year.

Zita was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Barbara Milock; brother, Thomas Herron; and her loving in-laws, Robert and Dodie Wright Sr. Zita's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her adoring husband, Robert; four children, Donna Duquette (Joseph), Robert Wright III (Regan), Mike Wright (Alison) and Stacey Bell (Michael); nine grandchildren, Kelly, Joey (Hannah), Austin, Griffin, Andrew, Maggie, Harry, Abby and Sophie; sister, Gail Berry; and brother, Donald Herron.

Zita embraced her commitment to being a supportive wife, devoted mother and friend to many. Never slowing down or saying no at any chance to engage with family and friends, Zita took on life with a zeal and zest that was unmatched. She was a ball of energy and always up for a laugh and a chance to partake. Socially, Zita pursued weekly golf dates at Gowanie Golf Club, Lochmoor Country Club and the Lost City Country Club (Atlantis) in Florida, where she and Bob maintained membership for more than 50 years. This is where they spent their winter months and was Zita's happiest place, evident by her perpetual tan, pink and green attire and plethora of Jack Roger sandals. She will be dearly missed, but the memories of her infectious smile will live long.

A memorial Mass to celebrate Zita's life will be



Pauline Caras



Raymond Joseph Rallo



Zita Frances Wright



Mary K. Brieden



Ronald F. Huizenga



Diane Delling-Piché-Marcelain

held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A celebration of life will follow at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America, [bit.ly/3Q2xzBX](http://bit.ly/3Q2xzBX).

Share memories with the family in the online guestbook at [dignitymemorial.com](http://dignitymemorial.com).

## Mary K. Brieden

Mary Kane Brieden, 91, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away in comfort and surrounded by family Monday, Sept. 25, 2023.

Mary was born July 23, 1932, to Viola (nee Sidell) and Thomas Kane in Fowlerville, where she was raised to be a strong woman, full of energy for life.

She married Bryan J. Brieden on July 4, 1953, just as she was finishing nursing school at Henry Ford Hospital. Always caring for others, Mary worked as a nurse for 48 years, finally retiring at age 70. Never still for very long, she taught aerobic dancing, was an avid sailor and an elegant golfer and loved to play the piano.

She was a devout Catholic and parishioner at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church during her last 48 years. She was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Bayview Yacht Club, where she was awarded "Race Committee Person of the Year" for her more than 40 years of race committee work in supporting the Bayview Mackinac Race. Even as she rose in age, she did not slow down, tackling skydiving and learning to speak French after her 86th birthday.

Along the way, she was able to weave in raising eight active children, whom she loved dearly and who were the anchor of her life. "Mimi's House" was the center of life for her large family, who gathered in celebration with her at every chance.

Mary was predeceased by her adoring husband of 50 years, Bryan J. Brieden; and her daughter, Sara Brieden. She is survived by her loving husband of 18 years, J. Robert "Bob" Hynes; as well as seven children, Laurie Schmidt (Henry), Betsy Hartley (Ron), Amy Andrews, Sue Jasin (Mark), Bryan Brieden, Hans Brieden and Geoff Brieden (Brenda). Mary

also was blessed with 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass in her honor will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at St. Paul on the Lake, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by a celebration of her life at Bayview Yacht Club.

## Ronald Fredrick Huizenga

Ronald Fredrick Huizenga, 99, of Spring Lake, passed away Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

He was born Nov. 18, 1923, in Grand Rapids, to Fredrick and Gertrude (nee Fylstra) Huizenga. In 1929, Ron and his family moved to Portland, Mich. Ron graduated from Portland High School at age 16, then returned to Grand Rapids to attend Davenport Institute (formerly the University of Grand Rapids). His career began quickly after graduation when he was hired to work for the Pere Marquette Railroad as an executive assistant to the general manager.

In early 1943, Ron was drafted into the U.S. Air Force, where he rose to the rank of staff sergeant by the time he was discharged in 1946. From 1946 to 1950, Ron held several executive positions at two companies. His next adventure, in 1950, took him to the University of Paris (Sorbonne), where Ron spent a year studying before returning to Wayne State University in Detroit to complete his education, earning a degree in business administration. Ron had a thriving career, working at notable companies such as Ford Motor Co., and Bendix Corp. He went on to head a capital fund drive for Lawrence Institute of Technology. His final position before retirement was serving as vice president of corporate affairs for Burroughs Corp., now Unisys.

Ron is survived by his beloved spouse and partner of 56 years, Bob Russette; his sister, Carole Teman; brother, Carl Huizenga; seven nieces and nephews; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Fred and Gertrude Huizenga; brothers, Louis and Fred, and their wives; and brother-in-law, James Teman.

A memorial service for Ron will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Jefferson Avenue

Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. A private graveside service at Great Lakes National Cemetery will be held prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions in Ron's honor be made to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, [onrealm.org/japc/-/form/give/now](http://onrealm.org/japc/-/form/give/now).

To sign Ron's online guestbook, visit [klaassenfuneralhome.com](http://klaassenfuneralhome.com).

## Diane Delling-Piché-Marcelain

Diane "Lady Di" Delling-Piché-Marcelain, 83, passed away peacefully Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, after a brief illness. She was surrounded by her family and friends.

Diane grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from St. Paul High School in 1958. She was a homemaker extraordinaire, raising her four children in Grosse Pointe Woods. Diane is survived by her children, Bob "Bonnie" Piché, Robin Piché, Chris Piché and Tim Piché (Charlotte); step-children, Lynette DeMeester, Scott (Carolyn Marcelain), Michele Mocerri (Tony) and Michael Marcelain (Sandy); and four grandchildren, Elleise Egbers (Ethan), Paige Piché, Owen Piché and Brett Piché. Diane also is survived by her sister, Mary Ann Delling-McVey; and special niece, Sarah Perez (Ricardo). She was predeceased by her husband, Robert G. Piché, in 2010; and husband, Peter J. Marcelain, in 2019.

In recent years, Diane made her home in Plymouth, while spending the winters in Daytona Beach Shores, Fla., and summers "up North" in Bellaire.

Diane's passions were her family, friends and two cats, Bill and Phil. Diane loved being in the sun and on or near the water. She had a real zest for life and was known for having a good time, "ALWAYS!" Her smile, infectious laugh and insatiable appetite for life will be missed by many.

A 9:30 a.m. gathering and 10 a.m. Mass is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 9, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025, [bit.ly/45iXRUG](http://bit.ly/45iXRUG).

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**Douglas Fergusson Roby III**

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident Douglas Fergusson Roby III, 59, passed away peacefully Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Doug was born Dec. 23, 1963, at DMC Harper University Hospital, to Mary McKean Roby and Douglas Fergusson Roby Jr. He attended Grosse Pointe South High School and graduated from Albion College where he held a leadership position for the Sigma Chi fraternity, leading to the birth of "The Purple Galaxy," which continues to stay fresh to this day. It was at Albion where Doug earned the title "Awesome Fergie." During summers in high school and college, Doug attended Keewaydin Camp in Temagami, Ontario, Canada, first as a camper and then as a counselor. Doug led multiple expeditions, guiding young campers and helping them develop self-reliance. His experiences at Keewaydin inspired Doug to pursue his passion for helping others.

This led him to earn a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan. Upon graduation, his first position was at Vista Maria, a residential mental health facility for girls. His next position, which he found in a newspaper ad, was at Children's Home of Detroit, a residential facility for children and also where he met his wife of 30 years, Lynne Shier. He took Lynne to Keewaydin and proposed to her on a mountaintop, so her deceased mother had a view of them from heaven.

Doug then was a school social worker for the Grosse Pointe Public School System and worked at Grosse Pointe South High School the majority of his 30 year career, exhibiting his unwavering service and commitment to education. His passion for the well-being of students was evident daily. As stated by GPPSS, "Doug's dedication, work ethic and genuine care for the individuals he served set him apart and left an enduring legacy in our community." At Grosse Pointe South, Doug's door was always open. He smiled, laughed



Douglas F. Roby III

and connected instantaneously with kids and adults. He was the real deal and students knew they were safe and trusted him.

Doug was a gentle soul with a strong life force that made an impact on all who knew him. His love of sports was evident throughout his life, as a player of baseball, hockey and golf, as a skier and as a coach for the Grosse Pointe South boy's varsity golf team, a game he loved. He was a passionate University of Michigan football supporter and loved to attend games with his daughter, Jenna. He was a committed and devoted sports dad to his son, Ferg, guiding, driving and attending all his events throughout his sports career. Doug also had a love of music. He danced his way through life, attending 87 Grateful Dead concerts. Whether he was trekking to concerts, spinning records or dancing at home, music was a source of joy for Doug and those he danced with throughout his days.

Doug is survived by his beloved wife, Lynne Marie Roby; children, Jenna Esther Roby and Douglas Fergusson "Ferg" Roby IV; mother, Mary McKean Roby; sister, Patsy Roby Gotfredson (Edward); brother, Charles Clippert Roby; and many nieces, nephews and brothers-in-law. He was predeceased by his father.

A funeral service to celebrate Doug's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2326 Woodward, Detroit. Visitation will be offered 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, and Friday, Oct. 13, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

In spring 2024, Doug will be buried in the cemetery at Pointe Aux Barques, where he enjoyed summers with family and friends his entire life. He held the position of Golf Chairman, running two



Honor E. Wallace

golf tournaments each summer. His heartfelt speeches at the awards ceremony will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Grosse Pointe Public School System-GPPSS, GPPSS Administration Building, Attn: Business Department, 20601 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. A fund in Doug Roby's honor currently is being established to help students in need.

Share memories with the family in the online guestbook at verheyden.org.

**Honor Elizabeth Wallace**

Honor Elizabeth Wallace, 19, of Grosse Pointe, passed away Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023. She was born April 15, 2004, in Fayetteville, Ark.

Honor graduated from University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods and was a sophomore at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, where she also was planning to attend law school. Honor had a passion for learning, especially languages. She was taking advanced courses in both French and Spanish and looking forward to a semester abroad next year to further refine her skills.

She was blessed to have many loving and loyal friends and had an unsurpassed love for her Lord.

Honor is survived by her loving parents, Caroline and David; and her sister and best friend, Harper Louise.

A service to celebrate Honor's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit. All who knew or were touched by Honor are welcome.

The Wallace family wishes to create a lasting legacy for Honor and enable others at University Liggett School to further pursue their



George John Olman

love of languages. A scholarship has been established and contributions may be made online at [uls.org/honorwallace/](http://uls.org/honorwallace/) or by sending a contribution to University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, noting "Honor Wallace '22 Memorial Fund."

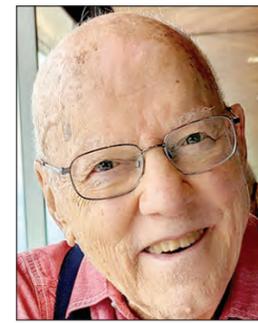
**George John Olman**

George John Olman, 84, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, after a 10-year struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

George is survived by his dedicated and loving wife, Gloria (nee Grove), whom he excitedly married Feb. 29, 1964. George also is survived by their children, Brian Olman (Renea), Lynne Lourim (Bernard) and Michael Olman (Peter Hayashida); grandchildren, Jacob Lourim (Emma), Harrison Lourim (Jessica), Emily Lourim and Joshua Olman (Claudia); and three great-grandchildren. Other treasured relatives include his sister-in-law, Jane (nee Grove) Martin; brother-in-law, John Barr; nieces and nephews, Todd Petrocella (Kelly), Dawn Peters (Brian), Greg Schaub (Linda) and Jerry Liquia; along with many great-nieces and great-nephews. George was predeceased by his parents, Earl and Ellen Olman; sister, Georgia Schaub Barr; and niece, Angela Schaub Liquia.

Visitation takes place noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Wujek-Calcaterra Funeral Home, 36900 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to offer expressions of sympathy are encouraged to make a memorial contribution to the George J. Olman Scholarship Fund, Northwestern Michigan College, 1701 E. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49686.



David Douglas Howell

Share memories with the family in the online guestbook at [wujekcalcaterra.com](http://wujekcalcaterra.com).

**David Douglas Howell**

David Douglas Howell, 94, of Sarasota, Fla., and Grosse Pointe, died peacefully at home Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023.

Mr. Howell was born Dec. 15, 1928, in Rochester, N.Y., to George and Susan Howell. He attended public school in Rochester and graduated from Monroe High School in 1947. Dave was captain of his high school swimming team and sophomore class president. He then attended Hobart College in Lake Geneva, N.Y., and graduated in 1951, with a degree in economics. After college, Mr. Howell spent two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. He married Esther, his college girlfriend, in August 1953.

Dave worked in the Rochester area in sales for the Xerox Corp. He also worked for Dictaphone, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Huether Brothers Saw Co. In 1958, Mr. Howell and his family moved to the greater Detroit area and, in 1959, Mr. Howell moved with his family to Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mr. Howell attended Wayne State University and obtained a degree in accounting. He worked for Rutten Welling accounting and then for Wayne State University.

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warmemorial.org.

"Mamba and Nadia live here in the community," Jeff Lincicome said. "This is a way to help people who are doing good in the city and who are part of our community, too."

"We're using the tag-

line, 'Building a bigger table,'" he added. "... We're excited about the project, but we're really excited about the community doing something together. The War Memorial, the church, community members, Mamba and Nadia — it's a 'bigger table' sort of effort and we could probably use that."

He then joined a public accounting practice, which was later known as Scott Schroeder Howell, where he spent most of his professional career. Dave enjoyed playing guitar and harmonica. He won medals in events in national Master Swim meets while in his 50s. He was an award-winning nature photographer. An avid seeker of knowledge in many spheres, he attended several Elderhostel adventures. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club and Grosse Pointe Men's Club. Dave also was a longtime congregant of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Dave was a founding director of the Board of Visitors of the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology, a position he held for more than 10 years.

Mr. Howell noted that a seminal event in his life was a visit to New York City to see his cousin, Max Don Howell, who formerly was vice president and treasurer of U.S. Steel. Max Don gave him important advice that positively informed the rest of his life.

Dave was known for his good humor, easy smile and quick wit. Intimates were regaled by his flawless recitation of Stanley Holloway's "The Lion and Albert."

Mr. Howell is survived by his two sons, David Jr. and Peter; grandchildren, Miles, Julian, Spencer and August; and his beloved companion, Kathryn Lenz.

A memorial service for Mr. Howell takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. David will be interred at the columbarium at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University, 87 E. Ferry St., Pauline Knapp Building, Detroit MI 48202.

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Konopka's diorama depicts a warm summer day in August 1959, at a busy Standard Oil service station in Grosse Pointe Park. The station "owner" can be seen admiring his recently purchased 1959 Chevrolet Impala while an attendant cleans off some road smudge.

# FILL 'ER UP!

## Diorama depicts days gone by

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

It was the architecture that first caught Ronald Konopka's eye. While sipping coffee at The Sprout House, gazing across the street at what had been a Standard Oil gas station, he was struck by its octagonal tower, Spanish-style roof and fire-glazed bricks. "That building was up for sale for so many years," Konopka said. "So many businesses (there) had failed, I thought one day I'd be looking at a parking lot. It really is a jewel of a building. I thought Grosse Pointe Park would be proud if it was restored, which it was."



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The former Standard Oil is the current site of Red Crown restaurant and Konopka took it upon himself to recreate that piece of the past by building a diorama of the site in its early days. "What's unique about the history of the building, which was built in the 1920s and '30s, is it's one of two in the U.S. with an octagonal tower," he explained, noting each Standard Oil building was constructed to individual owners' specifications. So moved by the building's beauty, the former Grosse Pointe Woods resident decided to use his work experience — he spent his career as a design sculptor at General Motors, as well as American Motors and Chrysler — to recreate it. "The way you'd work was, designers would come up with and present a photo or rendering or sketch and together, you create a three-dimensional design," he said. "You go from one-dimensional to



Ron Konopka stands proudly by the diorama he modeled after a Standard Oil gas station, circa 1959. Standard Oil 1



Above left, Ron Konopka snapped this photo of the former Standard Oil station as it lay vacant in 2011.

Above, mechanics tend to the the automobiles brought in for service.

