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Woods council to fill vacancy

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Officials now are accepting applications to fill a vacancy on city council.

The seat became vacant in May when Councilman Thomas Vaughn passed away after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. A resolution council passed earlier this month

lays out the process, noting that the city charter requires it to declare a vacancy and the seat must be filled for the remainder of its term. The unexpired term to be filled ends November

2025. The charter does not, however, lay out an exact method to fill the vacancy, allowing council instead to create one. The city will accept applications through 4

p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. Eligibility requirements are:
◆ Be at least 18 years of age;
◆ Be a citizen of the United States;
◆ Be a resident of the

city at least two consecutive years prior to appointment;
◆ Be a registered voter;
◆ Not be delinquent on city taxes or fines or be in default to any state agency. Applications, including a resume and letter of interest, can be delivered
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Eaton Rapids and City of Grosse Pointe officials Wednesday, Aug. 21, in Eaton Rapids for the second community exchange day.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BREEZY MARCUS

Above-board STRs number 24

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The website of nationwide brokers of short-term rental properties lists 24 such businesses operating above board in the Park.

The data, from Airbnb, doesn't include unregistered or unlicensed rentals that city officials suspect are being lent by black market profiteers. "It represents the inventory of short-term listings specifically on Airbnb," said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager and secretary of the planning commission. "These are the ones we could identify addresses on. It's our best guess if it's owner-occupied or not." He gathered the list in preparation for a regularly scheduled commission meeting Monday,

Aug. 19. The meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum. The next meeting is scheduled Oct. 21, although a special joint meeting of the commission and city council to discuss more than a year's worth of ongoing zoning code updates — but not proposed rules governing short-term rentals — convened Monday, Aug. 26. According to the third and latest draft of zoning code updates, short-term rentals are defined as: "The rental or subletting of any dwelling on a premises for a term of 28 days or less." Short-term rentals are subdivided according to their ownership and operating status:
◆ Principal-residence short-term rentals, also called owner-occupied,

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Admins visit Eaton Rapids for second exchange day

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — "I always say the City of Grosse Pointe is a little hidden gem," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said. "I think I can say the same thing about Eaton Rapids." The two cities reunited last week after the City first hosted Eaton Rapids officials in June, as part of a Michigan Association of Mayors Community Exchange Day program that matches communities with similar demographics and operations to then host each other for a day of collaboration, comparing experiences and exploring different processes. Wednesday, Aug. 21, delegates from the City — Tomkowiak, City Manager Joe Valentine, council members Dave Fries and Chris Moyer, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Chris Hardenbrook and Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock — made the two-

hour trek to Eaton Rapids, located just south of Lansing. "We've really developed quite the camaraderie and the rapport with the group," Eaton Rapids Mayor Pamela Colestock said, "so it was very relaxing and it was a lot of fun." Beyond touring city hall, public safety and public works — Eaton Rapids has its own electric utility and water treatment plant — the City crew visited Island Park, into which \$4 million recently was invested for the addition of a riverwalk, fishing piers and new playground equipment; Miller Farm, which once was an active dairy farm that produced Miller Ice Cream and, today, houses the Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society; the VFW National Home, which began nearly a century ago to house families of veterans killed in action and still has 50 active homes on the property; and the GAR, Grand Army of the Republic, Museum. "The Union soldiers after the Civil War had got

together and had created the Grand Army of the Republic Post, so that they could get together after they were home from the

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FEMA grant secured for 2nd year

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — "It's a big win for the city," Fire Specialist Amber Williams said of a \$71,114 Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant recently awarded to the Farms. "We didn't have to budget this out over multiple years and now we can focus our efforts on other things for other grants." The grant — along with a city cost share of 5 percent, or \$3,555 — will fund the replacement of outdated fire hoses, as

well as new nozzles and adaptors. While some of the equipment is 10-plus years old, replacing it is "just out of an abundance of safety," Williams explained, "because everything we have still meets criteria and still passes testing. ... Because of the age and keeping up with technology and things like that, it was just a good time to replace those things." Aside from offering the department the latest features, the new equipment purchased in one order also will provide consistency. "If we stick with one

brand instead of having one of this brand and one of this brand, we'll have some continuity," Williams said, "so it makes it easier between training and then servicing our equipment and replacing it when something is out of rotation or things like that." Specifically, the department will use the funds for headline nozzles, water curtain nozzles, Gate Y valves, a Siamese two-way valve, foam tube nozzles and more than 6,000 feet of hoses in various sizes. Williams and officers Michael Ryan and Bryan

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Shores buying new ambulance

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City council approved the purchase of a new ambulance on a 6-1 vote at its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 20. Councilman John Dakmak was the lone dissenting vote.

The ambulance will cost close to \$369,000. The current ambulance cost \$109,000 in 2008, according to City Manager Steve Poloni. He noted it probably could be auctioned for \$20,000.

Council considered a second option, which would have taken the box of the current ambulance and put it on a new chassis at a cost of \$311,000.

“I was surprised because the savings on that weren’t as impressive compared to buying a totally new one,” Public Safety Director Ken Werenski said.

The original bid said delivery could take up to 950 days due to a backlog of orders.

“For Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, there’s really only one supplier to buy from,” Werenski said. “But I talked to the salesman recently and he said that’s now down to about 12 to 14 months.”

Werenski assured council the current ambulance works fine but needs repairs on occasion.

“If we are going to continue to offer this service, I’d recommend buying a new one,” he said. “We were able to sit down with the salesman and design

it to make life much easier, especially with all the new technology.”

The Shores is the only one of the five Pointes that does not contract out for ambulance service.

“That’s our most essential service,” Mayor Ted Kedzierski said.

Werenski said he expects the new rig to last at least 15 years.

“I base that on how we take care of the current one,” he said. “After we get back from a run we put it in the garage, clean it and restock it.”

Although the current ambulance only has 70,000 miles on it, having a diesel engine is a drawback. The new one will be gasoline powered.

“Part of the problem is we don’t drive it enough,” Werenski added. “We have to take it on the expressway once a year and just run it 40 minutes and then 40 minutes back.”

One feature the new ambulance will have is called a power cot.

“This is a worker’s comp dream for us,” Poloni said. “It does all the lifting. Even on stairs you just guide it.”

Not only does it reduce the risk of injury to officers, Poloni expects the city to get a reduced rate on worker’s compensation insurance costs.

“Since I’ve been here, you’ve upgraded a lot of our equipment,” Werenski told council. “We’re very appreciative.”

“We’ve always said we want to retain the same service level or increase it,” Kedzierski replied.



To and fro perspectives of the crash scene show where the speeding driver’s vehicle clipped a tree but hit the fence. In the second image, the oncoming SUV is at the spot where the errant driver lost control and passed between two sycamores, unlike two prior wrecks over the past two years.

PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Another crash

GROSSE POINTE PARK — For the third time in two summers, a speeding driver crashed at the eastbound Jefferson curve approaching Cadieux.

Unlike the first two times, this time the driver’s vehicle jumped the right, outside curb but didn’t smash directly into one of many sycamore trees lining the roadway.

Instead, it glanced off a tree and knocked down part of a lakeside homeowner’s front-yard metal fence.

The driver and passenger were uninjured, according to Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman.

“On Monday, Aug. 19, at 3:47 a.m. officers responded to a black Jeep Wrangler that left the roadway and struck a metal fence and two stone columns,” Pittman said.

The driver, a 22-year-



old female, is a West Bloomfield resident.

“She admitted to an officer she was traveling above the posted speed limit and accidentally lost control of her vehicle, left the roadway and caused the crash,” Pittman said. “She was cited for failure to use due care and caution. The vehicle was towed. Zero injuries.”

The passenger, a 22-year-old woman, lives in Farmington Hills.

There were no arrests. “There was no reason to believe alcohol was a factor in the crash,” Pittman said. “It seemed like just an accident.”

Last summer, a 31-year-old man from Warren was driving a car at more than 100

mph, witnesses told police, lost control and hit a tree in almost the same spot. He survived with injuries.

Two summers ago, police said “speed was a factor” when two men died in a late-night motorcycle crash at the apex of the eastbound curve.

— Brad Lindberg

STR:

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are those in which the owner-operator of the property also is a permanent resident of the site.

◆ Investor-owned, meaning the owner doesn’t live there.

Rothe determined at least 15 of the two dozen

short-term rentals listed on the Airbnb website are owner-occupied.

He also determined another five are investor-owned. He couldn’t identify the ownership or operating status of four remaining properties.

Twelve listings are in the Cabbage Patch district (Beaconsfield, 6; Lakepointe, 2;

Nottingham, 4; and Wayburn, 2).

Four are on Harcourt (although two are technically on Jefferson). Three are one block over on Trombley.

Short-term rentals, or STRs, are the latest trend in lodging.

Airbnb, originating in 2008 in San Francisco as “AirBed & Breakfast,” is now listed on the Nasdaq

exchange with U.S. revenue of nearly \$6 billion.

Other firms are Vacasa, Vrbo, RentCafe, a p a r t m e n t s . c o m , CorporateHousing and more.

Inventories of STR sites generate short-term data.

“Listings change periodically,” Rothe said.

Nebulousness also comes from some operators not registering with

the city nor obtaining a rental permit.

Determining operators who lack permits requires investigative work.

“Basically, browse listings and rely on tips from neighbors,” Rothe said.

On the self-titled website of AirDNA, a company that analyzes the short-term rental industry, some 106 available listings are in the com-

bined five Grosse Pointes.

The vast majority, 87 percent, are for entire homes. All offer wireless internet access, 95 percent have kitchens and 89 percent have parking.

Rentals peak during July and August to generate an average combined revenue of more than \$1.8 million, a 5 percent increase from last year.

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Harper Woods Synopsis published 8-22-24 Bottom Line 13) should have read:
to authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League’s Annual Convention September 11-13, 2024 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses, and further to designate Mayor Kindle as the City’s official delegate, and Mayor Pro tem Williams as the alternate delegate during the MML Annual Meeting to be held during the convention.

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Orlowski are to thank for writing and submitting the grant last March for the AFG, which since 2001, has funded needed equipment, protective

gear, emergency vehicles and training for firefighters and first responders.

“The way the AFG works, there has to be a demonstrated need,” Williams said, “and then they look at the breakdown of the city, who we protect and serve, what our response is for our

own residences — like how many fire runs we have a year — and how it impacts the community and the communities around us.”

The city has three years to spend the funds, but the new equipment could begin being implemented as soon as this fall,

depending on the process of getting quotes and selecting a company.

“On the face of it, nobody’s going to know we did anything different,” Williams said. “... It depends on what products we end up going with. The way it’s leaning right now ... you’re not going to be able to look at the truck and say anything’s different other than the hose might look newer the first few times that we use it, because it hasn’t been drug through the mud and dirt.”

Last year, the Farms fire department acquired \$48,000 through FEMA’s AFG program for extrication and stabilization equipment.

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April Allard with Daisy, the family’s Yorkshire terrier that was killed by a coyote the night of Thursday, Aug. 22.

Dog killed by coyote

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Coyotes killed at least one dog last week and sightings of the wild animals have increased recently, causing concern for parents and pet owners.

There was talk on social media of a second fatal coyote attack of a dog on South Renaud. Public Safety Director John Kosanke said a resident there is missing his dog and a coyote was spotted in the area, but no one witnessed an attack.

“We just want to raise awareness and keep others from having the same problem,” said Devon Allard.

Daisy, an 8-pound Yorkshire terrier his

wife, April Allard, rescued nine years ago, was snatched by a coyote from their yard on North Oxford late in the evening Thursday, Aug. 22.

“We have an invisible fence so we let the dogs out to go to the bathroom before bed,” Allard said. “They’re trained to stay in the yard.”

Allard said he was already asleep when his wife started yelling for him to get up.

“I wasn’t sure if there was an intruder in the house or maybe something was wrong with our daughter,” he added. “It was terrifying.”

Allard said his wife heard Daisy barking, which was unusual.

“She looked out the window and saw the coyote,” he said. “It

picked Daisy up with its mouth and ran off into some woods. We could hear her collar rattling but couldn’t find her.”

They were able to find her with the help of Woods public safety officers.

“They had much better flashlights than what I was using,” Allard said. “I picked her up and carried her home and had a blood stain on my shirt about the size of a volleyball.”

“It basically killed one of our family members for fun,” he added. “It took a bite out of her but didn’t try to eat her.”

The Allard’s other dog, a cavalier King Charles spaniel, also was outside at the time but wasn’t harmed.

“I hadn’t heard about the attack four nights earlier,” he said. “If I had, we definitely would have been more careful.”

The Woods public safety department has information on its website for dealing with coyotes. Tips for keeping them away include feeding pets indoors and storing pet food indoors; making sure trash can lids are secure; and keeping areas around fruit trees and bird feeders clean so as not to attract smaller rodents coyotes hunt.

Other tips include keeping brush and weeds clear to prevent coyotes from building a den and never leaving small animals or children alone outside, especially at night, as coyotes are able to scale fences as high as 14 feet.

Farms End of Summer Bash this weekend

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Grosse Pointe Farms End of Summer Bash at Pier Park kicks off Saturday, Aug. 31, with the annual fishing rodeo 9 to 10:30 a.m. — prizes will be awarded for first fish caught, largest fish and largest game fish to a boy and girl — but this year also will be accompanied by a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Pier Park pickleball courts at 10:30 a.m.

Since the four courts opened last month, community reception has been “overwhelmingly positive,” said Sherene Winkler, member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, which last year fundraised \$100,000 for the project. “The ribbon cutting is to celebrate the new pickleball courts that we very proudly helped contribute to. ... Also, we would like to raise awareness in the community about the new endeavors that we have, which is the Pier Park pool project and the fundraiser that we’ll be holding in the fall for that.

“Historically, people

are resistant to change, but because this pickleball court (project) has been so well received, I hope the pool gets a similar outcome.”

In addition to coffee and doughnuts, as well as a short speech by foundation president Mike Ottaway, a pickleball tournament for adults 21 and older begins at 10 a.m.

Advanced registration is required at the cost of \$10 per person and can be done online at parks.grossepointefarms.org or by calling the Pier Park office at (313) 343-2405.

“We’re providing two tickets to our fall fundraiser per winner,” Winkler said of the first-place prize for the beginner, intermediate and advanced divisions. “There will also be gifts for second-and third-place winners, which the foundation is sponsoring as well.”

New to the End of Summer Bash this year, a rock-climbing wall will be on site in addition to the bounce houses.

“(It’s) something different that I’ve seen at some different events and I thought it would be a neat

addition ... (and) just be a different thing for kids to be able to use and try,” Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis said, adding the inflatable boat races and 3-on-3 basketball tournament won’t be included in this year’s lineup. “We noticed that with all the events we have going on, an organized event like those two would likely result in not enough participation.”

Entertainment will be provided by Jimmy Auquier playing a variety of music from the ’60s to today from 3 to 6 p.m., followed by the American Ages Band playing classic rock, new rock and new country hits from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., when the fireworks show begins.

The Hearth, Wood & Fire Pizza truck will have wood-fired pepperoni or cheese pizzas available for purchase, in addition to Dragonmead Brewery drink options in the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club beverage tent.

The full list of activities is as follows:

- ◆ 8 to 8:45 a.m. check in for fishing rodeo
- ◆ 9 to 10:30 a.m. fishing rodeo
- ◆ 10 a.m. pickleball

tournament begins

- ◆ 10:30 a.m. pickleball courts ribbon-cutting ceremony
- ◆ noon Hearth, Wood & Fire Pizza
- ◆ noon to 9:30 p.m. beer, wine, seltzer tent
- ◆ noon to 3 p.m. face painting, bounce houses, rock climbing wall
- ◆ 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. magic shows
- ◆ 3 to 6 p.m. cornhole tournament
- ◆ 3 to 6 p.m. Jimmy Auquier
- ◆ 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. American Ages Band
- ◆ dusk fireworks display

“Since we started doing this event, (it’s) kind of like the last hurrah before school starts,” Galatis said. “Obviously, some kids are already back in school, but it’s kind of the last hurrah before the summer’s over.

“(We) just want families to come out, enjoy the park, enjoy some activities, good music and then the night ends with an awesome fireworks display over Lake St. Clair.”

The End of Summer Bash is for Farms residents and up to two guests per park pass.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

- ◆ Labor Day
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Bridge Walk, 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

- ◆ First day of school, Grosse Pointe Public School System
- ◆ Doggie Day at Osius Park, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

- ◆ Back to School Night at Brownell, Parcels and Pierce middle schools, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

- ◆ Back to School Night at Defer, Ferry, Kerby and Maire elementary schools, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA meeting, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kercheval and Lakepointe.

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to city hall or emailed to City Clerk Paul Antolin at pantolin@gpwmf.us.

According to the resolution, “applicants should include qualifications, skills and experiences that demonstrate leadership, such as service on governing boards, service organizations or committees.” Supporting documents can be included but are not necessary.

Council will interview qualified applicants at a future meeting and vote on a replacement.

“I would anticipate we’ll get a good number of applications,” Mayor Pro Tem Todd McConaghy said.

Mayor Art Bryant is out of the country and unavailable for comment.

Vaughn was appointed to council in March 2021 to fill a vacancy and retained the seat in that fall’s election.

The death earlier in 2021 of Councilman

George McMullen and Mayor Robert Novitke set off a chain reaction that actually required council to appoint two new members. Bryant, mayor pro tem at the time, assumed the mayor’s seat, meaning his seat and that of McMullen needed to be filled. There were 19 applicants for

the two spots.

The other appointment was Angela Coletti Brown. She retained the seat for a four-year term in November 2023. Vaughn had served 20 years on the city’s planning commission and Brown was a member of the parks and recreation commission before serv-

ing on council.

“Joining one of our commissions is a good way to explore city government and moving to council seems like a natural progression,” McConaghy said. “But we have a lot of gifted people in this city and we’ll fill the seat with the best candidate.”