Below left, "customers" can be seen waiting to have their vehicles serviced in the vintage waiting area.



three-dimensional. One day, after I retired in 2002, I thought, I can take and use the talents I learned and do the same thing — take a photo and create a 3-D model." The 36-inch-long Standard Oil diorama was built in 1/25 scale and based on a photograph Konopka took in 2011. He pieced it together using balsa wood, plastic, paper and aluminum. Details include furniture, fixtures, equipment, tools, cars, customers and employees.

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At the gas pumps, a 1929 Mercedes is being refueled by service attendants.

### What you'll find

Konopka's diorama depicts a warm summer day in August 1959, at a busy Standard Oil service station in Grosse Pointe Park.

The station owner can be seen admiring his recently purchased 1959 Chevrolet Impala while an attendant cleans off some road smudge. At the gas pumps are a 1929 Mercedes and a 1949 Ford, which are being refueled by service attendants. During this time period, service attendants would perform routine services such as refuel the car, check the oil level and radiator water, check tire pressure and clean the windshield. Credit cards were nonexistent; everyone paid in cash.

There are two 1949 Ford cars in the display, a convertible and a coupe, and although both cars were only 10 years old in 1959, considerable body damage can be seen largely due to the use of salt during winter months. Salt trucks would spread salt on city streets after a snowfall. The salt worked to quickly melt the snow, but it also had the disastrous side effect of destroying truck and car bodies.

The 1929 Mercedes being refueled and the 1939 Plymouth pick-up truck being serviced in the open garage area, plus the 1939 Chevrolet parked next to it, also show considerable surface rust.

Meanwhile, in the office area, customers can be seen waiting to have their vehicles serviced and both restrooms are occupied. The garage area shows mechanics busy at work attending to various duties pertaining to repair work.

All the vehicles in this handcrafted display, with the exception of the new 1959 Chevrolet Impala, were commonplace vehicles considered to be nothing more than old used cars. Today, the same vehicles would be considered potential collectible classics.



## Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

# Letting my hair down

Is any woman ever satisfied with her hair? I think not.

It's either too curly or too straight, too limp or too bushy, too thin or too thick, too short or too long. The wrong color. The wrong degree or location of curliness or straightness. We women are on a never-ending mission to correct the perceived shortcomings of our own personal God-given heads of hair.

And everything we do to fix it is painful, expensive and time-consuming.

The scary part is we're willing to try dozens of new painful, expensive and time-consuming tortures. And we keep trying, over and over and over, all our lives. I have.

I've done everything possible to my hair except straighten it or shave it off. If I could recapture the time spent futzing with my hair I'd have another six or seven years of free time and maybe, by now, I'd have written the Great American Novel or invented a program that thwarts robocalls permanently and punishes the robocallers appropriately.

When I was a child, my mother braided my long blondish-brownish hair into two fat braids and secured the ends with rubber bands. The hair nearly always got tangled in the rubber bands and required painful removal techniques, sometimes involving scissors. For dressier occasions, my hair was unleashed and allowed to fall to my shoulders. It was kept out of my eyes

and out of the soup with two or three large barrettes. My younger hair was so thick and straight and heavy, my mother occasionally chopped through chunks of it with thinning shears.

When I got to middle school and began to care passionately about my appearance, my girlfriends and I "set" our hair every night in pin curls. We separated small strands of hair, dipped our fingers in a bowl of water, wet the strands, wound each strand into a circle around a finger and secured the circle with crisscrossed bobby pins. To keep the pin curls from unwinding while we slept, we wrapped scarves around our heads. The whole operation made sleeping mildly uncomfortable.

I got used to it.

The result was bouncy curls that lasted for hours, sometimes even until bedtime the next night when the whole procedure had to be repeated. If it was a humid day, or if it was a hot, sweaty summer day, or if I got caught in the rain, the curls lasted less than an hour.

I discovered permanents. A permanent is a two-step chemical treatment that put curls where you wanted them, but they were supposed to last longer and — maybe — avoid the nightly pin curl routine. Perms involved dozens of small "spin" curlers, end papers, some smelly concoctions, a neutralizer and a lingering "perm odor" that hung in the air around your head for two

or three days afterward. Permanents sometimes resulted in frizziness. To temper the frizz, we still slept with pin curls. If we had a permanent, however, our hairdos lasted longer — sometimes for a whole day — even if it was hot and humid.

I got used to it.

In college, I had a pageboy — a longer hairstyle with the ends curved under. I had to wet six or seven sections of my longer hair and place the dampened ends between two heavy metal curlers. The curling contraption clamped together and when the hair dried, it curved under. I was able to sleep with those awful instruments of torture because they were positioned farther down the length of my hair — almost to the shoulder — so I could tuck them into the curve of my neck while I slept. They hurt only a little.

I got used to it.

For some of those college years I took my turn sleeping in the cold dorm. The room contained 10 bunk beds. No heat. The windows were open, even in below zero weather. If you slept near a window, your blankets often had a dusting of snow on them in the morning. Sometimes my pageboy metal-curler contraptions froze.

Along came brush rollers. I never could sleep on those instruments of torture, so I got up early, showered, sprayed my hair with hairspray, rolled the sticky hair around brushes, poked the rollers with a plastic pin, then ate breakfast, got



dressed, unrolled my hair and went to class.

We had a professional hair-dryer in my sorority house — the kind you see in hair salons. Dropping a quarter in the slot allowed you to sit under a hot, noisy, oversized helmet for a half hour. My hair was so thick, I needed two or three quarters to get ready for an important date. The hair dryer was so popular, we had a sign-up sheet and had to reserve our time in advance.

Just before my first child was born, I got streaked. Talk about painful! My hairdresser forced a tight rubber cap on my head. The cap was perforated with dozens of small holes. She pulled small strands of hair through the holes with

a crochet hook. Then she applied a bleaching compound just to those strands. I'd have to sit for 15 minutes with a plastic bag covering my head before she washed the bleach off and applied a toner. Removing that rubber cap was extremely painful.

I got used to it.

Along came hot rollers and curling irons and blow dryers. But — because I am a woman — I was still not satisfied with my hair. It always required some sort of manipulation.

My hair is not so thick anymore. It's gray. I don't color it, streak it, perm it, tease it or curl it. I wash it every morning while I'm in the shower and blow it dry. Or not.

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## Grosse Pointe South High School



Grosse Pointe South High School ("The High") is possibly the most beautiful building in Grosse Pointe, making its proud appearance in 1928. The halls of South are filled with years of history and inside each locker there are hundreds of memories.

As early as 1909, the residents of Grosse Pointe Township realized the need for a high school. After developing a high school curriculum for future students, the property, a 23-acre swamp land, was finally purchased from Helen Newberry and the McMillan family. In 1928, several years after the first plan for the high school, the Georgian Colonial-style building was completed by architect George J. Haas, who also designed the Macomb County Building.

Since then, the high school has exploded with memories, making the many years to finalized plans worth every minute. Memorable events have occurred at The High such as; the 1954 high school football state championship, the April 1955 visit from Hollywood stars Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher (mother and father of Carrie Fisher, lead actress in "Star Wars") and the Pistons' (formerly known as the Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons) first NBA playoff game in 1960 on the school's gymnasium floor. On March 14, 1968, three weeks before his assassination, The High hosted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who presented his speech *The Other America* to 3,000 people.

Several changes have been made since the first graduating class of 48 students. In 2008, 1,659 students attended South. The history of The High is in the ideas and dreams of the students. One can hear the echoes of past students blending with the voices of the new students so eager to begin their new life at Grosse Pointe South.



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The Helm Meals on Wheels Coordinator Melissa Cotton, left, and social work intern Gray Jessiman sort hot meals for delivery to clients.



The Helm Meals on Wheels Coordinator Melissa Cotton, left, and social work intern Gray Jessiman sort hot meals for delivery to clients.

## The Helm serving Meals on Wheels since 1978

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Mary Eileen Wehrmann has always had helping hands.

It's why she volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels while living in St. Louis and why, after moving to Grosse Pointe, she began the practice again.

"I've always liked to help people my entire life," she said. "Being in the older generation, I know it's really important to come to the door with a friendly smile and helping hand. ... I love to do it."

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident — and her husband, Ron Wehrmann, who joined her efforts after retiring in 2006 — is among 34 regular volunteers and 10 substitute volunteers who participate in the delivery of Meals on Wheels through The Helm at the Boll Life Center.

The program, which has operated through The Helm since 1978, serves residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods who are age 60 or older, homebound and unable to safely prepare meals for themselves. The service also is offered for people with a temporary need, such as an illness or recent hospitalization.

"To apply for Meals on Wheels, clients can call either the Detroit

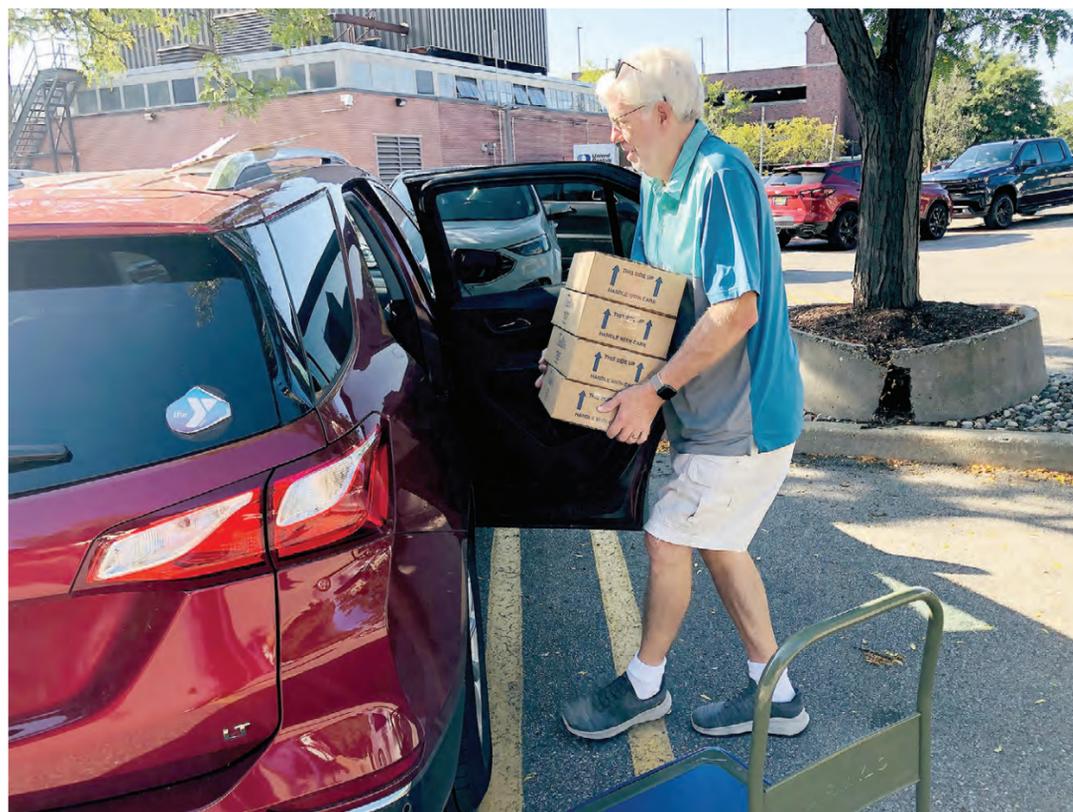
Area Agency on Aging or The Helm," said Melissa Cotton, Meals on Wheels coordinator at The Helm. "The client will go through an assessment to see if they qualify for the program."

The Helm works in conjunction with the Detroit Area Agency on Aging to deliver meals to eligible seniors, Cotton explained.

"The Helm currently serves approximately 106 clients," she added. "A portion of those clients' meals are paid for by the Detroit Area Agency on Aging and a portion of the clients we serve are paid for by grants and the generous donations given by the community to The Helm."

Because of grants and donations, The Helm is able to guarantee there is not a waitlist for Meals on Wheels, Cotton noted.

"The Detroit Area Agency on Aging funding supports a number of Meals on Wheels distributors in Wayne County, so, for example, it may only be able to provide for 80 clients of The Helm," she said. "The grants and donations we receive directly help us provide the meals needed for the other 20 or so clients. We work hard to secure that extra funding and are extremely grateful to our donors."



A volunteer loads frozen meals into his car for delivery. Many area seniors rely on the Meals on Wheels program to ensure they eat nutritional, regular meals each week.

The Meals on Wheels program offers the choice of fresh, hot meals or frozen meals. Food is supplied to The Helm by TRIO Community Meals of Detroit.

"Clients have the option to receive five frozen meals on Monday of each week or they can choose to receive a hot meal daily, Monday through Friday," Cotton said. "Hot meals are made in the morning of

delivery. Each meal consists of a protein, starch, a vegetable, fruit and a carton of milk."

"It's all part of the MyPlate program, which meets the nutritional requirements of the state," said Krista Siddall, executive director at The Helm. "... We want seniors to maintain variety in their diets and have the nutritional intake needed so they can maintain their own health as they age."

Healthy nutrition, she added, can impact a senior's physical health, enabling them to get out and do more.

"Plus, there's a social component," she added. "People (delivering meals) see them, they build relationships, they're not socially isolated. The nutritional impact, plus the physical and social aspect — they all blend together to create a great, positive impact."

Cotton agreed.

"The main benefit to a senior receiving Meals on Wheels is that they maintain independence by staying in their home," she said. "Meals on Wheels eases the challenge of obtaining food on a daily basis. "The program

decreases isolation for the participants as they look forward to seeing a friendly face each meal delivery.

"The Meals on Wheel program eases the family's and caregiver's minds to know someone is checking in on them frequently," she added, noting the program also opens the door to other resources at The Helm that address the challenges of aging.

"Meals on Wheels is a great program," Siddall said. "Having a nutritional meal provided to someone in a place where they need help, a place where they don't have to get up and go shopping, they don't have to make sure their meals match with the MyPlan program. It's something done for them. It's a great program."

Though the Wehrmanns these days are on the substitute list, they help whenever needed.

"Last month, we did it eight times," she said. "This week, we did it twice."

Their routes vary, but that doesn't stop them from spreading cheer with the meals they deliver.

"We drop off food,

check and make sure everything's OK," Wehrmann said. "Some of them love to talk. You learn more about them, which is fun. I enjoy that."

"We do bring our grandchildren when they're available to us," she added, noting that once a young neighbor also came along for the ride. "They love to see the kids."

The program also brings a smile to Cotton's face. As coordinator, she runs the whole show, from assessing new clients to sorting meals, assuring smooth deliveries and following up with clients who don't come to the door during meal delivery.

"It's a very busy role, but ... providing something as simple as a meal to seniors in the community when they need a little help is extremely rewarding for me," Cotton said. "I find myself learning from them, sharing in their joys and empathizing with their challenges. It's the relationships I've built with them that are truly most fulfilling in this position. I am honored to be part of the program."

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A volunteer, above, loads frozen meals and emergency food boxes into her car for delivery to Meals on Wheels recipients.

# The Helm gala is Oct. 12

## Online auction bidding opens Oct. 6

The Helm at the Boll Life Center's 27th annual Auction Gala is Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The gala consists of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent and live auctions, a paddle call and socializing. Tickets are \$275 per person. This year's honoree is Dr. Kevin Grady, regional president and CEO for East Region Ascension Michigan. In addition to The Helm, Grady supports numerous organizations, including the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and Grosse Pointe Public School System.

A few of the items up for live auction this year include two VIP tickets to the Jacques Pepin Foundation dinner in New York City, with two nights at a Manhattan hotel; an 18-karat gold, 4-carat diamond tennis bracelet; a lobster-themed dinner for 30 at Mike's on the Water in St. Clair Shores; a seven-night stay in a French villa in the south of France; and much more.

More than 60 silent auction items and packages are available for bidding, including a B.May leather bag, a package

featuring six different bottles of bourbon, a bocce party at The Helm and a \$500 gift card for the London Chop House. Register now at [helmlife.ejoinme.org/gala](http://helmlife.ejoinme.org/gala). Bidding begins Friday, Oct. 6.

Another part of the gala is a raffle for a pair of Golden South Sea pearl and diamond earrings valued at \$7,900. Other prizes are \$1,000 cash, \$600 in gift cards to Bucci, Joe Muer Seafood and The Stalter; and \$500 cash. Tickets — one for \$20, three for \$50 or six for \$100 — may be purchased at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, or online at [helmlife.ejoinme.org/gala](http://helmlife.ejoinme.org/gala).