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A runner’s world

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Jackie Joseph is a globetrotter. She’s run up a volcano on Easter Island, down Mount Everest and around almost everything else. Along the way, Joseph deferred to a rhinoceros in Africa, watched out for polar bears in Greenland and was as mystified by penguins in Antarctica as the stone heads on Easter Island seemed to be mystified by her. She’s run at the top of the world, at the bottom of the world, at both sides and in between. She’s been in the footsteps of English monarchs, emperors of Japan and East Berliners denied freedom. She’s been at the locations of corona-

tions and beheadings, on the paths of invading armies and liberators. She’s been in the planet’s most densely populated cities and most desolate landscapes, as well as in some of nature’s hottest and coldest conditions. Jackie Joseph, 65, runs marathons. She does it all over the world. It’s her hobby. She began running 24 years ago for health reasons and keeps the pace for sightseeing on a global scale. She calls it taking a “runcation.” “Running is a good weight-bearing exercise,” Joseph said. “It will help keep your bones strong. It took me, oh, gosh, six months before I could run three miles without stopping. But I persevered.” She stepped off initially in the 2001 Detroit mara-

thon. “Generally, when somebody runs their first marathon, there are one of two results: I’m never doing this again or gee, I got the bug.” Limiting herself to one marathon per year didn’t scratch the itch. Joseph had an urge to complete a race in each of the nation’s 50 states. Why not add all seven continents? Sounds doable. And it was. “I have completed 73 full marathons and 15 half marathons over the years,” Joseph said. The average marathoner takes 52,400 strides per 26.2-mile race, according to the Marathon Handbook, citing the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. That means since step-

ping across her first starting line in Detroit some 2,109.1 miles ago, Joseph has been in race mode for 4,218,200 steps. Her best time was 3 hours, 58 minutes. “That got me the qualifying time needed for the Boston Marathon in 2011,” Joseph said. Her next race is the Miami Marathon in February 2025. “I’d love to be running into my 80s,” she said. “I want to be doing this for the rest of my life.” She’s averaged nearly 3½ marathons per year, a rate necessary to realistically achieve her goals. “I’d never be able to finish the 50 states running one marathon per year,” Joseph said. “I’d be 95 years old.” A notice in, where else, “Runner’s World” magazine gave her an idea of how to complete her mission. “I saw there were marathons all over the world,” she said. “I thought, I won’t get 50 states done, but I could do seven continents.” Europe came first. Then South America and the Orient. She juggled whirlwinds with her seven-days-on, seven-days-off job as a pharmacist on the midnight shift at Ascension St. John Hospital. “I was always getting on a plane and going somewhere,” she said. “It was a great adventure. In Paris, you run past where the guillotine was and down the Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. In London, you run across Tower Bridge and past Buckingham Palace. I love it. In Berlin, when they took down the Berlin Wall, they left foundation bricks. You can follow those bricks and see where the wall was. We finished at the Brandenburg Gate. In Tokyo, we run by the Imperial Palace. By the end of the race, you’re usually kind of tired and the impact is not as profound. But, when I look back at it, it was great.” Joseph ran two spring races in Antarctica. “The first time in 2014, conditions were pretty fierce,” she said. “I was unable to finish. I got a half-marathon done.” Not meeting her goal didn’t sit well. “I returned in 2018 and did the full White



COURTESY PHOTOS

In 2018, Joseph completed the World Marathon Majors series consisting of races in Berlin, Boston, Chicago, London, New York and Tokyo.



When Joseph doesn’t have anything better to do, she puts on all her winter clothing and runs a marathon in Antarctica.

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Continent Marathon,” Joseph said. “The weather was ferocious, cold with fierce winds. But I was determined. It’s an incredible environment. You’re out at the end of the Earth. If something goes wrong, there’s no calling 911. Once you start running, you warm up. Even still, I was wearing layers of Gore-Tex, layers of long underwear, Gore-Tex pants and parka. Ski goggles, two pairs of mittens. You really gear up. Then the storm came. It wasn’t a blizzard, but it was heavy, heavy snow and wind.” Penguins seemed entertained. “They look at us like, ‘What are these crazy human beings doing?’” Joseph said. She said Antarctica’s blue, green and silver-tinged setting is just like in photographs, that pictures haven’t been retouched to dramatize the vast and largely unspoiled landscape. “The colors are pure,” she said. “With sun shining you get that beautiful blue-green. Icebergs are gorgeous. The landscape is so, so white. There’s no pollution, so the snow stays pure white.” Fast-forwarding through the Australian outback to the Safaricom Marathon along mile-high trails in a Kenyan wildlife conservancy, organizers warned runners to yield finishing times to encounters with animals higher on the food chain. “I came around a corner and there was a rhino off in the distance,” Joseph said. “Rhinos can be really territorial and ferocious. I thought, ‘I don’t want to mess with this animal.’” She stopped and waved her arms at the pilot of a nearby helicopter. According to plan, the pilot buzzed the animal away. Joseph schedules most of her marathons through niche travel agencies, including Marathon Tours. “With Mount Everest, runners came from all over the world,” she said. They trekked to a base camp at 19,000 feet and spent a few days acclimatizing to thin air. “That was no joke,” Joseph said. “Once you get to 13,000 or 14,000 feet, it really is challenging to keep on hiking.” A sherpa stayed with her always. “He carried my pack and water,” Joseph said. “You’d think a couple pounds of water wouldn’t be a big deal, but not having to carry a load made a difference on my climbing. The higher we got, it got really, really cold at night. I’d go to be in my sleeping bag wearing hats, gloves and three pairs of wool socks. It was wicked cold at night. Climbing during the day, we’d shed outer layers as the sun came out and we expended energy.” The race was all downhill. “For me, it was very challenging, very steep, running on yak trails,” Joseph said. “There are no guardrails. It’s thousands of feet down. Oh, my god.” She signed with another agency, Mainly Marathon, to schedule most of her 50-state tour. “They put together a series where you could run five marathons in five states in five days up to nine marathons in nine states in nine days,” Joseph said. “I thought, holy cow, if I could do this maybe I could get my 50 states done. The most I ever did was four states in four days” — the Four Corners series in Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. Traveling during her off-week from work, she completed her 50th state in 2019, at Myrtle Beach, S.C. “My whole family came out,” she said. “The grandkids were in the finish area. It was great.” Her husband, Tom, and three sons, Tim, Matt and James, are supportive. “Tom doesn’t have the travel bug like I do, but he worries when I go to the end of the Earth,” Joseph said. She considered her greatest accomplishment to be, appropriately, a cumulative one. In 2018, she completed the World Marathon Majors series consisting of races in Berlin, Boston, Chicago, London, New York and Tokyo. “I was over 60 years old,” Joseph said. “I’d finished seven continents, 50 states and the world majors. I think there were less than five women in the 60 to 65 age group who had completed those at the time. I was very proud of that.”

City of Grosse Pointe

Returning to the scene

Two Detroit men — 21 and 30 years old — entered a restaurant in the 17000 block of Kercheval to ask the cashier for water at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20. When the cashier left to get it, they stole a \$59 carryout meal that was waiting for pick up. Days later they were located walking in the area and cited for larceny.

Left running

A 2014 Chevy Equinox was left unattended and running in the 17000 block of Kercheval while its owner ran into a business to pick up a carryout order at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25. When she returned, her vehicle was gone. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bank fraud

Three transactions totaling \$1,980 fraudulently were taken from a 22-year-old Farms man’s savings account July 8 and 9.

Out from under nose

A total of \$30,500 fraudulently was transferred

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from a 57-year-old Farms man’s business checking account between Thursday, Aug. 15, and Monday, Aug. 19. The suspect logged into the man’s account and removed alerts prior to transferring the money.

Revoked for a reason

A 38-year-old Harper Woods man told an officer he didn’t have a driver’s license due to an incident in 2016, after he was pulled over at 4:54 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, for running a red light at Kerby and Mack. The man was cited for driving while license revoked, as well as disregarding a red light, and his vehicle was impounded.

Stolen bike

A teal leisure-style bicycle with white writing, black handlebars and white fenders was stolen from outside a business in The Village, after its owner locked it at noon Wednesday, Aug. 21, upon heading in to her job.

Unprompted threat

A 28-year-old Hazel Park woman was leaving her sister’s house in the Farms at 9:26 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, when

a neighbor — with whom the family has had numerous issues in the past — allegedly yelled, unprompted, that he was going to shoot her in the head.

Sticky situation

After striking a vehicle parked in a lot in the 18000 block of Mack at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, a 54-year-old Farms woman was witnessed attempting to wipe the paint transfer off the vehicle with hand sanitizer. She then left the scene, but the witness took down her plate and vehicle description, leading to her identification.

Cleaned out

A business in the 18000 block of Mack reported alcohol theft three times last week. ♦ At 6:22 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, a man and woman stole three bottles of tequila worth \$328.99 by concealing it in their pants and purse. The man, a 55-year-old Detroit resident, attempted to steal liquor again the next day and was arrested with drug paraphernalia on him. The unidentified woman is described as a white woman in her 40s with blonde hair in a bun. ♦ Four bottles of tequila worth \$769.96 were stolen at 12:20 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 24, by two black women in their 30s who left in a silver Chevrolet Impala. ♦ A 22-year-old Detroit woman and two unidentified women stole two bottles of tequila worth \$359.98 at 7:51 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25. Stolen Jeep

A black 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen from Country Club Drive between 4 and 5:24 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25. The vehicle was left unlocked with the key fob inside. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Identified

Although a driver sped from an attempted traffic stop at Mack and Alter at 11:17 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, police learned the name of the vehicle’s registered owner. “Investigation is ongoing,” police said. A patrolman stopped the suspect, described as a short black man with short braids, for speeding. “The vehicle initially stopped, but when the officer began to exit his patrol vehicle, the (sus-

pect’s) vehicle fled at a high rate of speed,” police said.

Car break-ins

Four larcenies of parked vehicles reportedly happened overnight Saturday, Aug. 24. One each were reported in the 1000 block of Lakepointe and 800 block of Harcourt. Two occurred in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield. At least two of the vehicles were unlocked. Stolen were the usual items: a purse, credit cards, sunglasses, a driver’s license, shoes and loose change.

Kayaks missing

Two kayaks that began the summer stored in racks at Patterson Park were either stolen or have minds of their own. They were last seen June 1, and reported missing Sunday, Aug. 25. Both are Ocean brand, one pink, one blue.

Car stolen

A 2007 Chrysler 300 was stolen while parked in the 1100 block of Maryland between 2 and 6 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25. — Brad Lindberg Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-

7400. Nothing to report per dispatch. —Ted O’Neil Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Unlocked vehicles A loaded weapon was taken from one vehicle and a second vehicle was stolen recently.

The first occurred in the 2000 block of Allard between 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, and 9:45 a.m. the following day. A 9mm pistol was taken. The owner said he wasn’t sure if the vehicle was unlocked, but officers reported no sign of forced entry. An unlocked vehicle with the keys inside was stolen in the 1900 block of Van Antwerp between 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, and 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26. A laptop and purse containing credit and debit cards, a driver’s license and passport were in the vehicle. —Ted O’Neil Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

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Civil War,” Colestock said. “... I think it was maybe 1930, it ended. The post dissolved and then it became a lot of different things throughout the years. In fact, it was a dance studio for several years (and) I took dance there as a little kid. “But then back in 2013, we had a group of people that got together and wanted to buy the building and turn it not back into a GAR post, but a museum that celebrated the history of the GAR.” Eaton Rapids is known as “the island city” — “You really can’t get anywhere in our town without crossing a bridge of some sort,” Colestock said — with its downtown district on an island in the Grand River. It was chartered as a city in 1881, and, like many Midwestern towns, was built upon the logging trade, as well as a woolen mill that for decades was the major employer for Eaton Rapids residents. The city also was known for its mineral springs,

which were said to have healing properties and drew people from all over the country. “The thing I was struck with was, what a beautiful city with a ton of history,” Tomkowiak noted. Both mayors shared similar sentiments of what was gained out of the program, including exposure to how other cities operate and the intention for ongoing communication and idea sharing between the counterparts in each city. “Our communities are vastly different,” Colestock said. “We probably have more differences than we do similarities, but that really lends itself, I think, to the program, that you can learn something from other people no matter what. “It doesn’t necessarily mean that we’re all going to go and implement each other’s programs or anything like that, but it’s just a really good experience to learn what those differences are and how other communities run.” Although the community exchange program is now complete, the two cities will remain connected and in contact, a g r e e d Tomkowiak and Colestock, who throughout the process have built a fast friendship. “It’s very nice to have somebody who is your counterpart but has a very big outside perspective,” Tomkowiak said. “We do a lot of collaborating and cooperating with the other Grosse Pointes. But it’s still like being home. We all have

a shared sense of everything. “The folks here are here and it’s nice to go a little bit further out.” While she also noted, “The Michigan Municipal League did a fantastic job of pairing up the two communities,” Tomkowiak said it likely won’t be as

soon as next year that the City again participates in the program. “I think what we’ll do is continue to connect with Eaton Rapids as necessary and then see what happens when we go down the line,” she said. “I don’t know that we would need to do this annually.”



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City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, left, and Eaton Rapids Mayor Pamela Colestock.



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OUR VIEW

School daze

All signs are pointing toward the inevitable. Summer is basically over. It started with a few days and nights of unseasonably cool temperatures last week. Although like us, we're sure you relished being able to turn off the air conditioning and sleeping with the windows open for the first time in a while. Not to mention saving a few dollars.

We had a smattering of college football games this past weekend and high school teams hit the gridiron tonight. Monday, Labor Day, marks the unofficial end of summer, but Tuesday is the real wake-up call. Literally and figuratively, as in no more sleeping in, because it's the first day of school.

To paraphrase Alice Cooper, more pencils, more books, more teachers' dirty looks. Actually, we don't think there will be any dirty looks coming from the nearly 500 members of the Grosse Pointe Education Association. They're probably in quite a good mood now that they have a tentative agreement with the district in place.

The agreement was reached last Wednesday, Aug. 21, and voting by members concludes today. We're confident it will pass. The GPPSS Board of Education was scheduled to vote on it at its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 27, after press time.

There remains the question of whether or not public-sector unions should exist, but that's a different matter. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a definite friend of labor, said himself he did not think they should exist — at least not at the federal level — because they bargain not against an employer but against taxpayers.

It's unfortunate that a deal could not be reached before the previous contract expired Thursday, Aug. 15, but we are glad the two sides came together before classes started and before teachers began prepping their classrooms for the year. The first day of classes should proceed as planned. No one is saying it would have happened, but the teacher sickout in April 2021 over COVID issues — when nearly twice as many teachers called in sick than a normal day — certainly had to be in the back of some peoples' minds.

Only those who sat at the bargaining table know why it took so long to reach an agreement. The Board of Education in July was able to ratify two-year contracts with its four other bargaining units, three of which, like the GPEA, are part of the Michigan Education Association.

Those contracts included a 2 percent raise the first year and 1 percent raise the second year with step increases in both years. The district's original offer had been 1 percent raises each year, but it was able to increase the first year after the state education budget was finalized. GPPSS received an additional \$1.8 million after legislators decreased the amount of money districts must pay into the Michigan Public Schools Employee Retirement System.

There had been some chatter around town that perhaps the union was willing to wait until after the election in November to see which, if any, of the four candidates the GPEA has endorsed won. It is good to see that was not the case.

One sure reason for the lengthy negotiations are changes to the Michigan Employment Relations Act that took effect last month. PERA was changed in 2011, when Republicans controlled the legislature and governorship, to prohibit collective bargaining on certain issues including teacher placement, discipline, layoffs and performance evaluations. With Democrats in control of the legislature and governorship, those changes were reversed.

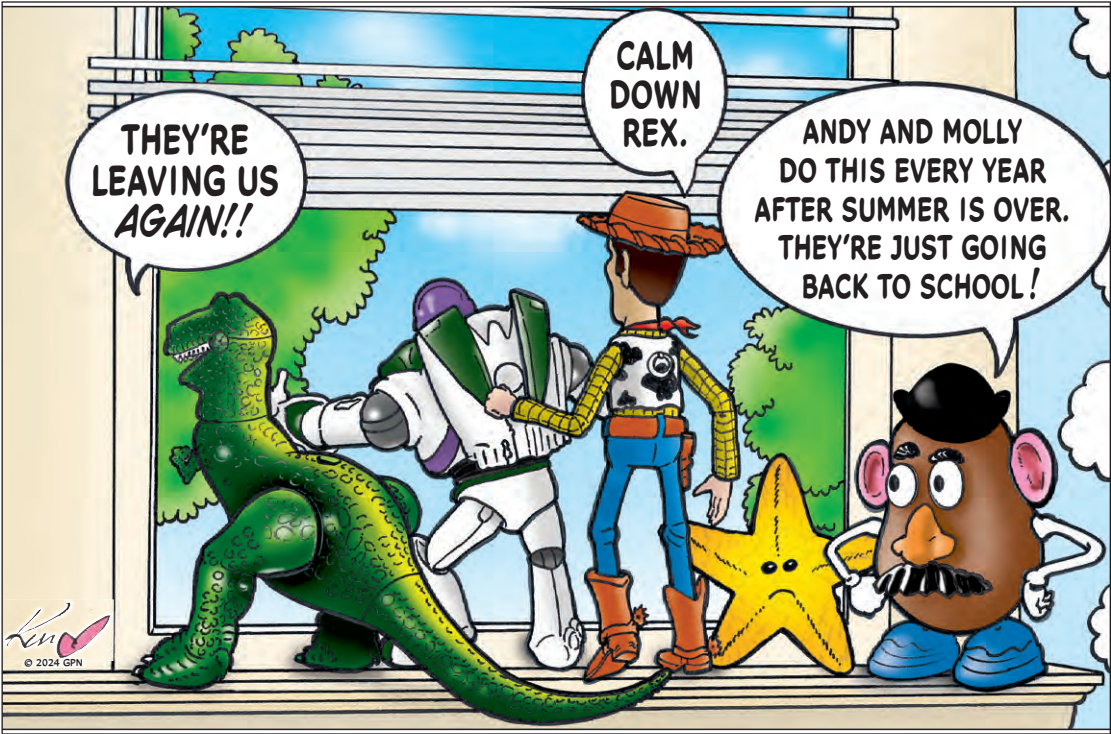


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GUEST VIEW By Dr. Andrea Tuttle

GPPSS ready for a new year

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is committed to Moving Forward Together — honoring our rich traditions while embracing the future as a leading educational institution. Our opening days with our team members commenced this week with a powerful display of unity, featuring an inspiring performance by the combined North and South drumlines and a stirring rendition of the national anthem by our talented choir members. This event reaffirmed our dedication to prioritizing students first and fostering a supportive educational environment.



We extend our deepest gratitude to our exceptional students, who performed under the expert guidance of Mr. Tom Torrento, Mr. Chris Takis, Ms. Carolyn Gross and Ms. Peyton Weil. Their remarkable performances exemplify the spirit of our district, where our schools — two high schools, three middle schools, seven elementary schools and an early childhood center — along with our dedicated support organizations such as Full Circle Foundation, come together in unity to serve our students.