The gala, auctions and raffle account for approximately 50 percent of annual funding of The Helm. It is through the generosity of supporters and funds received from the annual gala that The Helm can continue to provide essential services to older adults in Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes, including Meals on Wheels.

Register at [helmlife.ejoinme.org/gala](http://helmlife.ejoinme.org/gala) for more information, to see all of the items and start bidding.

## See what's coming up at The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts the following events:

### Flu Clinic

Appointments are required to a flu clinic that takes place Friday, Oct. 13, but the clinic is free to members and nonmembers alike.

Administered by Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, the clinic includes high-dose shots recommended for seniors.

Seniors should bring their Medicare card, supplemental health insurance card and driver's license or Michigan ID. There is a charge for those who do not have insurance.

### Smart Drivers

The Helm offers two AARP-sponsored programs designed to help seniors maintain comfort and confidence behind the wheel.

AARP Smart Driver Tek takes place 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18. Attendees will learn the latest vehicle safety technologies — from lane-departure systems and smart headlights to blind-spot detection systems and more — as well as how to use them. Guests will leave with a vehicle technology checklist that offers guidance on desired technologies when shopping for a new car.

AARP Smart Driver Course is a three-

day workshop designed to refresh driving knowledge and keep aging drivers driving safely. It takes place 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 6; Tuesday, Nov. 7; and Wednesday, Nov. 8. Participants learn driving laws specific to Michigan, techniques for handling bike lanes and roundabouts, how to reduce distractions and adjusting driving to compensate for age-related physical challenges. Facts about the effects of medicines while driving also will be discussed, as will proper use of safety belts, airbags and anti-lock brakes.

AARP Smart Driver Tek is free for members and nonmembers. AARP Smart Driver Course costs \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for AARP nonmembers.

### U-M/MSU Bingo

The Helm hosts a special edition of Bingo from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 19. Guests are invited to enjoy the University of Michigan-Michigan State University rivalry while playing bingo with lots of prizes, including items from both schools. After bingo, lunch courtesy of Polish Village will be available and Frank K. will entertain on piano.

Cost is \$10 for one bingo card and lunch for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Registration is required.

To participate in any of these activities, register by calling (313) 882-9600.

# TRIO Community Meals and The Helm partner to provide seniors' meals

Courtesy of The Helm

Meals on Wheels is a valuable and necessary program for many elderly throughout the country. Five fresh or frozen meals are provided five days a week to homebound seniors unable to shop and prepare meals safely for themselves. The Helm is the distributor of Meals on Wheels for the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Most people know meals come to The Helm Monday through Friday for delivery by volunteers. But where do the meals come from?

TRIO Community Meals is the provider of meals to The Helm for more than 20 years. TRIO District Manager James May explains that for more than 50 years, TRIO has been dedicated to and deeply passionate about the mission of serving seniors, enabling them to age in place at home. TRIO menus are designed by registered dietitians with senior nutrition expertise.

Once the menus are created, it is time to order in the food. TRIO vendors include a variety of local

suppliers.

"Because the fresh meals are made daily, we don't shop like a typical household where you would go once a week," May said. "We have vendors delivering produce and products nearly every day."

"TRIO kitchen staff begin their day at 4 a.m. preparing food at the TRIO central kitchen in Detroit," he continued. "It is like an assembly line. Food is made, then someone portions it into the divided dishes and it moves on to be sealed and dated. Quality control happens every step of the way to be sure all of the menu items are included in the meal, are portioned correctly and then sealed for freshness and safety."

On each meal is a date indicating the day it was made. Meals are then loaded into a van for delivery to The Helm. The driver arrives each day around 9:30 a.m. Once delivered to The Helm, the meals are counted and divided among the volunteer drivers. "We are so grateful to all of our volunteer drivers," said Melissa

Cotton, Meals on Wheels coordinator at The Helm. "Our program only works because of our volunteers. The number of clients varies week to week, but it averages about 100 each week. Each driver delivers meals to five to 10 clients along with five pint-sized containers of milk."

Pre-COVID-19, fresh meals were delivered daily through Meals on Wheels. During the pandemic, frozen meals replaced fresh. Five meals were packaged and delivered weekly to minimize human contact.

"The process for menu planning and preparation remained the same, but because the meals were frozen, they could be made further ahead of time," May said. "We also had to be sure the food quality would be maintained in the freezing process. Some foods freeze better than others."

As COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, TRIO returned to making fresh meals, but like so many other things that didn't return to the way they were pre-pandemic, neither did Meals on Wheels.



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## STANDARD OIL

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He entered it into a competitive miniature show in Dayton, Ohio, in 2012, and swept every category. It also was showcased in May 2014, at The War Memorial, where he was presented an award from the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

In 2016, the diorama was purchased by the Cotton family, who own Red Crown.

It currently is on display at Grosse Pointe Park city hall.

"When I did the first one, it was a labor of love," Konopka said. "It was more fun than anything else."

"... When I finally sold it, I began to miss it," he added. "As a result, I created another version of it. I've made several versions now. I have three of them at home and they're all different."

The diorama on display is the most de-

tailed of the group.

"I had it at home in my living room," he said. "It was taking up a lot of space. I thought it would be much better if more people could see it."

Konopka also has recreated other scenes of significance to him, including his father's 1949 flower shop, and his grandfather's grocery store in Hamtramck.

Though his Standard Oil dioramas were retirement projects, Konopka — who has an extensive miniature automobile collection — realized his talent for modeling and attention to detail in his youth.

"My interest in creating a variety of scale models originated with my father at an impressionable early age," he said, "as he was my original inspiration that resulted in my career as an au-

tomotive design clay sculptor and ultimately, the Standard Oil diorama."



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Top, Konopka's diorama depicts a bustling day at the Standard Oil garage.

Above, a young Ron Konopka admires some of the first models he built in his youth.



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A TRIO delivery driver unloads meals for the Meals on Wheels recipients.

"Some clients still prefer to receive the box of five frozen meals and others prefer the daily fresh meals," Cotton noted.

Meals on Wheels drivers either leave meals on the front porch or hand them off to the client. Either way, the driver has some type of acknowledgement from the client that they have received the meals — whether it be a wave or a conversation. "Since our clients are homebound, sometimes the only interaction they have that day is with the volunteer," Cotton explained. "If the driver tells me the client didn't receive the meals, we have to follow up to be sure the client is OK."

Meals on Wheels allows participants to have balanced meals. When grocery shopping is a

chore, it's easy to slip into poor nutrition, one MOW client said. "Meals on Wheels helps ensure better nutrition."

Nutrition is key for older adults to maintain their health and daily wellness. Meals on Wheels is just one important piece of that daily puzzle.

TRIO Community Meals, Detroit Area Agency on Aging and The Helm recognize food's impact on health and wellness. TRIO provides impactful nutrition handouts and virtual nutrition events to complement meals, Detroit Area Agency on Aging hosts a number of nutrition related events and activities — like the Silver Café Food Truck that was at The Helm this summer — and The Helm supports those efforts by delivering

Meals on Wheels and providing nutrition-related programming throughout the year. For more information about any of these activities and services, contact The Helm at (313) 882-9600.

### Eligibility requirements for Meals on Wheels

- Resident of Harper Woods or the Grosse Pointes
- Age 60 or older
- Homebound and unable to leave the home without assistance
- Unable to prepare meals by themselves.

# Furniture Bank: 30 percent increase in need amid 15 percent drop in donations

The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan is experiencing a 15 percent drop in furniture donations amid a 30 percent jump in families needing furniture since 2022.

As a result, the non-profit urgently seeks donations of gently used furniture, including mattresses, box springs, dressers, dining sets and sofas, and is organizing a fundraiser Thursday, Oct. 12, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal

Oak to boost support.

"The pandemic prompted many people to get rid of their furniture, but now that we are on the other side, we've seen furniture donations drop," said Rob Boyle, executive director. "At the same time, our referrals for families in need continue to rise. This, coupled with the increasing costs of inflation and fuel, makes it even more challenging to provide essential furniture items to people who need them

most. Our mission is to ensure that children and families have beds to sleep in, tables to eat on and other basic comforts so that they can rebuild their lives and live with dignity.

"Ninety percent of the households we're helping have annual incomes of \$20,000 or less," he added. "Considering that most of these households have children, it's easy to understand why furniture isn't affordable for families struggling to keep up

with rent, groceries, utilities and transportation costs. Providing for your family and getting ahead is even more difficult if you aren't getting a good night's rest in a warm bed or living in the comfort and stability of a furnished home."

The Furniture Bank's "Comedy Night," featuring the live stand-up of returning comedian, Paul Mecurio, includes a comedy show, full buffet dinner, 50/50 raffle and live auction.

Mecurio is an Emmy and Peabody award-winning comedian for his work on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," where he makes recurring appearances, and previously with "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." A self-described stand-up comedy "addict," he had a successful one-man Broadway show and grew up working in his family's furniture business.

The comedy event is made possible by PNC

Bank and other sponsors, as well as the contributions of donors and volunteers across Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. It takes place 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 310 S. Troy, Royal Oak.

Tickets are \$80 each and may be purchased online at [tinyurl.com/3k5fp253](http://tinyurl.com/3k5fp253) or by contacting the Furniture Bank at (248) 332-1300 or [events@Furniture-Bank.org](mailto:events@Furniture-Bank.org).



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## Patching it up

It's not too early to be thinking about Halloween — or pumpkin pie — according to Grosse Pointer Robert Musial, who snapped this photo of the seasonally planted front yard at 20153 Fairway in Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Moross Greenway fall cleanup is Oct. 7

The Moross Greenway Project is looking for volunteers for its annual fall cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7, rain or shine. Interested volunteers are asked to gather in front of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 21150 Moross, Detroit. Parking is available in the center lot off of Moross.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own work gloves and dress for the weather. Boots are recommended, as the islands often are wet. Water, trash bags and safety vests will be provided.

Volunteers will be focused on two

main tasks:

- ◆ picking up trash along the seven median islands from Ascension St. John Hospital to the I-94 service drive and

- ◆ planting daffodil bulbs at the entrances of the Moross Greenway. Those who want to plant bulbs should bring a shovel.

Board members will be available to guide volunteers and answer questions.

For more information, email [moross-greenwayproject@gmail.com](mailto:moross-greenwayproject@gmail.com) or visit [morossgreenway.org](http://morossgreenway.org).

## AAUW GP, Circare partner for 'giving spree'

The American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe is partnering with Circare, 23024 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, for a "giving spree."

People who shop at Circare — which offers a selection of gifts, garden items, toys, fashion accessories and more — between Thursday, Oct. 12, and Saturday, Oct. 21, just need to mention "101223" to receive 10 percent off their entire purchase.

Plus, an additional 10 percent of the

purchase amount will be donated by Circare to benefit AAUW Grosse Pointe STEAM projects, scholarships, art contest and robotics.

The giving spree kicks off at Circare with a wine and cheese party from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, and includes refreshments, fellowship and savings.

Regular Circare store hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday; the store is open until 8 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information, visit [grosse-pointe-mi.aauw.net](http://grosse-pointe-mi.aauw.net).

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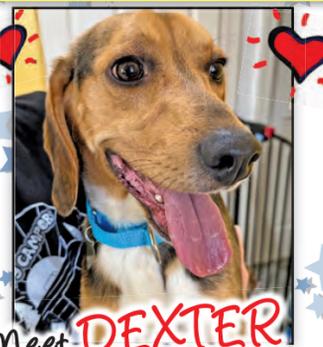
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- ◆ Harvest Day 2023, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Tickets are \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. The last day to pre-order cider and doughnuts is noon Oct. 2.

- ◆ Bird Walk, 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, and Sunday, Oct. 22. Cost is \$8 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Explorers: Weather, 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Admission is \$5.

- ◆ Fall Tea and Tour, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. Cost is \$55 for members, \$70 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Coffee with Collections, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. Cost for this members-only event is \$20.

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

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, St. Basil Church, 22851 Lexington, Eastpointe.

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, Jefferson Masonic Lodge

No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods offers a variety of programming this fall. For information or to register for the following, email [maryjo@familycenterhelps.org](mailto:maryjo@familycenterhelps.org).

- ◆ Preschool Playgroup, 10:30 a.m. through Nov. 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farm. Led by Danielle Mitchelson, parents and caregivers join in as toddlers play, sing and dance. For ages 2 and older.

- ◆ Narcan Training, 7 p.m. Oct. 10, at Wayne County Community College District, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Training includes learning the signs and symptoms of opioid overdose, about the overdose reversal drug naloxone and how to administer it. Attendees receive free Narcan spray.

- ◆ Free Community Yoga, Wednesdays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ Breathe, stretch and destress during these free classes. Space is limited.

- ◆ Community Baby Shower, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at AMVETS Post 57, 19730

- ◆ Harper, Harper Woods. This free event for expecting mothers, fathers and caregivers of children in the Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe communities is a partnership between The Family Center, Because of His Love Outreach and the city of Harper Woods. Register at [bohloutreach.org](http://bohloutreach.org).

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No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods offers a variety of programming this fall. For information or to register for the following, email [maryjo@familycenterhelps.org](mailto:maryjo@familycenterhelps.org).

- ◆ Preschool Playgroup, 10:30 a.m. through Nov. 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farm. Led by Danielle Mitchelson, parents and caregivers join in as toddlers play, sing and dance. For ages 2 and older.

- ◆ Narcan Training, 7 p.m. Oct. 10, at Wayne County Community College District, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Training includes learning the signs and symptoms of opioid overdose, about the overdose reversal drug naloxone and how to administer it. Attendees receive free Narcan spray.

- ◆ Free Community Yoga, Wednesdays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ Breathe, stretch and destress during these free classes. Space is limited.

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# LIFE & LEISURE



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## Class helps artists get creative at Posterity Gallery

Posterity Gallery will host the six-week class, "Supporting Your Creative Self Through The Artist's Way," 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 12, to Nov. 30.

Created to help those looking to tune into their creativity and broaden artistic depths, sessions will be guided by Dr. Rosalie Lochner. There will not be a session on Thanksgiving.

This program is best suited to "stuck" artists, those just beginning their creative journey and anyone looking for a way to broaden their artistic depths. Lochner will facilitate as artists work together in group exer-



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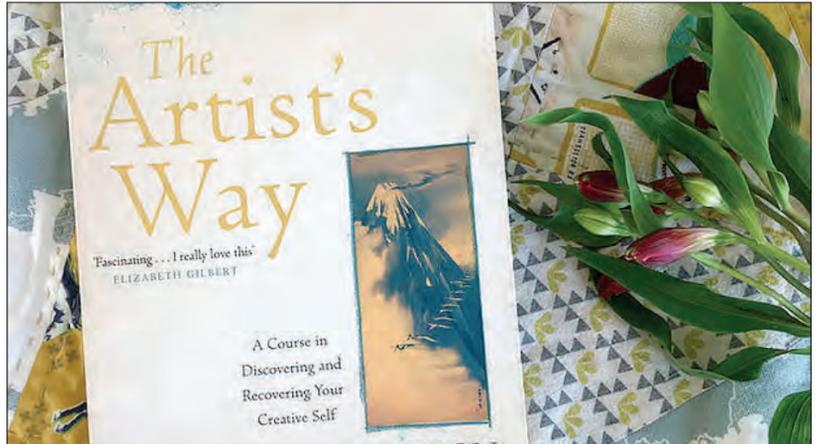
**Dr. Rosalie Lochner will lead the series.**

cises using Julia Cameron's book, "The Artist's Way." Poets, painters, musicians, novelists, cartographers, pot- ters, dancers and those

who have not yet found their preferred medium of expression are welcome to attend.

Participants are encouraged to have a copy of "The Artist's Way," but Posterity Gallery will have a copy available for those who don't have one.

Lochner has a Ph.D. in philosophy from DePaul University and a Master of Arts degree in women's and gender studies from Rutgers University. She was a visiting professor and then a teaching Fellow at Loyola Marymount University. She became involved in supporting families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border in June 2018. She



The class is based on the book, "The Artist's Way."

helped found Michigan Support Circle, a volunteer organization that supports families trauma-

located at 17005

immigration policies. She now serves as a co-leader of MSC with Gina Katz. Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. For tickets, visit posterityartgallery.com. For more information, call (313) 884-8105.