During this time, we also took a moment to honor and express our profound appreciation for veterans, active military personnel and their families. Their sacrifices ensure the freedoms and opportunities we cherish, including the fundamental right to education.

For over a century, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has stood as a beacon of educational excellence since its founding in 1921. Generations of devoted

individuals have served our students, with many alumni returning to contribute to our community. Among our 900 dedicated employees, numerous individuals have chosen to send their own children to Grosse Pointe schools, further demonstrating our district's reputation as a place of opportunity and distinction.

Our district frequently witnesses extraordinary achievements, including state championships, National Merit Scholars, Olympians and graduates excelling in academics, fine arts, athletics, robotics, journalism and Career and Technical Education (CTE). These accomplishments, though frequent, are a testament to the unwavering support of Grosse Pointe families and the relentless dedication of our exceptional team.

Each year, we welcome new members to our district with utmost care and deliberation. As a premier district, we are fortunate to attract exceptionally talented and dedicated individuals and we are privileged to select the very best to join our team. We seek individuals who will not only complement our existing team but also propel our district forward.

For the 2024-2025 school year, we are excited to introduce a diverse group of educators to our teaching team. This includes experienced teachers who have chosen Grosse Pointe as well as new educators entering the profession. With numerous options available to them, we are honored that these outstanding individuals have selected GPPSS as their pro-

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Naturally, wages are a big part of any contract talks. According to the website Niche, which ranks GPPSS teachers A+ — and rightfully so — the average teacher salary in the district is \$79,000. That is fifth-highest in the state and \$14,000 a year higher than the statewide average.

We also want to extend a warm welcome to the more than two dozen new teachers who have joined the ranks of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. A big deal is made over the fact teachers leave the district, but it also should be a big deal that educators want to work here.

During negotiations, a social media post from the GPEA said first-year teachers in the district make about \$200 less per year than in 2008. Of the new teachers, only four are right out of college. The rest are veterans and nearly half have double-digit years of experience. That includes four with more than 20 years under their belts.

As stated above, we are glad the matter is resolved and that it got done before classes resume. Now on to football and other fall sports, back-to-school nights, homecoming and homework.

Goodbye summer, hello fall.

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

A college football season unlike any other kicks off



With the first real weekend (sorry “Week 0”) of college football beginning this weekend, fans have to brace themselves for a season unlike anything we’ve ever seen before. New teams are all over the map in new conferences, the postseason is different and the rules have changed. This is the year where the game truly has changed.

The biggest thing everyone will be talking about this year is conference realignment. Michigan and Michigan State fans around Grosse Pointe are going to need to get used to seeing teams like UCLA, USC, Washington and Oregon as Big Ten conference opponents for the Wolverines and Spartans.

Texas and Oklahoma are in the SEC. The Big 12 has a bunch of newcomers. SMU, Stanford

and California are in the ACC now. The University of California is in the ATLANTIC Coast Conference, so it’s safe to say any notion of geography playing a role in how conferences are made up is all but dead.

With all of that change, the College Football Playoff is now 12 teams instead of four. In my opinion, the expanded playoff is the best change of all. Since the playoff system started over a decade ago, everyone knew it would expand beyond four teams. The debates every year of who should be in and who gets left out were in the playoffs just makes everything so much more exciting and adds the possibility of upsets and having new teams seriously competing for national championships.

Even better, the first round of playoff games under the new format will be played on campus and hosted by the higher-seeded teams. That means we have the possibility of seeing a team like LSU, Oklahoma or Ole Miss traveling to Michigan, Penn State, Ohio State and other northern campuses in early December.

Speaking of Michigan, some might be thanking

them for another big change coming to college football this year. Teams are now allowed to use in-helmet communication systems between coaches and players to call plays just like in the NFL, so be prepared to see fewer assistant coaches standing on the sidelines giving hand signals and holding up coded play cards. Another thing the NCAA has taken from the NFL this year is the two-minute warning, which now will be part of the college game.

With all of these changes also are going to come complaints. Am I a fan of everything that’s changed? Not necessarily. I do wish that geography still mattered for conferences and some great regional rivalries have been ruined by conference realignment and the greed of athletic directors.

At the end of the day, I’m still a football fan. I’m going to watch and enjoy the games and have fun, even if it’s a very different world of college football than we’re used to. It’s still the game I love, even if the schools and the NCAA are making it harder to love than ever. Despite that, I am ready for some football.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1949

75 years ago this week

POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN PLAY HOST TO 2000 YOUNGSTERS: More than 2,000 youngsters from the Pointe community were royally entertained Saturday on the high school grounds at the ninth annual Field Day of the Metropolitan Club. The club’s membership is made up of local policemen, firemen and federal employees. Jack Burnett of the Park Fire Department was general chairman of this year’s revival of the event, which means so much to youngsters in the Pointe.

SEE RECORD

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: The new school year for pupils in all Grosse Pointe Public Schools will begin Thursday, Sept. 8. School authorities expect an all-time record enrollment of between 5,450 and 5,500 pupils. Due to the discontinuance of the Junior Kindergarten program, the increase will probably not be quite as great as estimated last spring.

1974

50 years ago this week

NEW CHIEF: The recommendation that former Farms Fire Captain Warren C. Schultz be confirmed as fire chief

won unanimous approval from the Farms Council on Monday. His appointment went into effect immediately. Chief Schultz, 53, has been with the Farms department since Dec. 27, 1950.

PARK FIREFIGHTERS PROUD OF NEW AERIAL LADDER APPARATUS: The Park Fire Department’s new Seagrave aerial ladder fire truck will be fully equipped and ready for emergency runs by Sept. 1, it was disclosed by Fire Chief Phillip Costa. The order for the new apparatus, which costs \$93,400, was placed July 2, 1973, and delivery was accepted Aug. 8. Since that time the departmental personnel have been

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Proposal cleans up trash bins

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A campaign to “demonstrate” alleyways extends to cleaning up the city code. In addition to increased enforcement of existing maintenance codes in alleys, including rules about trimming overgrown vegetation, members of the city council are considering an ordinance

setting citywide standards for trash bins and solid waste containers. “It’s finely detailing standards of care for trash receptacles,” said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager. “We’re specifically calling out that a trash container must be without holes, cracks or other conditions that would allow insects to penetrate.”

Containers also must be positioned to prevent tipping over and spilling contents, which attracts rodents. Terms amend Chapter 34, Article II of the code. The proposal is among four getting second public readings and possible passage at the next city council meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9. “These are small changes the public safety and code enforcement (departments) have requested,” Rothe said. Although the Ordinance Committee still exists and its members remain at the ready, the group completed its primary mission of reviewing the city code, prompting a new procedure of proposed amendments

being discussed in wider-viewed council meetings, according to Committee Chairman Tom Caulfield. “The purpose of the Ordinance Committee was to update and modernize the city’s ordinances, not make new laws,” Caulfield said. Two additional amendment changes were suggested by members of the public safety department, according to Rothe.

Cyberbullying

For Chapter 28, Article III, titled “Offenses against the person,” council members will consider next month a new provision outlawing cyberbullying, a misdemeanor. Punishment consists of

up to 90 days in jail or a fine of up to \$500. “We have on our books now a section called malicious use of telecommunication equipment,” Rothe said. “It needed an update. The state has a cyberbullying law. This is, in a way, a new local law, but we’re just taking state law that our public safety officers had to issue tickets for, but it allows us to do it in our court versus sending it to Wayne County.” Rothe said keeping the matter in-house increases efficiency.

Auto insurance

An amendment to Chapter 40, Article I of traffic and vehicle regulations aligns city provisions with the Michigan

Insurance Code requirements. “It is adopting Section 3102 of the Michigan Insurance Code, which deals with out-of-state residents and in-state residents if they do not have insurance,” Rothe said. “Now, you can write this as a misdemeanor or similar infraction. Officers have discretion with how they want to write it. But, when they choose to write it as a misdemeanor, the penalty is outside of our jurisdiction.” Cases must be sent to Wayne County Circuit Court. “This (amendment) allows us to prosecute it locally,” Rothe said. A fourth proposed amendment concerning prosecutions for not obtaining business licenses, including for operating short-term rentals, is reported below.

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attaching the necessary equipment needed for such a truck. They also have had daily practice sessions on how to operate the truck and how to use the new equipment aboard it.

in metro Detroit, including portions of the Grosse Pointes, lost power during the storms of late July and early August. He said that the information collected by the company had been archived, but over 60 percent of power losses are due to limbs or trees knocking down power lines.

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FARMS TO BEGIN SEWER SEPARATION THIS YEAR: Construction will begin by Dec. 31, on the largest public works project in the modern day history of Grosse Pointe Farms. The Farms has contracted a Sterling Heights firm to separate sewers within the city’s Lakeside Sewer District that extends from Ridge Road to Lakeshore. Work has to begin this year to comply with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. **WOODS OKS PLAN TO MOVE HOUSE:** The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council has approved a plan that will make moving day at the house at 433 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms very interesting — it’s the house that’s doing the moving. Philip Patanis of Red Carpet Keim Shorewood Real Estate requested from the Woods council approval of a plan that would move a 1,600-square-foot house from Moross in the Farms to the southeast corner of Stanhope and Eastborne in the Woods. **EDISON WORKING TO AVOID FUTURE POWER LOSSES:** Fully aware of the inconvenience suffered by customers who lost power after the recent storms that knocked out power in metro Detroit two weekends in a row, Detroit Edison is working to prevent similar disruptions in the future. Edison spokesman Carl Just said that many areas

KERCHEVAL MEETING HEATS UP: It was standing room only at Monday night’s council meeting as residents and civic leaders urged city officials to allow citizen input on future plans for Kercheval at the boundary with Detroit at Alter Road. At issue is the closure of Kercheval and the placement of sheds to accommodate the West Park Farmer’s Market. While some see a wall that separates Grosse Pointe Park from Detroit, others see progress on making the area a walkable shopping and entertainment area with a new market and other amenities. **MINI-PUMPER IS MIGHTY:** A little red pumper in the City of Grosse Pointe fire house is designed to make up in might what it lacks in bulk. Although half the price of a full-sized fire truck, the \$179,971 mini-pumper matches its larger brethren’s 400-gallon onboard water supply and 17 gallons of flame-suppressing foam. **DOG WASH:** The corner of Bedford and Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park was again the site of the annual dog wash, hosted by Alex Hughes. For more than six years, Hughes and her friends have donated their proceeds from washing dogs, and cars, to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. This year the team washed 72 dogs and two cars, raising \$1,265.75.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Among ordinance revisions being marshaled through the machinery of municipal government is one that decriminalizes not obtaining a business license. Yet, the same revision makes noncompliance easier to prosecute and penalize. The proposed ordinance, which amends Chapter 22, Section 2 of the city code, changes pertinent licensing violations from misdemeanor to civil infractions. Offenders will be ticketed. “It goes through the courts,” said Warren

Rothe, assistant city manager. “(The city) still retains injunctive civil authority over the matter,” City Attorney Dan Kelly said. “We can still take action on it, but it is no longer a criminal misdemeanor charge.” Misdemeanor violations, being criminal matters, are more complicated and costly to prosecute. For offenses along the lines of a licensing matter, misdemeanors also are unlikely to result in offenders serving time in jail, according to Kelly. “It makes no sense to have it (as a) misdemeanor,” Kelly said. “If you include potential jail (punishment), you

(must) provide the defendant all the protections, including being provided a defense (lawyer) and a jury trial as opposed to it being decided by a judge.” The amendment, which is on track for adoption at the next council meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, extends to operators of short-term rental property, but wasn’t proposed solely for that reason, according to Rothe. The \$500 maximum fine is the same as under misdemeanor status. “But the court can also impose some conditions through the civil infraction,” Kelly said. “It’s not like you can put somebody on probation or say

they’re going to jail, but there’s leeway for the court to impose a significant penalty.” The minimum proposed fine is \$9. Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the Ordinance Committee, said the amendments were suggested by employees in the building and public safety departments in addition to legal counsel. Revisions had a first public reading during the Aug. 12 city council meeting. “If there are any required edits after our review tonight,” Caulfield said at the time, “at our next meeting they will be presented for adoption.

Code change ropes in unlicensed STRs

Additional expenses uncovered within Kercheval Place project

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — If there are two likelihoods to be expected of any construction project, they’re that it won’t be completed on time and will go over budget. Such was the tune of last summer’s construction of a storm sewer along Kercheval Place to alleviate stormwater and reduce potential flooding in The Village. Council last week approved an additional \$27,676.12 to the original contact amount of \$1,057,146.20 to cover unexpected costs pro-

cured when unknown utilities were uncovered during excavation. Various types and sizes of unknown buried pipes needed to be identified by DTE Energy, AT&T or the city’s department of public services. Abandoned pipes were removed, but in cases where the pipes were found to be active, modifications had to be made to the proposed work to accommodate them. “That required a couple extra weeks of work, some re-engineering to figure out with the utility company how to resolve that conflict,” City Manager Joe Valentine

said. “That design work and physical construction work is what prompted this cost item.” Though a previously approved \$4,727.07 increase to the contract means it rose a total of 3.07 percent — or \$32,503.19 — from the original agreement, the City still saved significantly by going out to bid twice last spring. When its first cast drew a single bidder with a price tag of \$1.5 million, the city went back out to bid with an extended timeline for the project and secured the contract with HMC LLC for about \$500,000 less.

The work to extend the storm sewer pipe from Cadieux to Notre Dame and expand it to a 30-inch pipe also included the necessary foundation to disconnect downspouts in The Village commercial district by installing leads from the pipe to the sidewalk. Business and property owners who opt to do so are responsible for disconnecting their footing drains from the sanitary sewer and connecting them to the leads into the storm sewer pipe. Last month, the city secured a \$550,000, 2 percent, 20-year loan through the state’s Strategic Water Quality Initiatives Fund for Village stakeholders who choose to participate in downspout disconnection.

GUEST:

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fessional home. To meet our new teachers and administrators, please visit page A9. We deeply appreciate the remarkable individuals who contribute in various

capacities to ensure that our students receive the opportunities and support necessary to reach their full potential. Our commitment to maintaining the highest standards requires that every team member, student, parent, board member and community member brings their best selves to each interaction. This collective dedication drives our success and ensures remarkable outcomes. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our Board of Education members — President Sean Cotton, Vice President Ahmed Ismail, Treasurer Terry Collins, Secretary Lisa Papas and Trustees Colleen Worden, Ginny Jeup and Valerie St. John — for their dedication and often unrecognized efforts. Additionally, I extend special recognition to our custodial and maintenance team, led by Mr. Ben Matteson. Their diligent work throughout the summer has ensured that our facilities remain clean and welcoming — a true second home for many of us. Please join me in acknowledging their valuable contributions. Greatness resides within the individuals — team members, students, families and community mem-

bers — who contribute positively to our educational community each day. It is our shared responsibility to uphold the excellence that defines the Grosse Pointe Public School System, ensuring that we continue to advance with pride and purpose. As I watched the Olympics, I was inspired by the pride of athletes representing our country. Similarly, our students and team members carry profound pride when representing Grosse Pointe. Together, we will continue Moving Forward Together — honoring our traditions while striving towards an even brighter future. #GR82BGP

Riddle:

What has four letters, Sometimes nine letters, But never has five letters
Answer: This is a good English lesson. It is a statement, not a question. The word “what” does have four letters; the word “sometimes” has nine letters and the word “never” has five letters.

Dr. Andrea Tuttle is the superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

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Leah Banaszweski

- ◆ 1st year in education
- ◆ Monteith Elementary, kindergarten
- ◆ I have been to 38 of the 50 states and hoping to get to them all!



Colleen Beland

- ◆ 5 years in education
- ◆ Parcels, 5th Grade ELA and social studies
- ◆ I am the manager of the GP Shores Sharks Swim Team



Tanner Belanger

- ◆ 1 year in education
- ◆ South, resource room
- ◆ I am very proud to be teaching at the school I won a baseball state championship at!



Angela Biske

- ◆ 19 years in education
- ◆ Mason & Defer Librarian
- ◆ You can find me at the soccer pitch either playing in a league, cheering on my kiddos.



Heather Bowersox

- ◆ 22 years in education
- ◆ Grosse Pointe North High School, Learning Resource Teacher
- ◆ I played lacrosse at Michigan State University.



Marqueisha Brown

- ◆ 10+ years in social work
- ◆ Grosse Pointe North High, School Social Worker
- ◆ I enjoy singing but have been told I don't have the best singing voice.



Allison Cahillane

- ◆ 9 years in education
- ◆ Monteith kindergarten
- ◆ I love my 2 dogs, Cosmo and Riggins!



Lauren Cords

- ◆ 1st year in education
- ◆ Parcels Middle School, teaching 6th and 7th grade math
- ◆ I'm excited to make math fun for my students



Ben Curran

- ◆ 24 years in education
- ◆ Pierce math
- ◆ I am an avid birdwatcher.



Dana Davenport

- ◆ 8 years in education
- ◆ South, Spanish
- ◆ I am a proud alum of Maire, Pierce and South!



Nagham El Hage

- ◆ North French
- ◆ 20+ years in education
- ◆ Former college professor



Tabby Eldredge

- ◆ 10+ years in education
- ◆ South, earth science
- ◆ I experienced the sunrise from the highest point on Isle Royale.



Wynneth Handley

- ◆ 9 years in education
- ◆ Mason Elementary, 3rd grade
- ◆ My very first job in education was teaching kindergarten in China.



Amber Hohnacki

- ◆ 10 years in social work
- ◆ Mason social worker
- ◆ I am a foster home for elderly and complex dogs.



Nicole Jensen

- ◆ Parcels social worker
- ◆ Michigan State University graduate



Wendy Jerome

- ◆ 26 years in education
- ◆ Grosse Pointe North High School, chemistry
- ◆ I am a lifelong Grosse Pointer and GPS graduate.



Heather Lara

- ◆ 10 years in social work
- ◆ Mason/Richard Elementary, social work
- ◆ I enjoy art and traveling



Elizabeth Nixon

- ◆ 7 years in education
- ◆ Brownell Middle School counselor
- ◆ I love to golf



Kelly Page-lacovoni

- ◆ 16 years in education
- ◆ Monteith, 3/4 ASD
- ◆ I live on the same block as seven other family members.