## Zoo Boo at the Detroit Zoo kicks off Oct. 7

Zoo Boo, the Detroit Zoo's annual Halloween extravaganza presented by Corewell Health, is back for three enchanting weekends, promising "merry-not-scary" fun for guests of all ages. Zoo Boo takes place 2 to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 7 and 8, 14 and 15, and 20 and 22. The zoo will close at 1 p.m. on these days to prepare for the enchantment.

The return of themed weekends will transform Zoo Boo into a magical wonderland. Zoo staff will adorn the park according to a different theme each weekend, honoring favorite pastimes, celebrating legendary monsters and representing beloved movie or book genres. While all costumes are welcome, guests are invited to immerse themselves in the magic by dressing up to match the weekend's theme.

**Nerd out in Nature — Oct. 7-8**

Zoo Boo kicks off by celebrating whatever makes you nerd out. Whether it's a favorite television show, board game or hobby, share what brings you joy.

**Monster Mash — Oct. 14-15**

This weekend is for legendary movie monsters. Walk like Frankenstein, howl like the Wolf Man or bring a favorite monster to life on a trip to the zoo.

**Movies, Books and Make Believe — Oct. 20-22**

Embody a favorite action hero, dress the part for a go-to romantic comedy or solve clues like a mystery detective. Whether it's a book or

movie, everyone has their go-to genre. Share one during the final weekend of Zoo Boo.

"Zoo Boo is a 'spooktacular' family experience," said Brittany Gardner, public events manager for the Detroit Zoological Society. "This is one of our most celebrated events of the year and we can't wait to see the zoo filled with families dressed up in their most creative costumes."

Guests will explore all 125 acres of the zoo while enjoying activities like trick-or-treating, educational stations, Halloween face painting, habitat chats, themed photo opportunities and entertainment from jugglers, magicians and more. The animals who call the zoo home also will partake in the Halloween festivities, receiving pumpkin-themed treats and enrichments.

All Zoo Boo guests ages 2 and older require a ticket for entry. Space is limited and ticket prices vary based on the date and time of visit. Secure tickets in advance online or at customer care during daytime zoo hours. Tickets will not be available at the gate. For more details or to purchase tickets, visit [zooboo.detroitzoo.org](http://zooboo.detroitzoo.org).

Zoo Boo is presented by Corewell Health and sponsored by Genisys Credit Union, Meijer, DTE, Blue Care Network, Michigan Apples, Michigan Educational Credit Union, IBEW Local 58, Aqua Tots, Pepsi, Frito-Lay, Goldfish Swim School and Credit Union One.



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Zoo Boo welcomes guests to the Detroit Zoo Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 7 to 22, for Halloween-themed weekends, featuring entertainment, face painting, trick-or-treating and more.



**ASK THE EXPERTS** By Nicole Runyon, LMSW

### Staying connected with kids in tech-heavy culture

**Q: How can I stay connected to my child in this tech-heavy culture?**

**A:** The parent-child connection is rooted in parents working on themselves so they can "be the container" for their children. Being the container means parents must work through the holes in their own development so they can allow their children to go through the discomfort life brings in theirs. Work through your pain so you can help your children work through theirs.

Children today often face challenges when it comes to experiencing natural child development. Parents, in their desire to provide a comfortable life for their children, sometimes unintentionally hinder their growth by shielding them from frustration. With the advancement in age at which parents start families compared to previous generations, there often is more financial stability, allowing for an inclination to make life easier for their children. However, it's important to remember that just because we can offer such

convenience, it doesn't necessarily mean we should.

Spoiling occurs when parents take over childhood tasks, hindering children from achieving their developmental milestones appropriately. Some examples are not allowing them to go through the frustration of tying their shoes when they are in the autonomy stage of psychosocial development (ages 3 to 5), not teaching them how to cook their own meals or get themselves out of bed and ready for school all on their own (around age 9) and not getting their driver's licenses at age 16. Many parents still do daily living tasks for their children well beyond when they should.

Technology has become a modality for parents and children to disconnect. It takes us outside of ourselves and prevents parents from using their instincts to help their children grow and go through the stages of child development. Much of the talk about screentime is focused on the children's responsibility to have a balance with their technology, but

most adults have the same issues with technology as kids do.

By excessively protecting children from discomfort, we inadvertently hinder their childhood experiences. Children actively construct knowledge about the world around them and their development relies on interactive experiences and connections. Let us empower them to engage with the world through their natural developmental processes.

Nicole Runyon, LMSW, is a psychotherapist and public speaker specializing in child and adolescent mental health. She speaks on issues related to child development and has identified eight reasons for why today's children are increasingly experiencing mental health decline, including how technology affects their growth. For more information, visit [nicole.runyon.com](http://nicole.runyon.com).

The Family Center provides free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. Learn more at [familycenterhelps.org](http://familycenterhelps.org).



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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Midlife weight challenges

**Dear Gabby:** No matter what I do, I can't lose weight. My family is thin and I was thin too — up until about three years ago.

What else can I do that I haven't tried (which includes keto, low carb, intermittent fasting, etc.)?

My thyroid is not the issue either, as that was recently checked.

— Fat in the City!

**Dear Fat In The City,**

**Gabby:** Sorry you are having a hard time. We have enlisted the help of Dr. Ginette Gomez of Healthspan in Grosse Pointe Farms to share some advice:

Weight gain can be the result of a change in sleep, cortisol levels, metabolic dysfunction, certain types of exercise, response to supple-

ments, pharmaceuticals, mindset and association with food.

Our bodies change and adjust as we get older. Certain foods we have always tolerated in the past suddenly are not serving us, for example, gluten or dairy. All this combined with our increased day-to-day demands with work, family and life disrupting our autonomic system leads to weight gain.

Many of us don't realize we are in a constant state of fight or flight (sympathetic overdrive) without parasympathetic balance.

Our bodies, through an evolutionary protective mechanism, will preserve weight at all cost until it senses safety. In other words, some people under constant day-to-day stress

won't be able to lose weight until the parasympathetic systems (our relaxed state) are activated. Why would our body want to lose weight if it is in danger? It may need the energy to survive.

Our body cannot differentiate between traffic jam stress and real life-threatening circumstances if it is stressed all the time.

My strategy at Healthspan for weight loss is focused on long-term lifestyle changes for lifelong results.

It is not about going on a hypo-caloric, keto-style diet without exercise. It is about determining what is best for each individual based on metabolic testing, blood work and an exercise assessment.

The best weight loss tactics are ones that are



sustainable, will minimize or negate muscle loss, strengthen bone, reduce visceral and subcutaneous fat while feeling and performing optimally.

We at Healthspan have created a new three-month Balanced Body Program that is all-

encompassing with our entire Healthspan team. It debuts this week.

To sign up or learn more, email [info@drginette.co](mailto:info@drginette.co) or call us at (734) 626-5522. We're here to answer any questions you may have.

Ginette Gomez, DO,

FACC, is a cardiologist and owner of Healthspan PLLC. Visit the Healthspan Instagram page @healthspanmichigan.

We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to [advice@grossepointenews.com](mailto:advice@grossepointenews.com).

## Co-worker spreading lies

**DEAR ANNIE:** I have worked in the same office for 18 years. For many years, there were five of us in our division: three women and two men. One of the men left for a different job a year ago, and he was replaced by a woman, "Carla," who is very difficult to work with. In fact, I'm convinced that she is a liar and a troublemaker.

The only man left in our division, "Fred," is quiet and shy but fundamentally a very kind man. He has never married, and I don't ever remember him going on

a date. He lives with his mother, goes to church and does not seem to have a lot of other activities. I'm not sure if he has any friends.

Carla claimed that Fred asked her on a date, which I found difficult to believe. She then claimed that Fred committed sexual assault on her, which I found impossible to believe. She reported her claims to human resources, and they investigated. Poor Fred. I thought he was going to have a heart attack!

It turns out that the most aggressive they

found him to be was to agree to give Carla a ride home after work one day when her car was in the shop.

He said he dropped her off and went home to have dinner with his mother, and his mother backed up his story.

Carla made up all kinds of scary stuff, and anyone who knows Fred knows those things didn't happen. Human resources concluded that they had no proof of any wrongdoing, so they would let the matter go. They encouraged Carla to file a police report if

she wanted the matter investigated more thoroughly. She declined to do so.

I am determined to get rid of Carla. I used to love my job, but now I dread going to work because I have to interact with her every day. I can only imagine how Fred feels.

The two other women in our division agree with Fred and me and don't want anything to do with Carla. Do you have any advice for us? — DREADING CARLA

**DEAR DREADING CARLA:** My advice is for the four of you to visit the human resources manager of your company. You can ask that Carla be fired, or, at a minimum, moved to another department. Explain how awkward your work has become because of this drama queen.

It really is true that one rotten apple can spoil the whole barrel. Sexual assault allegations are not to be taken lightly, and it seems like your human resources department did their due diligence.

**DEAR ANNIE:** This is in response to the let-



## Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

ter to you about intermittent fasting. A nutritionist on NPR described how it works. It takes your liver about 12 hours to process the food you eat in a day, and then it starts processing stored fat. So if you go 12 hours between meals, you don't store fat (assuming you don't eat TOO much). And if you go longer without eating, you burn stored fat.

I've been doing this for years, and didn't know there was a name for it, and it's helped keep my weight steady without having to give up the foods I like.

You would do your readers a service by looking into this and perhaps recommending it. — BURNING FAT

**DEAR BURNING FAT:** Congratulations on your success. Keep up the good work. I am amazed at how many readers have sent in letters telling of their positive results with intermittent fasting.

**DEAR ANNIE:** I am the kind of person everyone goes to if they have a problem or if they're going through a tough time. I want to be clear: I don't take that lightly, and I'm honored that my friends feel safe enough to share their feelings, frustrations and tears with me.

With that said, this seems to happen wherever I go. I can be in a gas station or grocery shopping, and for some reason, a total stranger will ask me for help ("Can you reach that thing for me?" or, "Do you have a dollar?") and then suddenly start sharing their deep traumas. I seem to give off some kind of comforting and safe vibe, which is ironic, since I myself have gone through a lot of trauma. I just don't share to the degree that other people do with me.

What I'm currently having a struggle with is this: I have a couple of friends, two in particular, who are going through some serious issues.

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## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

I don't know about you, but at our house the mail, school forms, to-do lists and Amazon packages seem to all congregate in what we call "the pile" on the kitchen counter. This irks my husband to the point where he starts threatening to organize it, so I knew something needed to be done to get things under control.

A few clicks later, I had decided to try the "Puncia 5Tiers Widthways Wood office paper organizer for desk desktop file holder." Catchy name, right? Amazon Prime delivered

the small package the next morning and I had it put together in no time.

The desktop organizer is in a decent, neutral wood shade and I decided to give each child a slot, as well as my husband and I. The very top open shelf is for miscellaneous stuff that has to be done asap (a good reminder to look at it before I leave the house — God knows there's always something "urgent" like a field trip permission slip or a return label).

The organizer is actually amazing, and has transformed our kitchen pile



problem. There really is no pile now, which, if you could have seen it in its former state, is no small feat.

It's also really great to have the children's stuff separated and easy to find. There were so many times that sports physical forms just disappeared into thin air, or a bill to be paid found its way to the bottom of "the pile."

The total cost was about \$40 with tax. It's not something that will win awards for style, but it's not terrible either. And since everything is off of the counter now, it's definitely improved the over-

all tidiness of the kitchen in general. Most importantly, it has saved a fair amount of stress for all of us. Giving this organizer 5 alligators. I highly recommend it.

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](mailto:media@grossepointenews.com).

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# Pepperoni Bread

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This was my third recipe for the Grosse Pointe News, three years ago. It's an absolute mom win that doesn't ever disappoint. Lunch, after school snack, game day nosh or even dinner, it's a grab and go food that satisfies growing bodies and hungry adults.

I use store bought pizza dough to keep it simple but there are so many good homemade dough recipes out there.

Whatever dough you use, make sure you leave it on the counter for at least an hour so it comes to room temp. This will ensure a puffy and crispy outside.

I've found that American cheese and mozzarella are the best combination for the inside. It's rolled and baked with an egg wash crust until golden brown.

This is great hot,

room temperature or cold. It's a necessity at our house. My advice is to make this a household staple.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Pepperoni Bread

Pizza dough, uncooked

4oz Hard Salami

6oz Pepperoni

6 Slices American Cheese

½ cup grated mozzarella

¼ Cup grated Parmesan

2 eggs

Marinara sauce for dipping

Let the pizza dough rest on the counter for 30 mins to an hour or until it's at room temperature. Preheat oven to 375

degrees. Roll the dough into an oval shape on a floured surface until 1/4 inch thick.

In a small bowl, mix one egg, parmesan, and one Tsp of water. Brush the mixture over the dough.

Layer the salami down all over the dough then top with pepperoni. Lay the cheese down the center. Do not let them overlap too much.

Fold half of the dough into the center and the other half over top so you have a long roll. Tuck in the ends. Place on a baking sheet, seam side up that's lined with parchment paper.

Mix the other egg and one tbs of water together and brush over the top. Place in the oven for 35 minutes or until puffed and golden brown.

Let sit for at least 15 minutes before slicing. Cut into slices and serve with marinara sauce for dipping.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

# Sauvignon blanc is hot

In spite of the fact that there is so much wine in the world that wineries everywhere don't know what to do with it, one grape variety seems to be in such high demand that grape prices are rising, and consumers may experience shortages of their favorite brands.

Sauvignon blanc is that wine, and its current success is quite a turnaround from decades ago when almost no one

paid any attention to it. Over time its name has been changed so it could sell better, and it has gone through so many variations that some consumers may be confused as to what it's supposed to be.

The grape has natural components in its aroma that are distinctive, such as elements of grass, new-mown hay, lemon peel, kiwifruit, fresh olives, cilantro and sev-

eral others that can be slightly like fresh bell peppers.

Not all of these elements will be found in every version of SB. Indeed, it would be a rare wine that had more than just a few such components. But the fact that they are unique to this variety makes the wines we see identifiable by aroma alone.

Or, rather, they should be. Winemakers in

warmer regions often have found tactics in both the vineyard and winery that can rob the wine of most if not all of its distinctive aromatic fingerprints. Which is sad. Quality SBs should show some persona, not hide it.

This makes sense when you begin to realize how fascinating this grape is when it is grown in different climates and soils. New Zealand's version is the most distinctive of all with aromas of gooseberry, green tea and tropical fruit.

There is a slightly similar profile in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley, but where the New Zealand style of wine is slightly sweet, most RRV versions are drier and can take on a bit more cellar aging. They can also be more floral.

Napa Valley can also grow exceptionally fine sauvignon blanc, but because people seem to want a much richer style of wine, many of these are aged in oak barrels, which ends up making wines that are slightly more like chardonnay, with richer textures and a noticeably oaky finish.

Some of the best places to grow sauvignon blancs that carry not only high quality but



reasonable prices are cooler areas of Chile. Most of the best New Zealand SB can be found for between \$10 and \$17 per bottle, but Chilean sauvignon blancs usually are offered between \$7 and \$14.

The classic example of European SB comes from the eastern Loire Valley, where the wines' personality is more oriented toward completely dry, sometimes even austere wines that are clearly best when served beside delicate seafood dishes.

Sauvignon blanc really prefers climates that are cooler than most locations in Australia. Down under, semillon (which smells like a distant cousin of SB) is more popular than SB. Semillon never really has caught on in the United States, although it's occasionally blended into high quality SBs here, and the result can be sensational.

With all the excitement being generated today by alternative grape varieties such as vermentino, grenache blanc, pinot blanc and viognier, it's heartwarming to find as many inter-

esting sauvignon blancs today as we do.

One more thing that makes it so enjoyable is that even if you buy a few too many bottles and don't consume them all immediately, most SB will actually improve with a little bit of time in the bottle. It is not well known, but the wine changes slowly and can be fascinating when it reaches an extra two years in the bottle.

### Wine of the Week:

22022 Artesano de Argento White Malbec, Agrello Vineyard, Mendoza, Argentina (\$15) — For people who prefer more traditional aromatics, this unique example of white malbec has delicate hints of pear and nectarine and offers a lovely dry mid-palate and finish. Only 12.5 percent alcohol. Imported by Pacific Highway, American Canyon, California.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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Sauvignon blanc, a popular white wine that's loved for its "green" herbal flavors and racy acidity. On the nose, expect pungent, in-your-face aromas ranging from freshly cut grass, peas and asparagus, to tropical and ripe passion fruit.

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One friend has been watching her husband die for two years and just found out he's been unfaithful, and the other has just had her heart truly broken for the first time in her life. I have made myself as emotionally available as I can, but I am getting severely drained, to the point where I'm becoming angry and distant from them. I'm not a trained therapist, and I can't hear the same issue over and over and over again. I also have my own stressors to tend to and

deal with. I can't carry my own troubles along with those of everyone else.

I'm trying my best to be compassionate and remember that we all get stuck in our pain and trauma, and some people can never move on. At the same time, I feel I'm about ready to snap. It's harder for me to handle even the most minor of conversations with people. I'm becoming so drained. What advice would you give for someone in my position? — A VERY TIRED LISTENER

DEAR VERY TIRED LISTENER: My advice to

you is to take time to recharge and rest. It is your turn to do whatever you need to do to take care of yourself. You don't owe your friends a listening ear right now; instead, you owe yourself a listening ear as to what will truly bring you joy, happiness and peace. If your cup is empty, there is no nourishment to give to others, so find things that nourish and fill your own cup.

You are a kind and empathetic person who people want to share with, but that doesn't mean that you have to. Someone might be beautiful and everyone wants to be around them, but

that doesn't mean they have to date everyone.

Deal with your own trauma with a trained therapist before you snap. And even if you snap at your friends, remember that you are only human.

Next time you feel forced into a conversation, pay attention to how you feel in the moment, and if it feels painful or burdensome, simply excuse yourself and go somewhere that you want to be.

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Left, Jack O'Connell as Louis Zamperini and Miyavi as Mitsuhiro 'The Bird,' in the 2014 movie "Unbroken," directed by Angelina Jolie.

MOVIE REVIEW  
 "Unbroken"  
 2014 - Rated PG-13  
 2 hr 17min  
 ★★☆☆☆

The men and women who served in WWII were dubbed "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw, and this remarkable film confirms they were indeed worthy of that lofty title. "Unbroken" is the amazing true story about the life of Louie Zamperini.

His saga was fairly well known, however it took the bestselling author of "Seabiscuit," Laura Hillenbrand, to pen his biography and help it get the notoriety it deserved.

The film is the second major project for award-winning actress Angelina Jolie. She's no stranger to tackling difficult topics — her directorial debut was the 2011 Bosnian war

film "In the Land of Blood and Honey."

Turning this book into a film called for a group effort. Joel and Ethan Coen wrote it along with other noted scribes including Richard LaGravenese, and William Nicholson. It's a gritty look at an American war hero, but I wouldn't call it a happy, "jump out of your seat with joy" type movie. And, while it is an inspiring tale, I don't think I'd recommend it for a date night.

Think of the film as an opera presented in three acts. The first, told in a series of flashbacks, is about the early years of Zamperini, leading up to the Olympics.

The second is his time spent adrift at sea. And the concluding act focuses on his experiences in Japanese POW camps.

Growing up in Southern California in

the late 1920's, Louis "Louie" Zamperini (C.J. Valleroy) was a problem child. He was constantly getting in trouble and was the consummate juvenile delinquent.

Just when it looked like he had no future, his older brother Anthony (Vincenzo Amato) came to his rescue. He saw the potential of his young sibling and encouraged him to go out for his high school track team. Under his tutelage, Louie began to shine. He was given a mantra "If you can take it, you can make it" and it's following this slogan that helped him get through all the hardships he was to endure during the war. (English actor Jack O'Connell plays the older Louis).

Not only did Louie set long distance running records, he qualified and went to the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. This was planned to be the showcase for Aryan superiority, and we know how that turned out.

Both Zamperini and the great Jesse Owens were among the many American Gold Medalists.

This part of the film is truly uplifting, but hardly prepares one for what's to come. The story could

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



have ended here and been a typical Hollywood Cinderella story. Following this, the overall tone turns darker and is one of pain, endurance, and ultimately, survival.

We next follow his exploits in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater during WWII. Zamperini was a bombardier on B-24s. One day, he and his crew were assigned to go out on a rescue mission to locate some men lost at sea. They were given a plane that had been used for replacement parts for other bombers. As expected, the plane proved to be unreliable and they crashed into the ocean.

Only three men survived the crash and they ended up spending 47 days adrift in the Pacific. They spent their time under the grueling hot sun and it's almost a miracle they lasted as long as they did on their tiny life raft. Actually, one of the men died and had to be buried at sea.

Just when you think things can't get any worse, they do. The men are rescued by the Japanese and are instantly transferred to a prisoner of war camp. Here Louie squares off with a sadistic camp director the men nicknamed "The Bird" (The musician turned actor Miyavi).

It's amazing to know that he survived the level torture he faced on a daily basis. I don't think it could be called a spoiler when I say Zamperini lived through this experience. After all,

we'd never know his story if he had perished at sea or in the camps.

In conclusion, I have to say this was quite an inspiring story. It's a true testament to surviving under the harshest conditions. Note to parents: It's probably not suitable for small children. Some of the scenes in the internment camps are pretty gruesome.

Currently streaming on Netflix.

My rating system:

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

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

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your

queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

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

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](http://youtube.com).

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: [dominmark@yahoo.com](mailto:dominmark@yahoo.com).

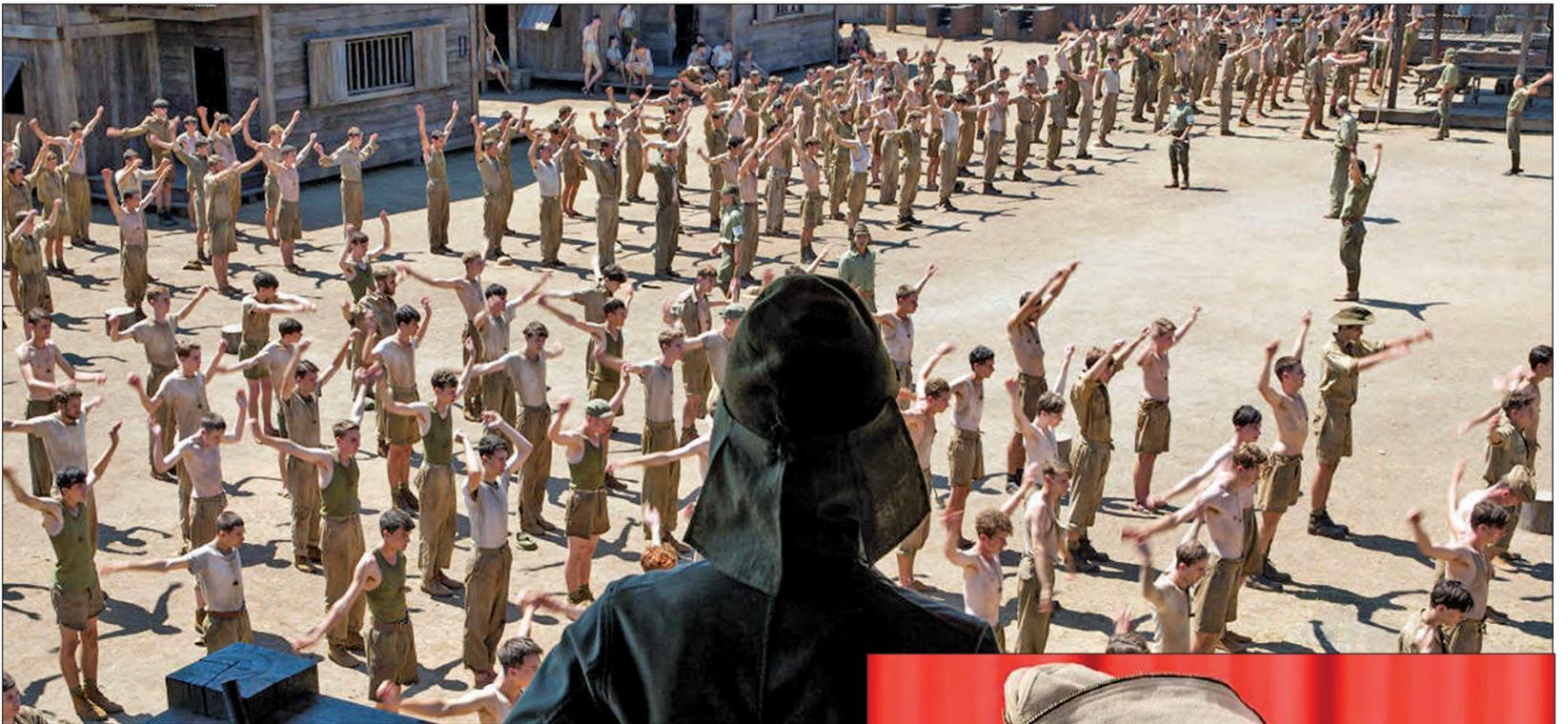
Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](http://moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).



Adrift in the Pacific.



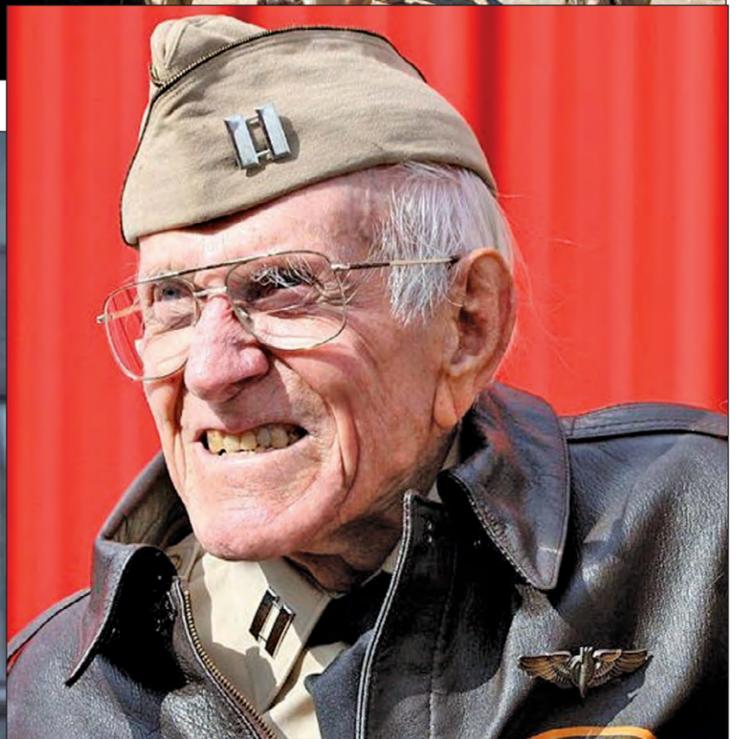
Zamperini (O'Connell) facing 'The Bird.'



The Bird overlooking his prisoners.



Zamperini celebrates the end of the war.



The real Louis Zamperini.

# Foundation fundraiser

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation's second annual fundraiser, "Come Play with Us," took place Thursday, Sept 21, at Pier Park. This year's fundraiser will help pay for new pickleball courts and the resurfacing of the current tennis courts at Pier Park. The project planning began in March with a committee of foundation board members and city council members, to help with the demand for more pickleball playing space. The foundation will be gifting the money raised to the Farms to help offset the cost of new courts and resurfacing the current courts. The project should be completed by Memorial Day 2024. The new pickleball courts are a joint project/partnership with Grosse Pointe Farms and the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation. The event was a soldout success. The silent auction helped raise more than \$7,000 for the foundation and an overall total raised was \$100,000. More information can be found at [grossepointefarmsfoundation.org](http://grossepointefarmsfoundation.org).



Co-chairs of the event, Bob Gorski and Nora Ezop.



Margaret Alber looks over the silent auction items.



The proposed area to build the new pickleball courts is next to the tennis courts.



Pat Brown, Megan Brown, Bridget Christian and Chris Christian came to the fundraiser to support the new courts. Following the evening's theme, pickleballs were included in the decorations and martinis were served with a pickle instead of an olive.



Madison Youngblood and Chip Fazio played pickleball as a demonstration for event goers.

# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 2:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. EDT today (until 6 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Gemini into Cancer.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, October 5, 2023:

You are a generous person with strong convictions. You can't do enough to help. You fight for and defend the rights of others. This is the year to create solid foundations in your life. Take charge of your health. Exercise is important. Work and stay grounded and levelheaded.

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

An older family member might have excellent advice for you today. Certainly, it won't hurt to listen. Privately, you also might do some serious thinking about the future regarding your home and family. Why not jot down some possible goals? Tonight: Patience.

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

This is an excellent day to study and learn because you have a disciplined mind. You won't overlook details; furthermore, you have the mental endurance and focus to finish what you begin. Discussions with others about serious matters will be practical. Tonight: Work.

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

This is a solid day for finances because you're in a sensible frame of mind. If shopping, you will buy long-lasting, practical items. If you can get financial advice from someone older, give it serious consideration. You might impress a boss with your conscientious attitude. Tonight: Be creative.

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

Today you have a strong respect for rules, regulations and your duties. You're willing to do whatever is expected of you, especially in practical terms. This is why your own physical comforts and needs will seem to be relatively less important. You're going to get the job done! Tonight: Family peace.

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

This is the perfect day to work alone or behind the scenes. In fact, it's an excellent day to do any kind of research, because you have the right mindset to pursue what you need to find. You won't overlook details. You'll be like a dog with a bone. Tonight: Study.

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

Discussions with friends and members of groups will probably be about serious, practical matters today. This is a good day to think about what you want for yourself in the future. What are your goals? Don't hesitate to share your hopes with someone else to get their feedback. Tonight: Make a budget.

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

Today an important discussion might take place, especially with someone older or more experienced. This person might even be your parent or a boss. In any event, people notice you today, and there's a strong chance they will know that this discussion is taking place. Tonight: Exercise.

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

This is the perfect day to do some serious studying and learn something that is important. You won't mind it. In fact, it will please you to focus on something in a

meaningful way. You also might have the energy to make future travel plans, which require attention to detail. Tonight: Research.

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

This is a good day to check details about wills, inheritances, shared property, insurance issues and banking. Someone older or more experienced might have advice for you. In any event, you have the patience and mental focus to make great headway in these areas today. Bravo! Tonight: Join forces.

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

A serious discussion with a close friend, spouse or partner might take place today, which is a good thing. Close relationships require definitions of boundaries and expectations. There also might be discussions about shared expenses and the division of labor. Tonight: Take charge.

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

You'll find it easy to work hard and accomplish a lot today, because you will put your work ahead of your personal wants. This is because you have a strong sense of duty today and you are willing to tackle whatever needs to be done. Tonight: Check facts.

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

This is an excellent day to teach children. It's also a good day to practice or hone a particular technique, whether it's related to the arts — for example, music — or sports. This is because you will find it easy to be disciplined and persistent. Tonight: Check your finances.

**BORN TODAY**

Actress Kate Winslet (1975), musician Steve Miller (1943), actor Guy Pearce (1967).

## Contract Bridge

**THE KILLING SHIFT**

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ Q  
♥ K 9 2  
♦ Q 10  
♣ A K 8 7 5 4 3

**WEST**

♠ J 4 3  
♥ Q 10 4  
♦ A K 9 8 6 4  
♣ 2

**EAST**

♠ 10 7  
♥ A 8 7 6 3  
♦ J 7 2  
♣ J 9 6

**SOUTH**

♠ A K 9 8 6 5 2  
♥ J 5  
♦ 5 3  
♣ Q 10

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Opening lead — king of diamonds.			

Today's hand poses an interesting defensive problem. West was on lead against four spades and started out by cashing the K-A of diamonds. When East did not play high-low to show a doubleton, West correctly concluded that his partner had the only missing diamond, which meant there could be no advantage to leading still another diamond.

However, this left West with the

problem of which suit to play next. Eventually, he shifted to the four of hearts, hoping his partner held the A-J. This did not work out well when declarer played low from dummy. East won the trick with the ace, and South easily made the rest of the tricks.