Kristen Perlin

- ◆ 14 years in education
- ◆ Defer 3rd grade
- ◆ I applied for the district so that my kids and I could go to school in the community we live in.



Andrea Pizzuti-Wolosin

- ◆ Mason resource program
- ◆ 9 years in education
- ◆ Worked at the Grosse Pointe Public Library



Karlee Ringle

- ◆ 8 years in education
- ◆ GP South HS, english
- ◆ I once won a regional spelling bee by accident



Robert Solomon

- ◆ 11 years in education
- ◆ Mason 4th grade
- ◆ I lived and worked on a cruise ship for 6 months



Scott Sowers

- ◆ 20+ years in education
- ◆ North and South, Business Courses
- ◆ Excited to return to GPPS! Will be co-class advisor for the incoming freshmen class.



Torrey Stackpoole

- ◆ 18+ years in education
- ◆ 1st grade Defer Elementary
- ◆ I enjoy sailing and am a hard core sports fan!



Jessica Steven

- ◆ 5 years in education
- ◆ Defer, speech therapy
- ◆ I get sun sneezes!



Heather Temrowski

- ◆ 9 years in education
- ◆ Defer Elementary, 2nd grade
- ◆ Became a mom in February!

GPPSS summer projects

The Grosse Pointe Public School System used several million dollars from its sinking fund millage to complete major projects over the summer. Those included repaving parking lots and upgrading sewer lines at four schools, making playgrounds compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act at four schools and resurfacing the tennis courts at Elworthy Field in a joint project with the City of Grosse Pointe. In addition, masonry repairs were made to the exterior of the auditoriums at Grosse Pointe South High School and Pierce Middle School and interior damage from rainwater was repaired.

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Barnes Early Childhood Center playground



Defer Elementary School parking lot



Ferry Elementary School playground



Mason Elementary School parking lot



Elworthy Field tennis courts



Elementary school playground



Grosse Pointe North High School rear parking



Pierce Middle School auditorium



Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium



Grosse Pointe South High School parking lot

Renewal through the changing world of school supplies

As summer fades and the air turns crisp, the back-to-school season brings a familiar rhythm to our community. For some of us, this time of year stirs memories of dashing through store aisles with a supply list in hand, hoping to find everything before the shelves were bare. The excitement of choosing the perfect notebooks and folders often was tinged with the anxiety of finding what you actually needed — especially if, like me, you’re left-handed.

Back in the day, being left-handed meant compromises. While right-handed kids got to choose from the latest spiral notebooks and smooth-writing pens, I had to hunt for supplies that wouldn’t leave my

hand covered in ink or cut by spirals and binder rings. I resented struggling to cut paper with the rare left-handed scissors. It wasn’t about getting the “cool” stuff; it was about finding something that worked. Yet, despite these challenges, my ritual of back-to-school shopping always carried with it a sense of renewal — a clean slate, a fresh start.

The convenience and conformity of school-provided supplies

Today, many schools have taken the hassle out of back-to-school shopping by offering to do it for you. For a fee, your child’s school will ensure every student receives the same basic and decent supplies. This approach has its benefits — every child starts with the same tools, ensuring equity in the classroom.



Academic Pointers

by Glen Hipple

But it also has its drawbacks. Gone are the days when you would choose a notebook or folder that reflected your personality. The lack of individuality can make it harder for students to express themselves through their supplies — a small but potentially meaningful part of the school experience.

And then there’s the matter of labeling. With everyone having the same supplies, labeling everything becomes compulsory to avoid mix-ups. But wasn’t it always? Not completely. For those of us who had

unique supplies — either by necessity, like me, or by choice — our belongings stood out without the need for a name tag. In a way, school supplies were a means of being remembered in your education, a small marker of your uniqueness.

The new era of school supplies

Today, many of those old challenges have faded away. The convenience of online shopping means whether you’re after left-handed notebooks or specialty pens, everything can be delivered to your door

within days. The fear of empty store shelves is mostly a thing of the past. However, with new conveniences come new pressures. The sheer variety of options can be overwhelming and the drive to find just the right item — whether it’s a decorative laptop sticker or the perfect locker setup — can feel as intense as the old race to the store once did.

Renewal through ritual

Back-to-school shopping always has been more than just ticking off items from a list. It’s a time of renewal, where each new notebook represents a blank page and every pen symbolizes a new chapter waiting to be written. As parents, we see our children go through the same rituals we did and that mix of excitement and anticipation is palpable. The tools

may have changed, but the essence remains the same: preparing for the year ahead with hope and optimism.

So whether you’re navigating online carts, relying on school-provided supplies or browsing through physical aisles, remember that back-to-school time is about more than just supplies. It’s about renewal, the promise of new beginnings and the enduring tradition of gearing up for the year ahead. And that’s something worth celebrating.

Glen Hipple is a former GPPSS teacher. He currently is the academic director for Pointers for Academic Excellence, a community resource dedicated to supporting and endowing academic excellence in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Contact him at glen@pf-ae.org.

STEAM foundation names first executive director

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTE — The Grosse Pointe Foundation for STEAM Support has named Walt Fitzpatrick its first executive director.

The foundation was formed a little more than a year ago to support science, technology, engineering, arts, athletics and mathematics in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Fitzpatrick retired in

June after 30 years with the district and nearly 40 years overall in education.

“I didn’t plan on being retired for long, but I didn’t think it would be that short,” he said. “I knew I wanted to do something to keep active.”

Fitzpatrick, known to students as “Mr. Fitz,” joined the district in 1994 as a math teacher at Pierce Middle School. He later became assistant principal there and

also was principal at Trombly and Kerby elementary schools.

“We are thrilled he is joining us,” foundation President Jennifer Kendall said. “He has extensive experience in education, specifically here in the Grosse Pointes. His strength is knowing the community so well.”

Kendall said she will remain on the board of directors but step down as president since Fitzpatrick’s new role

will handle the duties of president. That includes fundraising and evaluating potential projects.

“Having worked in the district and talking with teachers and administrators, I know what the district’s needs are,” Fitzpatrick said. “The foundation wants to support and enrich our schools and that’s a good thing.”

His former colleagues are excited at the prospect.

“Walter has been an

integral part of GPPSS for 30 years,” Ferry Elementary School Principal Jodie Randazzo said in a press release from the foundation. “His strong relationships with staff and his insightful understanding of our schools’ needs, especially through the STEAM lens, make him the ideal leader for the GP STEAM Foundation. Our teachers and staff are excited to continue collaborating with Walter.”

Recent projects funded by the foundation in whole or in part include a scoreboard at Grosse Pointe South High School’s football field, Mason Elementary School’s accessible playground, a district-wide musical instrument refresh, relocation of South’s art department and five AEDs (automated electronic defibrillators) at Grosse Pointe North High School’s baseball field and track.

St. Paul Educational Trust announces 2024-25 scholarship recipients

The St. Paul Educational Trust recently awarded scholarships to five students from St. Paul on the Lake Parish for outstanding academic performance. Students were invited to apply for the scholarships during an open application process that took place January to March.

The 2024 winners include:

◆ Monsignor Francis X. Canfield Scholarship — Awarded to a graduating eighth-grade member of St. Paul Parish who plans to attend a Catholic high school. The winner is Isabelle



Isabelle Schultz

Schultz, who will attend Regina High School in the fall.

◆ Couzens Family Scholarship — Awarded to a graduating eighth-grade member of St. Paul Parish who plans to



Gabriella Mannino

attend a Catholic high school. The winner is Gabriella Mannino, who will attend Mercy High School in the fall.

◆ Joseph and Alice Wright Scholarship — This grant is given annu-



Brynn Guzman

ally to a deserving young parishioner entering the sixth grade. The winner is Brynn Guzman.

◆ William A. Cardinal Scholarship — This is a full tuition scholarship awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic achievement,



Matthew Guthat

leadership and character. The winner is Kishan Zelmanski.

◆ Brian Fraser Memorial Scholarship — The St. Paul Educational Trust established the Brian Fraser Memorial Scholarship to honor the memory of alumnus

Brian Fraser. Brian spent 10 years at St. Paul School from Young 5s until his eighth-grade graduation in 2017.

The Brian Fraser scholarship is awarded annually to a returning St. Paul student who exhibits outstanding academic, leadership and character traits. The recipient of this scholarship is Matthew Guthat.

Every four years, the trust also awards the Gertrude and Donald McSorley Scholarship to a graduating eighth grader attending a Catholic high school. The next McSorley Scholarship will be

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Public can vote for name of baby gorilla by making donation

The Detroit Zoo recently announced that the baby gorilla born Aug. 8 — the first in the zoo’s 96-year-history — is a female and continuing to thrive under the care of her mother, Bandia.

The next step is giving this baby girl a name — and the public has the opportunity to do just that.

Zoo lovers may cast their votes by choosing their favorite name among the following finalists:

◆ Usala — This name comes from the conservation corridor in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It also means “forest” in Kikumu language.

◆ Amateka — This name means “history” in Kinyarwanda language.

◆ Mberé — This name means “first” in Kinyarwanda language.

◆ Lobéké — This name comes from the national park in Cameroon, which is home to the highest density of western lowland gorillas in the world.

◆ Motema — This name means “heart” in Lingala language.