West would have stopped the contract had he shifted to his singleton club at trick three, which would have made it impossible for South to score 10 tricks. If declarer won the club in his hand and led a trump to dummy's queen, he would have no safe way to return to his hand to draw trump. Nor would he be any better off if he won the first club in dummy.

That this is the case should not be difficult for West to see. Assuming only the strong possibility that East has the ace of hearts, West should realize that if he shifts to his singleton club, declarer will not be able to overcome his inability to get back and forth to draw trump.

In fact, if South wins the club return in his hand, which is the normal thing to do, he has to play the A-K and another trump to hold himself to down one. If he tries some other approach in an effort to make the contract, he might easily wind up down two.

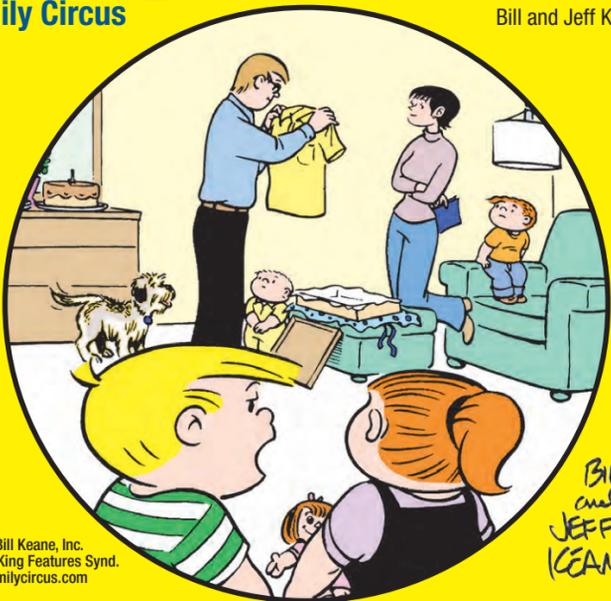
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by Steve Becker

# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



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Bill and Jeff Keane

**“The worst part about gettin’ old is you only get clothes for your birthday.”**

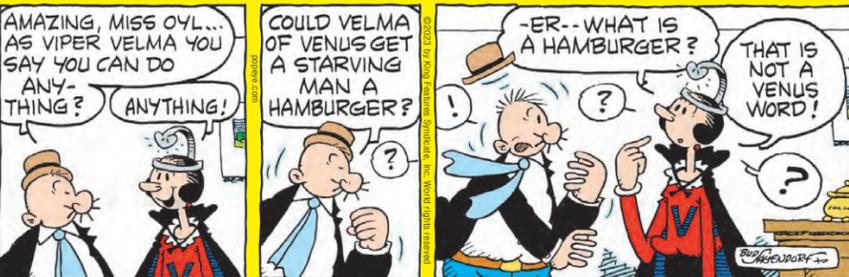
## Garfield

Jim Davis



## Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



## Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



## Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



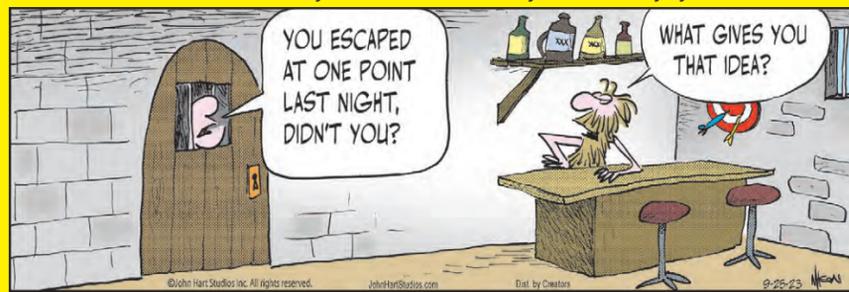
## Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



## Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



## F Minus

Tony Carrilo



## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

8	3	2	5	7	6	4	1	9
4	5	7	1	2	9	6	8	3
1	9	6	8	3	4	5	7	2
6	8	4	7	5	2	9	3	1
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10/5 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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9/28 Solution

## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg October 5, 2023

### ACROSS

- 1 Dash gauge
- 5 Goes on to say
- 9 Prolonged attack
- 14 Sunburn soother
- 15 Nine-to-five routine
- 16 Copier cartridge contents
- 17 Furry friends
- 18 Popular protein shake ingredient
- 20 Praise enthusiastically
- 22 Integra automaker
- 23 Nice way to say yes to a woman?
- 26 Vietnamese bowlful
- 29 Part of a buck's defense
- 30 Op-ed columnist
- 32 Bench press target, briefly
- 33 (stretchy garment) pants
- 35 Frogs' habitats
- 36 Qatari or Kuwaiti
- 38 Self-pitying lament
- 41 Regular pay
- 42 Van Pelt known for sucking his thumb
- 44 Some sushi fish
- 46 "It Go" ("Frozen" song)
- 47 Frenzied rush

- 50 Rosters of elite celebs
- 52 Devious
- 53 "Hold on a minute!"
- 55 Goliath or Gargantua
- 56 Gave a thumbs-up, on Facebook
- 59 Ghostface Killah's group
- 64 Quote as a reference
- 65 Ill-suited
- 66 \_\_\_ and hearty
- 67 MBA's subject
- 68 Trunk depicted in art
- 69 Home of Norway's Frogner Park
- 70 Big Apple fashion initials

### DOWN

- 1 Gift wrapper's need
- 2 \_\_\_ and Ani (jewelry chain)
- 3 Carnival treat that Australians call "fairy floss"
- 4 Umpire's cry
- 5 "Cuteness overload" reaction
- 6 Play
- 7 Trepidation
- 8 Overhead recorder in an NFL stadium
- 9 Amass
- 10 State that produces the most ethanol

- 11 Computer key under Home
- 12 "I'll be darned!"
- 13 Flub
- 19 Predatory feline
- 21 Trumpet-shaped bloomer
- 24 Bit of a cat chat
- 25 "I'm. So. Frustrated!"
- 26 Dramatic World Cup shot
- 27 Botanical barriers
- 28 Get-go
- 29 Like photos from a drone
- 31 Propel a dinghy
- 32 Tropical trees
- 34 Capitol Hill affirmative
- 37 Future blossom
- 39 Unkind
- 40 Vogue rival

- 43 Peered through the windows of, say
- 45 Spot for a pot or pie
- 48 Thick rug style
- 49 Top dog
- 51 Like many prepackaged deli meats
- 54 Google Maps predecessor
- 55 Spaces in some smiles
- 57 Rival of the British school Harrow
- 58 Refute or refuse
- 59 It might be razor-sharp
- 60 Numero \_\_\_
- 61 Road repair goo
- 62 \_\_\_-terrain vehicle
- 63 Keanu's role in "The Matrix"

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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9/28 Solution

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## The Way to Woo by Tracy Gray

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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



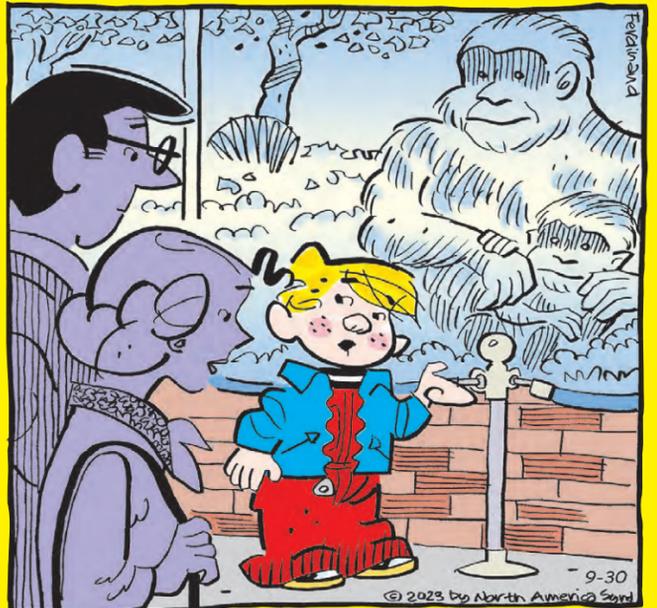
## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



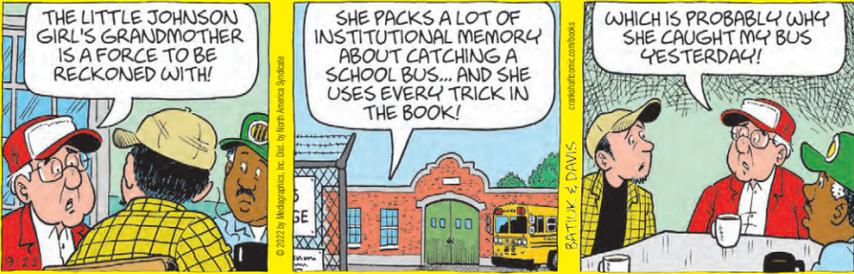
## Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Wumbo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



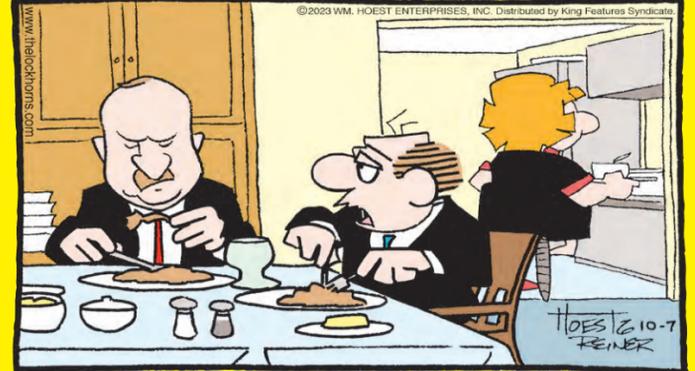
## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



## Close To Home

John McPherson



"Sweet! It does not say the word 'veterinary' anywhere on this form! We are going to deduct Kiwi's \$3,700 surgery as a medical expense!"

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Thanks, but I can drive."

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# Kid Scoop



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**Kid Scoop Together**

## Banana NICE Cream

With an adult's help, you can make this frozen, healthy treat!



### STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 4 cups frozen banana slices (about two bananas)
- 2-4 tablespoons unsweetened almond or another kind of milk

### MAKE IT!

1. Place frozen banana slices and 2 tablespoons of unsweetened milk into a food processor or blender.
2. Blend on high for 1 to 2 minutes.
3. If blender is having a hard time blending, add a little more milk a little at a time.
4. Once well mixed, your banana NICE cream will be like a soft serve ice cream. Enjoy it that way or put into a bread pan and freeze for 1 to 2 hours.

For more fun recipes, visit: [kidscoop.com/recipes](https://kidscoop.com/recipes)

## RAINBOW POWER!



Eat a rainbow and win!  
What's the prize? Energy!  
Healthy good looks!

Kid Scoop thanks the Produce for Better Health Foundation for the ideas and information on today's page.

Total the number of fruits and vegetables you will eat, by color, today. Can you eat at least one in each of the five color groups?



### EAT A RAINBOW EVERY DAY!

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables that are brightly colored is an easy way to get the mix of vitamins, minerals and other nutrients that you need from your food. Pick foods that are brightly colored inside and out.

Here are some examples of foods that make up the food rainbow!

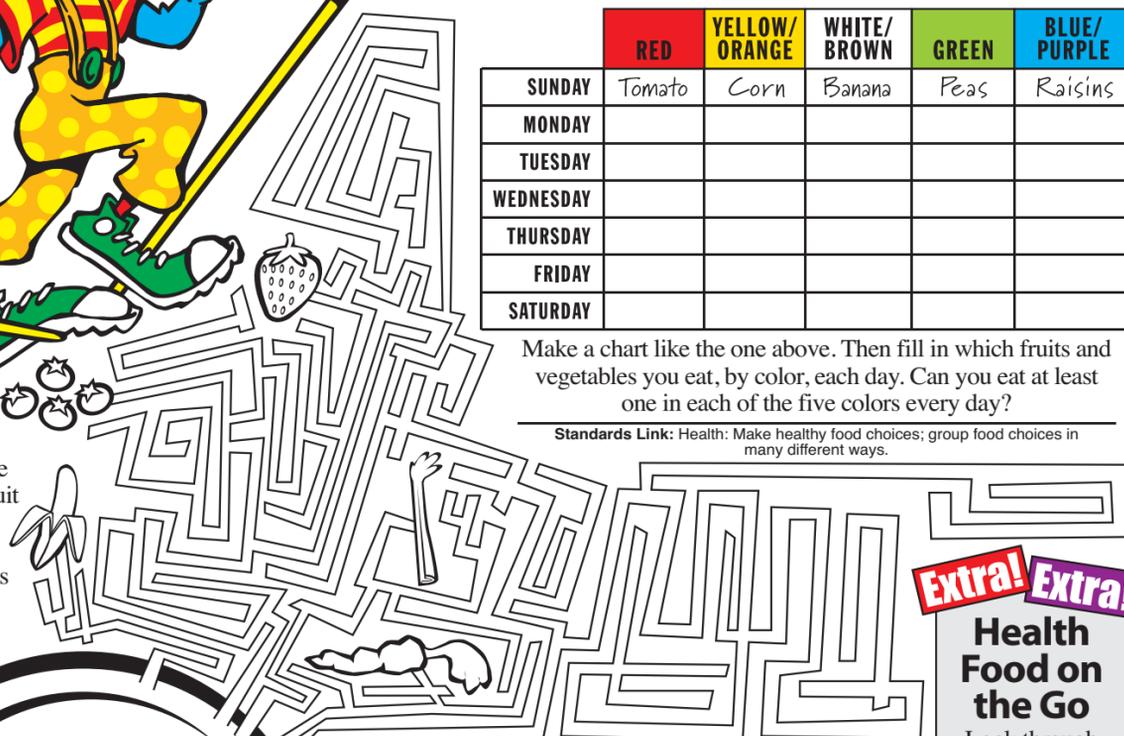
Red	Yellow/Orange	White/Brown	Green	Blue/Purple
Tomatoes Watermelon Cherries Red grapes Cranberries Strawberries Red cabbage Raspberries	Oranges Apricots Cantaloupe Carrots Lemons Pineapples Sweet corn Mangos	Garlic Onions Bananas Turnips Pears Potatoes Jicama Cauliflower	Lettuce Kiwi Green grapes Avocados Artichokes Spinach Celery Cucumbers	Blueberries Blackberries Plums Raisins Eggplant Purple grapes Prunes Elderberries

	RED	YELLOW/ORANGE	WHITE/BROWN	GREEN	BLUE/PURPLE
SUNDAY	Tomato	Corn	Banana	Peas	Raisins
MONDAY					
TUESDAY					
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					
FRIDAY					
SATURDAY					

Make a chart like the one above. Then fill in which fruits and vegetables you eat, by color, each day. Can you eat at least one in each of the five colors every day?

Standards Link: Health: Make healthy food choices; group food choices in many different ways.

Follow the maze to place each fruit or vegetable on the plate. Color each item and its path the correct color of the rainbow.



### PUT A RAINBOW ON YOUR PLATE

Cut out these fruits and vegetables. Then paste them on the plate to create a clown face using the different foods as eyes, mouth, nose, hair, etc.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



**Extra! Extra!**

### Health Food on the Go

Look through the newspaper for photos or drawings of different fruits and vegetables. Cut out these pictures. Paste them into the shape of a truck or a car.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to access content curriculum.

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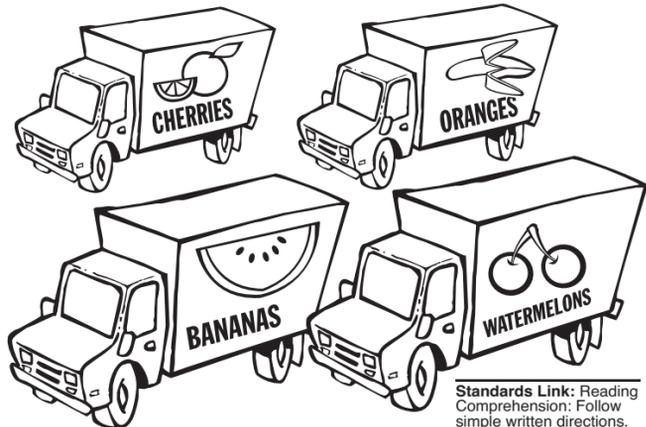
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### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### MIXED-UP FRUIT

Who switched these names on the fruit trucks? Draw lines to show where each label belongs. Then color the picture!



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

- RAINBOW
- RAISINS
- COLORS
- FRUIT
- MOUTH
- CHERRIES
- CUCUMBERS
- FACE
- JICAMA
- GAMES
- DOTS
- BROWN
- GARLIC
- SPINACH
- PRODUCE

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



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

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **NUTRITION**

The noun **nutrition** means food with nutrients that help people to live and grow.

Good **nutrition** makes people feel energetic and healthy.

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

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

#### Fruits and Veggies Dot-to-Dot

Choose one page of today's newspaper. On that page find and circle the letters that spell the names of at least five fruits and vegetables. Use the words on today's page to help you! Connect the dots and color your design!

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level words correctly.

## What do ghosts eat for breakfast?

ANSWER: Scream of wheat.

### Write On!

#### The Perfect Snack

What is your idea of the perfect after-school snack?

"WHEN I SAY TO A PARENT, 'READ TO A CHILD,' I DON'T WANT IT TO SOUND LIKE MEDICINE. I WANT IT TO SOUND LIKE CHOCOLATE."  
-MEM FOX

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## Liggett names new varsity baseball coach Ricci takes over program's reins after Cimini's summer departure

By Meg Leonard  
 Senior Editor

Jay Ricci has been named head coach of University Liggett School's varsity baseball team, the school announced Monday, Oct. 2.

Ricci steps up as Knights' varsity head coach after serving in that same capacity for the school's 2023 JV baseball team. He brings several years of head coaching and baseball experience, including serving as a head coach since 2017, within Detroit Caesars travel baseball organization and in Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League from 2013-21, where he held a four-year term as GPFCLL board president from 2018-21.

Ricci graduated from Liggett in 1994, and played Division 1 baseball as a left-handed pitcher for the University of Dayton.

He replaces longtime head coach Dan Cimini, who left Liggett this summer after a 17-year tenure that established the

program as a state powerhouse. Liggett won five state championships under the leadership of Cimini, who is now the head baseball coach at Northville High School.

Liggett's Head of Athletics, Leython Williams, said Ricci is a homegrown talent who lends the program the staying power and excellence it has come to expect.

"Jay Ricci is one of our own," Williams said. "He's a University Liggett School alum and a former D1 player at the University of Dayton. What excites us most about Jay is that he's invested in the long-term health of our baseball program. This is not a temporary assignment for Jay — he is committed to the Liggett community and exhibits high character and effective leadership qualities that model the attitude and behavior we expect from our student-athletes."

"Here's to a new era that he's well fitted for," Williams added, noting his use of a baseball pun. For Ricci, being named



COURTESY PHOTO

Jay Ricci has been named the new varsity baseball coach for the University Liggett Knights, a team that advanced to last June's Division 3 state final.

head coach at his high school alma mater, a school he attended from first through 12th grade and where his children now attend, is as special as it gets.

"I'm really excited about it," he said. "I'm excited to coach at this level — having played at

this level and in college, being an alum, having kids here and now being a baseball coach here."

Ricci said he is a firm believer in what the school stands for athletically and academically.

"It's a special place in that it brings kids in from all areas," he said. "I

think it's very important that we continue to seek out the best talent here and by going on the other side of Cook (Road)."

Ricci said an asset he brings to his players will be knowing the responsibility they have to be both good students and ball players.

"Knowing what it takes to succeed as a student-athlete here and how they have to be responsible for both aspects by having lived through that dynamic myself is important," he said. "It helps me get an understanding of what the kids are balancing and how to best set them up for success on the field and in the classroom."

Ricci said his coaching philosophy is to build up his players.

"I emphasize making every player feel like they are No. 1," he said. "Whether they are the first player or 14th, I want to make them feel like they are important and can contribute."

He also said he is grateful to Cimini, who brought Ricci into Liggett's baseball program last season.

"I appreciate what Dan has built here," Ricci said. "He won a lot of games and developed some very, very talented baseball players. It's an honor to continue that baseball legacy here at

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## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

Just a few years ago, becoming a rower was almost like an afterthought for Grosse Pointe South senior Carly Brown.

"I went to a learn-to-row thing when I was in seventh grade I believe and from there I didn't really do anything with it at first," she said. "Going into freshman year of high school, I wanted to have a fall sport to get ready for basketball in the winter and softball in spring to just get in shape. It was between cross country and rowing, and since I had a little experience rowing I decided that I might as well do that."

A few years have made a big difference. Now, Brown has become part of national and world championship winning crew teams and is on her way to joining one of the top college rowing programs in the

Sjogren, Ryleigh O'Donoghue and Cassie Summerfield, won the Women's 4+ national final at the USRowing Youth National Championships. Lifting the trophy as the top team in the country was the culmination of years of hard work by Brown and her teammates, even if they were not totally expecting it to happen.

"We had been rowing together for at least two years, maybe closer to three, so we were all super close," Brown said. "Being in that boat and making it like a

priority in the spring, we clicked and were all able to get better together and communicate what we think is happening in the boat... It was a great bond we all had and winning nationals was amazing. Going in we just wanted to see what happened and then each race we kept getting first."

Just after winning a national championship, Brown then got the



COURTESY PHOTOS

Carly Brown, second from right, poses with her gold medal with some of her fellow U.S. national team rowers at the 2023 World Rowing U19 Championships in Paris.

chance to compete for a world championship. Brown was one of about 50 rowers invited to train with the Under-19 National Rowing Team in California, and then went on to Paris, France in August to compete in the 2023 World Rowing U n d e r - 1 9 Championships.

"We trained in California for about five or six weeks and some girls got cut," Brown said about the experience. "...We trained there for a while then flew out to Paris...We raced twice and it was a really good time."

Brown ended up being

part of the boat that took first place in the U19 women's coxed four final race, adding another gold medal to her resumé. A successful spring and summer now has Brown fully motivated for the fall season.

Keeping herself motivated while she already has some big accolades to her name is something Brown has not struggled with at all. She knows that every race and setting can be unique, but overall remains focused on giving her best effort for the benefit of the entire boat.

"It changes depending on the race and who we're facing," Brown said. "I always stay focused and locked in so that when we're starting, I know the boat will feel good and I'll try my best. It's hard because rowing is mostly about putting in all the effort you can over a long amount of time, so I remind myself that the more I push the better position I'll put us in to win."

With many of her teammates from the national championship winning boat this spring

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## 2D | FOOTBALL/SOCCER

# North football handles Lake Shore for fourth straight win

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North football team marched into Lake Shore last Friday, Sept. 29, looking for its fourth straight win and to remain undefeated in the MAC Gold Division. The Norsemen did not have a hard time doing just that, taking care of the Shorians in a 35-6 victory.

North's senior QB Ryan Henderson had a stellar night with four touchdowns through the air and one on the ground. His first came about midway through the opening quarter when Henderson connected on a short pass to receiver Nick Saigh, who then showed off his own quickness and athleticism taking the ball 57 yards to the end zone.

On the ensuing kickoff after the touchdown, the Lake Shore returner fumbled the ball giving possession right back to the Norsemen. The team took full advantage of the Shorians' mistake by scoring

*'Both of them are playmakers.'*

NORTH HEAD COACH JOE DROUIN  
REGARDING THE DUO OF RYAN HENDERSON  
AND LEO PERETTIE

again with another touchdown pass from Henderson, this time to Leo Perettie, to extend North's lead to 14-0.

The second quarter saw things slow down slightly for North, however, the team was still able to extend its lead before halftime. With just under a minute to go before the break,

Henderson threw his third touchdown of the first half, and his second to Perettie to send the game into halftime with North up 21-0.

The Norsemen remained firmly in control of the game as the

second half started. Henderson and Perettie connected for their third touchdown of the night as a quarterback-receiver tandem to put North ahead by 28 at the end of three quarters.

"Both of them are playmakers," North football coach Joe Drouin said about the

duo of Henderson and Perettie. "Leo, you can see when he has the ball that he has the point guard instinct and is able to move around. Ryan is a pure playmaker and they work so well together."

North extended the lead even more early in the fourth quarter when Henderson ran the ball into the end zone on a two-yard QB sneak. Lake Shore's first and only points of the game came on a touchdown with just over five minutes left that spoiled the Norsemen's attempt at a shutout, but came at a point when any hope for a comeback was nonexistent.

Henderson finished the game with 130 yards passing with just seven completions, four of them being touchdowns. Perettie had 49 yards receiving and 20 rushing yards to go along with his hat trick of touchdowns.

The win brought the Norsemen's record to 5-1 through six weeks of the season and 4-0 in the MAC Gold Division, putting them on top of the division. As the team enters the final stretch of the regular season, Drouin wants his team to



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

North receiver Leo Perettie celebrates in the end zone after catching his third touchdown of the night against Lake Shore.

stay focused on the tests that still await them.

"We want to approach it like a runner or swimmer and make sure we're taking care of our bodies," Drouin said. "... Making sure we can keep the concentration and focus. The light at the end of the tunnel is the team across town, so Week 9 is always going to have our focus and we're already getting information about who we might play in Week 10 to prepare. It's really about just taking care of our bodies and our mindset and continuing to stay focused."

Up Next In Week 7:

North stays on the road for another divisional matchup against Fitzgerald. The Spartans currently sit just behind the Norsemen in the MAC Gold with a 3-1 division record and 3-3 overall record for the season. Fitzgerald defeated Warren Woods-Tower last week 41-15.

North's matchup against Fitzgerald will not be played under the lights, and instead is set for a Saturday afternoon kickoff. The game is scheduled to get underway at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Fitzgerald.



Nick Saigh dashes toward the end zone on a 57-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter.

# Liggett soccer stays unbeaten

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett boys soccer team has looked unstoppable this fall season. The Knights entered their matchup against Plymouth Christian on Monday, Oct. 2, with an unbeaten 11-0-0 record and with a streak of shutouts that dates back to Aug. 31. Both of those streaks remained alive on Monday as the Knights took care of business, defeating the Eagles 5-0.

"With this group, we praise them for their focus," Liggett boys soccer head coach David Dwaihy said about the win. "We're able to attack pretty well and establish possession in the other team's half... The potential downside of not defending as much as you would in a game that's a bit more even, it's easy to switch off and get a bit rusty, but our back line has been laser focused... They don't look like a team that's become distracted or complacent."

The final score certainly indicates that Monday was a dominant win for Liggett, which it was, but not until the

second half. The first half was tightly contested at times with Plymouth Christian able to keep the Knights in check and hold off a few scoring chances. In the 22nd minute, however, Liggett finally broke through when senior captain Claudio Cavallo found the back of the net and gave the Knights a 1-0 lead.

That one-goal lead carried over into the second half for Liggett. Once the second half began, it did not take long for the Knights to firmly take control of the game with a scoring outburst that saw them net four goals in less than ten minutes of play.

The first of those four goals was scored by the Knights' other senior captain, Cass Cooley. Just two minutes later, freshman Brady Ancona extended Liggett's lead to 3-0. Cavallo then scored his second goal of the day to make the lead 4-0 before the Eagles could seemingly even blink. Shortly after, a throw-in from the sidelines for Liggett would be redirected by the head of Cooley and resulted in his second goal of the game finish-

ing out the 5-0 victory.

Five goals, with four coming in quick succession, is an impressive offensive performance for any team. What stood out the most to the Knights' coaches on Monday was the chemistry and precision that led to a few of those goals.

"We told the guys after that those were some of the best (goals), especially the second and third ones where there were multiple pass sequences that led to a fairly comfortable finish," Dwaihy said. "... We try to do things in practice that allow them to develop those patterns and they really take our coaching well when it comes to getting behind the other team's defense."

The win on Monday helped to move the Knights to 12-0-0 and was the team's ninth straight shutout victory. Liggett faced off against Bishop Foley in the CHSL Cardinal Division championship on Wednesday, Oct. 4, after press time. The Knights take on Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard on the road at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett senior captain Claudio Cavallo scored twice in the Knights' 5-0 win over Plymouth Christian on Monday, Oct. 2.

# Blue Devils flatten Falcons 49-7

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

For the third time in six games, Grosse Pointe South's varsity football team spotted itself a 35-point lead, big enough to kick in the running clock rule throughout the second half, as the Blue Devils trounced the Henry Ford II Falcons 49-7 in its annual homecoming game Friday, Sept. 29, at South.

Equal to South's offensive power has been the Blue Devils defense, which has allowed seven points or less in five of its six games this season, with the exception of a 21-7 loss against Anchor Bay in Week 2.

"That is my top priority, having formerly been a defensive coach, and that's the team we want to be," South head coach Chad Hepner said. "We want to hang our hat on playing solid defense every week. We got the kids that are doing it, they're taking the coaching, they take what we say to heart."

On Friday night, South's defense made a statement in the game's first minute, sending Henry Ford off the field on a three-and-out. The Blue Devils offense responded by getting things going on its first play from scrimmage, handing the ball to senior running back Joey Michelotti, who took it 34 yards for a touchdown. The point after made it 7-0 South with just over 10 minutes left in the first quarter.

Henry Ford gave the Blue Devils the ball back with 7:05 in the first. A 10-yard pass to junior Vince Vachon gave the South a first down on its



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's Hunter Belanger (No. 88) and Vince Vachon celebrate the Blue Devil's second touchdown.

own 31. After a 3-yard run by Michelotti, junior quarterback Jack Lupo connected for the first of his three touchdown throws with receiver Connor Pattie for a 17-yard gain. South went to the air again for a 7-yard touchdown catch by Vachon, putting South up 14-0 with 4:10 to go in the quarter.

Another defensive stop gave South the ball with three minutes and change left in the first, which turned out to be one of South's longer drives of the game. Starting near their own 30-yard line, Henry Ford kept the chains moving for South after being flagged for a personal foul and then a pass interference call. On



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ay Ziggy Zoomba Zoomba Zoomba! Grosse Pointe South varsity football players raise their helmets and sing their victory cheer in unison after beating Henry Ford II last Friday.

Lupo connected with Cedar Rihani, putting South up 21-0 with 10:26

Just under a minute later, Vashon returned a punt 40 yards for the score, extending South's lead to 28-0.

After a failed 39-yard Henry Ford field goal try, South's next score came with 2:30 to go before the half on a drive that belonged to senior wide receiver Karter Richards, who had four catches for 66 yards on the day. Richards, who also is a standout varsity basketball player at South, made a ESPN-worthy, behind-the-back catch to give his team a first-and-10 at the Falcons' 20-yard line. Another Richards' catch got South to the 18, then on third-and-2, Lupo hit Richards in the end zone

for a 35-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, South tacked on more points, thanks to junior running back Matthew Agnone, who scrambled for a 39-yard touchdown run at 7:37 in the third quarter and an 18-yard touchdown run with 4:02 left in the quarter to give South a 49-0 lead.

Henry Ford got a late touchdown with 9:25 left in the game, but by that time the Blue Devils had the Falcons' fate sealed, running away with a 49-7 win.

"Our defense really wanted to keep (Henry Ford) off the board," Hepner said, "but I told our guys it's much more important that we get a lot of their backups on

the field, who bust their butt and work hard every practice too, so I'm sure that was good for the team overall."

South's defense, led by juniors Lex Wilson, Josh Lemanski and Wyatt Hepner, registered three sacks and eight tackles for loss. Agnone had another 100-yard rushing game, taking nine carries for 110 yards. Michelotti had six carries for 75 yards. Lupo was 13-for-18 for 133 yards. Senior kicker C.J. Rosati was a perfect 7-for-7 in extra points.

**Up next in Week 7:**

South has the chance to capture the MAC White division

championship when they play division foe Lakeview High School at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Lakeview. South currently sits at 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the division, with its only loss coming in the MAC Red against Anchor Bay.

The Huskies eked out an 29-23 overtime win over L'Anse Creuse last week, and are 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the MAC White.

"We're just gonna try to get better, like we do every week," Hepner said. "I told them whatever happened (in this week's game), we have to be a better team than we were at the beginning of the week. And I think we are."

Hepner said Lakeview will require a lot of preparation.

"We take a look at what we have to do with Lakeview. Their offense presents some unique challenges that we're really gonna have to prepare for," he said. "It's something we don't see regularly — they run double tight, full house, primarily a running offense. And so they're just going to try to control the ball and control the clock. That's so tough to prepare for because it's so different from all the other offenses we've faced. So we will have to really dig into our game plan."

## Knights celebrate homecoming with convincing win over Cabrini

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

University Liggett's football team entered its homecoming matchup last Friday, Sept. 29, looking to bounce back from a close loss to Everest Collegiate the week before. The Knights had that chance against Cabrini and made the most of it in front of the homecoming crowd, dominating the Monarchs 42-7.

The Knights got out to a fast start last Friday and never let up. Before Carbini could even blink, Liggett was up 14-0 after a rushing touchdown by Gary Stacy. The Monarchs managed to pull back to 14-7, scoring what would end up being their only points of the night on a touchdown with 3:17 left in the open-

second-and-3 from the Falcons 4-yard line, ing quarter.

After that, it was back to being all Knights. Quarterback Nikkos Davis connected with Marvin Hartfield on a long touchdown pass of 75 yards to extend



Liggett's lead back to two scores. Another touchdown run by Stacy and then a pick-six on defense made by Santino Cicarella gave the Knights a commanding 34-7 lead going into halftime.

With the game seemingly well in hand already going into the second half, the Knights did not

left in the second quarter.

put up points at the same pace as in the opening two quarters. The defense continued to hold strong and kept Cabrini off the board, while a touchdown pass from Davis to Cicarella early in the fourth quarter ended up being the only points of the second half, helping to close out the win.

**Up Next In Week 7:** The victory over Carbini moved the Knights to 4-2 this season and 2-1 in Catholic League play. Liggett faces off against another Catholic League foe this week against Shrine Catholic, who enters the game with a winless 0-6 record. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, at Shrine Catholic in Royal Oak.

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Liggett."

Liggett's new head coach also said he is eager to give each player a fresh look on a team that lost 11 seniors, five of whom were Division 1 college commits.

"Everyone should be really excited to play

with us, maybe in the same position they were before or maybe to pitch in where they didn't," he said.

With 35 kids in the program, Ricci said he is encouraged by the level of talent in front of him. He also is excited to get the newest era in Liggett baseball underway with a ton of positivity.

"Attitude and effort, it

all starts there," he said. "If we have 100 percent of that 100 percent of the time with the talent we have, and if we're teaching baseball and staying strong mentally, the wins will come.

"With the way we will prepare and the respect they will have for the game, we will have plenty of success," he added.

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4D | SWIM AND DIVE

# Blue Devils take second in Wayne county, Norsemen finish fifth, Knights 15th

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

The Grosse Pointes made their presence known among 17 varsity swim and dive teams at the Wayne County meet Saturday, Sept. 30, with host Grosse Pointe South finishing in second place and Grosse Pointe North grabbing fifth overall. University Liggett School finished 15th.

The Division 2 Blue Devils finished with 379 points, just off pace from Division 1 Northville's first-place finish of 413 points. North scored 190 points and Division 3 Liggett scored 14.

Among the best finishes of the day for South and North swimmers included South's 200 medley relay team of Mischa Eng, Keira Collins, Hannah DiDio and Whitney Handwork, who took second place in 1:48.89.

North's 200 medley relay team of Kennedy Hasting, Avery Beal, Addie Wakefield and Elliana Orlando took sixth in 2:00.30. Liggett's Kelsey Beckett, Allie Roth, Ava Noecker and Annabel Klaasen finished in 13th

place in 2:06.28 in the same event.

South's Heidi Bryan finished in third place in the 200 free (1:59.20), with North's Cailey Hard taking fifth in 2:02.94.

Eng took home the championship for South in the 200 IM in 2:10.52. Teammates DiDio and Betty Engel finished third and fifth in the event, with times of 2:18.96 and 2:20.30 respectively.

Norsemen Beal finished second in the 50 free in 24.82, with Handwork finishing a close third in 24.97 for the Blue Devils.

Beal took home the championship in the 100 free for North in 53.60. Another championship, this time for South, came thanks to Bryan's first-place finish in the 500 free in 5:15.84, outpacing the nearest finisher by nearly five seconds. Teammate Maryn Smith took third (5:24.76) in the event.

South finished the day taking fourth in the 200 free relay (Lorelei Carr, Bryan, Collins and Charlotte Bedworth in 1:43.82), third in the 100 back (Eng in 59.35) and second in the 400 free relay (Handwork,

DiDio, Bryan and Eng in 3:42.79.)

In diving, South's Alayna Okanowski finished sixth overall among 31 divers with 318.75 points. North's Penny Rousemis took 20th place with 172.65 points.

In addition to placing at the county meet, several Blue Devils and Norsemen earned new cuts for the upcoming MISCA and state final meets.

For South, Betty Engel (100 fly), Maryn Smith (500 free) and Keira Collins (100 breast) each earned a state cut in their respective events. Bryan improved her qualifying time in the 200 free — an event for which she previously earned a spot in states — while DiDio qualified in the 200 IM. South currently has seven swimmers on its state meet roster including Bryan, Eng, Smith, Collins, Handwork, Engel and DiDio.

For North, its state final roster grew by adding the 200 free relay, which earned a qualifying time. Two additional Norsemen earned MISCA cuts, including Orlando in the 500 free and Wakefield in the 50 free and 100 free.



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South's Lydia Johnson swims neck and neck with her neighboring lane in the 100 breast.



South's varsity swim and dive team gets pumped up before the Wayne county meet last Saturday.



Left: North's Addie Wakefield and Avery Beal don their hard-earned medals at the Wayne County meet.

Right: Twice is nice! North freshman Elliana Orlando flashes a big grin after double medaling at the Wayne County meet.



NORTH PHOTOS BY CHRIS TREPANOWSKI

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now graduated and off to college, Brown is adjusting to having some new teammates in her boat this year. After she finishes her final high school season, it will be off to college for Brown as well as she is committed to continue rowing with the crew team at Stanford University.

Brown made a visit to Stanford months ago and immediately fell in love with the school and the rowing program. Before she joins the

Cardinal in 2024, there is still work to be done for Brown to finish her high school days strong.

"This fall I'm actually rowing on a different side, moving to the port after being on starboard for the last three years," Brown said. "I'm really trying to get my port side rowing up to what it was when I was on starboard... There's little things that I want to fix with my body position and stuff like that."

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Brown, far right, rows through Paris with her teammates at the World Rowing U19 Championships. After finishing her senior year at South, Brown will go on to row at Stanford University.

# Blue Devils volleyball stands tall against rival Norsemen



Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Grosse Pointe South varsity volleyball took advantage of its height at the net and executed a dynamic offense to overpower city rival Grosse Pointe North in three straight sets Tuesday, Sept. 26, on the Blue Devils home court.

Excited fans, including members of the Devils' Den and Norsemen Tide student spirit groups, filled the house to watch South take each set in commanding fashion 25-18, 25-10 and 25-20.

South's sophomore sensation, Gabby DiVita, gave the Norsemen fits at the net on offense, registering 17 kills.

DiVita and Ally Edwards, who had eight kills of her own, also were a force on defense, contributing two blocks each and combining for 13 digs. Eleni Melhem added two aces and 14 digs.

"We focused on working a lot on our block, so once we showed that we were going to be a big presence at the net, (North) was going to start sending over some junk," South head coach Janeil DiVita said. "We just talked about adjusting and knowing (if) we were gonna put a big block up, they were gonna swing deep or try to hit around us or to tip over us."

South stayed on its feet defensively and adjusted well to North's strategy, something that helped prevent big momentum swings, according to the Blue Devils head coach.

"We came out and were consistent and didn't let any big runs go against us, which is another thing we talk about that can be a momentum changer," she said. "We minimized any major runs. We had a couple here and there, but we like to try to nip that quicker when we get two or three points down."

South also had another weapon on the floor, setter Elle Davey,



With the Blue Devils up 6-4 in the third set, Ally Edwards sends over a serve.

whose 33 assists showed her penchant for effectively moving the ball around to her hitters, mixing in the middle hit and back set, while strategically sending the ball over on the second hit, keeping North's defense guessing.

"Elle Davey is doing a fantastic job," DiVita said. "At the beginning of the season, we were really just trying to weigh out the pros and cons of (who would set) and she has really stepped up. Every game she's getting better. ... She's spreading the ball around to all the hitters and it's making us unpredictable to the defense," DiVita added.

North head coach Chelsea Brozo said she was proud of how her young team responded to an intense rivalry environment, despite the final outcome.

"So what I think went right was we played as a team, we went out as a team and we have a lot of camaraderie," she said. "We are a young team ... (but) their willingness to want to perform was there."

"I think their energy was right and dedication to the program and team was right."

Brozo said she will advise her players to use a game like this, where they bounced back for a more competitive third set, as one to learn and grow from.

"I think the biggest thing tonight was we learned from our mistakes and being younger, that might take a minute," she said. "I take this game as a learning opportunity for everyone, for starters and for girls that are on the bench."

She said she also will advise them to not let this loss linger.

"(North versus South is) an environment, it's a culture," she said. "It's something you need to remember that it's just a game and at the end of the day, someone's gotta win and someone's gotta lose."

... If it's not your game, you try for the next one and you have to use what you felt inside, you use the environment, the noise and you just move forward.



North's Elizabeth Wozniak sets up the offense last week against South.

"This just wasn't our night," she added.

For South, DiVita said she hopes to use this game as another building block toward her team's season goals.

"I know we are really a lot more dynamic than we have been in the past," she said. "... I am so proud of our hitters," noting the team is working together as a group.

"They are all just pitching in and everyone is just doing their job. It's really fun."

South is 14-8-3 on the season. North is 6-2-0.

South's Eleni Melham gets pumped about a point.



Ally Edwards and Sydney Hoffman let the back row know the next play they will run.



Gabby DiVita delivers one of her 17 kills against North.



North's Lauren LeFebvre gets past South's block.



North's varsity volleyball team huddles up before game time.

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211 Moross Grosse Pointe Farms  
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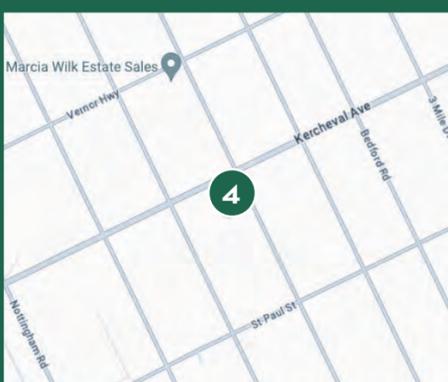
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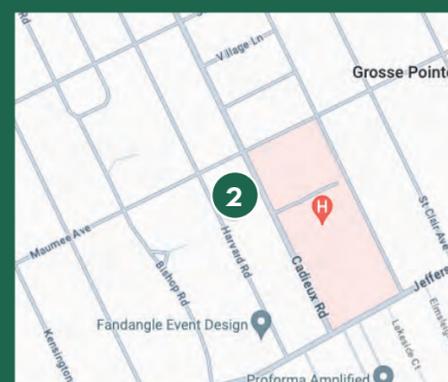
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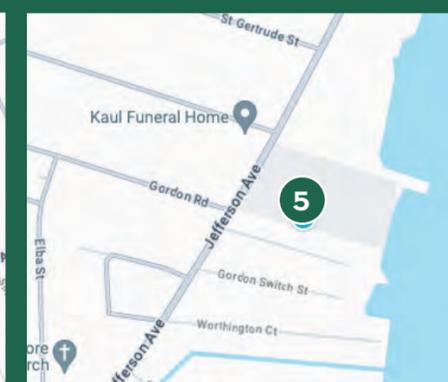
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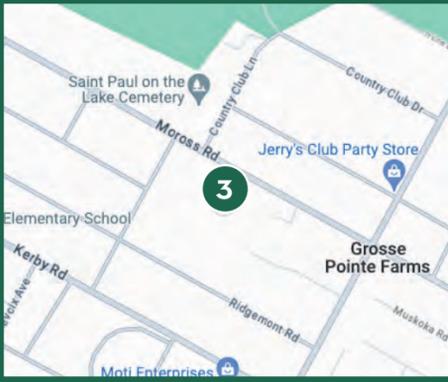
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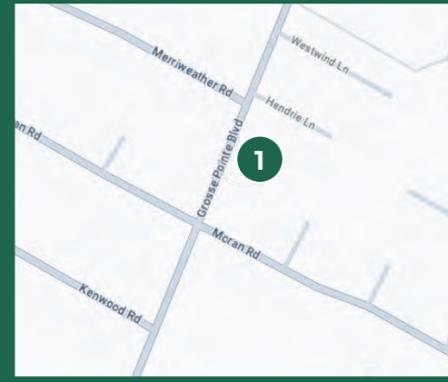
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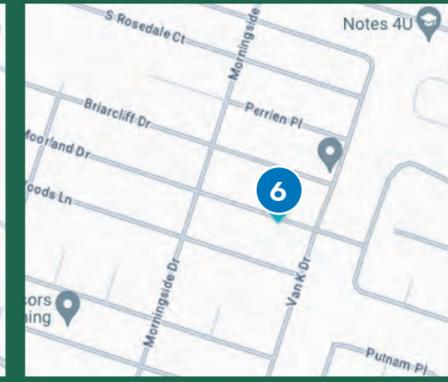
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**THIS WEEK**

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2. 1018 Harvard Rd, GP  
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4. 1169 Buckingham, GPP  
5. 28404 Jefferson Ave, SCS  
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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Left: Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils come in for a group huddle during a match last week.

Above: South No. 1 singles player sophomore Matthew Holowinski strikes the ball during a tough match last week vs. Detroit Country Day School.

## South tennis repeats in MAC Red

Grosse Pointe South boys varsity tennis ached their way past Romeo High School 6-2 to repeat as MAC Red division champions Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Elworthy. Last year, the Blue Devils shared

the championship with Eisenhower.

“Looking forward to regionals and states. The future is bright,” quipped South co-captain Chase Bartoszewicz

In singles play, No. 1

Matthew Holowinski, No. 2 Mikey Kornmeier, No. 3 Brendan Stafford and No. 4 Will Gryzenia won their matches. In doubles play, No. 1 seed Shawn Coyle and Chase Bartoszewicz won as did

No. 2 doubles Matthew Bartoszewicz and Jonathan Holowinski

Next up, the Blue Devils will face several non-conference teams leading up to regionals, which will be hosted in

Grosse Pointe at Elworthy on Wednesday, Oct. 11. The team will face cross-town rivals Grosse Pointe North, L’Anse Creuse, Lakeview, Sterling Heights, Cousino, De La Salle and Warren Woods

Tower. From there, the top four singles players and top four doubles teams will earn a spot in the Division 2 state finals, which will be hosted in Grand Rapids on Oct. 20-21.

## GYPC hosts championship regatta, South sails to second

Sailors from high schools around the state gathered at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Saturday, Sept. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 1, for the MISSA Michigan 420 State Championships. With a state title and a couple of spots in the Great Lakes Championships on the line, the teams were able to sail in 20 brand new 420e boats that were donated to the yacht club by the Youth Nautical Education Foundation. Using those new boats, the combined team from Mercy/U of D Jesuit earned first place

at the end of the weekend.

The reigning state champions (and hometown team in this case), Grosse Pointe South, finished in second place overall. While the Blue Devils did not retain the championship trophy, they still earned one of the two Great Lakes Championships qualifying spots and punched their ticket to Chicago, which will take place Nov. 4-5 at the Chicago Yacht Club.

— Mike Adzima



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The Youth Nautical Education Fund provided the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club with brand new 420e sailboats, used in last weekend’s MISSA Michigan 420 Championships.



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## North, South field hockey team up to fight cancer

Field hockey teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North faced Wednesday, Sept. 27, in a game that was bigger than just the final score. Though South was victorious 5-0, both teams sported pink during the game as the programs helped raise money for cancer research. The programs and their fans helped raise a total of over \$5,000 to be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Meg Kelly, Scout Webber, Lauren Carron, Isabella Babcock and Evie Wodzisz scored for South, but the combined effort off the field from both teams was the day’s real highlight.