Voting will remain open through Monday, Sept. 9. Members of the public may vote as many times as they’d like; each vote requires a minimum \$10 donation and the winner will be determined by the name that receives the highest donation amount. The zoo will announce the winning name shortly after the contest concludes.

Proceeds of this naming contest will benefit the Saving Animals From Extinction Program. The SAFE program uses the collective efforts from zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and

Aquariums to protect wild gorilla populations through on-the-ground protection of gorillas, research and monitoring, and targeted stakeholder engagement and education.

“This has been an incredibly fun and exciting time for our entire animal care team,” said Mike Murray, vice president of life sciences for the Detroit Zoological Society. “Bandia is doing an amazing job as a first-time mom; the love, care and dedication she has for her baby is just remarkable to see. We’re continuing to closely monitor her and the baby and, so far, everything has gone according to plan. We’re really looking forward to having this baby grow up and thrive here at the zoo.”

Western lowland gorillas are critically endangered in the wild and,



COURTESY PHOTO

Mom Bandia holds her infant baby, a girl that is in need of a name.

because conservation is at the core of everything the DZS does, the non-profit continues to support a number of conservation partnerships and programs that keep gorillas from going

extinct.

The female baby gorilla — along with her mother, Bandia; father, 36-year-old Mshindi; 20-year-old Tulivu and 11-year-old Nayembi — is the fifth gorilla to call the zoo

home at the four-acre Great Apes of Harambee habitat. The DZS will continue to share updates on the entire gorilla troop on its social media channels over the coming weeks and months.

Clearing the water

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Seeking an all-encompassing description for the aquatic vegetation and belly-up wildlife needing regular extraction from the municipal harbor, Park Director Chad Craig hit upon “critters.”

“I tried to find the best word,” he said.

Craig was more concerned with conveying the need to clean waters of the marina than specifying why.

“Sometimes there are other things than dead fish in the marina that need to be removed for everyone’s sake,” he said. “That’s why I used the term ‘critter.’ They accidentally get in and there’s not a way for them to get out.”

As Dr. Seuss concluded in “Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are,”

“Some critters are so much-much, so much more much-much more unlucky than you.”

“(The park maintenance crew) is assigned three days per week for that,” Craig said.

More prevalent in the marina during the early part of the boating season is an outburst of marine growth; weeds.

“I’ve never before seen weeds floating on the top during the first week of May,” said Tom Caulfield, a Park councilman and pleasure sailor.

Winter’s mild weather likely primed the marina for spring’s early and rapid growth of vegetation.

The winter of 2023-24 was the fourth warmest on record for metropolitan Detroit, according to National Weather Service media reports.

“The lakes never cooled,” Caulfield said. “We had clear water and

the sun came out in spring.”

“It is amazing how fast vines will come,” Craig said.

“Is there anything parks and rec can do about seaweed?” Mike Hindelang, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, asked Criag during a meeting June 13.

“We are on it,” Craig answered. “We already had the first of two scheduled applications (of weed killer). They bumped that up (to May) because of a concern with how quickly it grew.”

“They say it’s environmentally friendly,” Caulfield said.

“Were there immediate results after the May application?” Commissioner Howard Bouton asked.

“Oh yeah,” Caulfield said. “It’s amazing.”

Another treatment was scheduled for August.

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awarded in 2025.

The Lewis Echlin scholarship also is awarded every four years to a graduating eighth grade boy attending University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Scholarship recipients are chosen by a committee made up of St. Paul School parents and parish members.

“We are very proud of each of these students for their outstanding academic achievements, as well as the contributions they have made to the St. Paul on the Lake parish community,” said Kathleen Conway, chairwoman of the St. Paul Educational Trust. “We look forward to following their progress as they begin the next school year.”

The Couzens, Canfield, Wright, McSorley and Echlin scholarships are eligible for renewal annually. In total, the St. Paul Educational Trust

funds 15 academic scholarships and seven tuition assistance grants annually. All past recipients

have qualified for renewal of their scholarships for the coming school year.

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- Appointed to the Grosse Pointe School Board in 2023, Terry is the current Treasurer of the School Board, working side by side with Board Leadership and the School Administration. He has been on the Facilities & Finance committee since 2022 and was instrumental in helping course correct the financial losses at our schools and achieve a balanced Budget.
- Currently a financial supervisor in Process Validation and Improvement, he manages both financial analysts and data analytics teams.
- Improving processes and ensuring every dollar is accounted for is what he does every day.
- As a Trustee, Terry will continue to make Academic Excellence the key focus of this district while ensuring financial transparency and accountability.

**KATE
HOPPER**

www.hopper4schoolboard.org



- A lifelong Grosse Pointer and proud graduate of its schools, Kate has a Bachelor's degree in English from Hillsdale College and over 25 years of business experience. Kate was recognized for Excellence in Asset Services.
- Kate stands on these three primary pillars: Communication, Education, and Elevation. She will work tirelessly to develop and strengthen clear avenues of communication to support all district stakeholders—from families to students to teachers and taxpayers.
- She brings decades of professional experience in commercial real estate, including her tenure as Marketing Manager for CBRE Premiere Asset Services, where she oversaw marketing and communications for an OEM's Global Headquarters.

**HEATH
ROBERTS**

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- Heath and his wife Lindsay have 3 children and have lived in Grosse Pointe Park for 5 years. Heath's career is focused on children's health, working at Children's Hospitals in Michigan and Missouri. After high school, Heath joined the US Army and served on Active Duty in the 101st Airborne Division. He holds dual Bachelor's degrees in management and finance, and an MBA.
- Heath is currently Chief Administrative Officer for Population Health Services at Henry Ford Health.
- Heath has dedicated his career to children's health. He will bring a fresh perspective to the Board, ensuring a thriving environment for students. He emphasizes budget accountability, policy guidance, and community involvement.

**MELISSA
FRADENBURG**

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- Melissa is a proud Grosse Pointe resident of 17 years, with two children currently attending South.
- Melissa's career in finance spans institutional asset management to specialization in financial planning and investment advice for individual investors.
- Her focus will be to address the critical issues facing our district including the financial strain of declining enrollment and aging facilities.
- Her experience on the Policy & Contracts Committee and the Facilities & Finance Committee has provided invaluable insights into GPPSS funding and resource management. Melissa believes in prioritizing fiscal responsibility, academic excellence, and collaboration.

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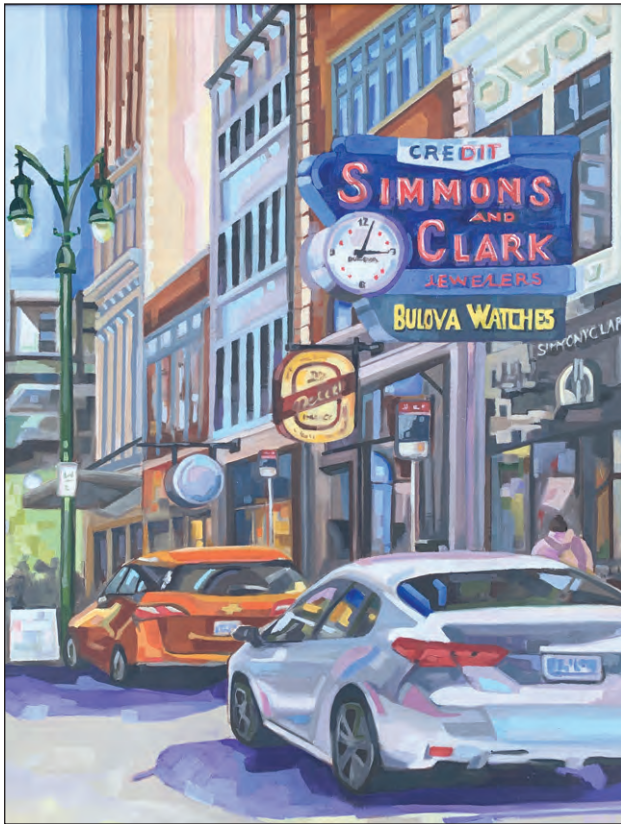
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Art Takeover Project returns to The Village



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHELLE BOGCESS-NUNLEY

From left, “Lost in Nagasaki” by painter and textile artist Mika Walters; a piece by Grosse Pointe Park painter Linda Boyle; and a piece by Grosse Pointe Farms painter Christine Wardwell.

Sept. 5 party kicks off month-long exhibition

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Visitors to The Village during the month of September will be treated to an assortment of art-work as the Art Takeover Project embarks on its second year. The brainchild of Posterity Gallery owner Michelle Boguess-Nunley, the event invited artists from across the state to submit samples of their work, to be displayed in businesses throughout The Village. The idea is to draw more traffic to the area while building community through the connectivity

of art. “The goal here is to build an identity for us in The Village and our wonderful business owners are willing to jump on board,” Boguess-Nunley said. This year’s project will feature 84 artists displaying their work at 35 participating businesses along Kercheval, from Cadieux to Neff. The walkable multimedia event will feature both indoor and outdoor art in a variety of mediums, from sculptures and paintings to three-dimensional and interactive pieces. “It was open to every

medium,” Boguess-Nunley said. “We’ve got a lot more outdoor art this year.” Among this year’s artists is Tim Burke, a co-founder of the Heidelberg Project. He has donated four of his “Community Cats” — 8-foot-tall cat sculptures — to the Art Takeover Project. “He’s been doing them for 30 years,” Boguess-Nunley said. “We’re lucky enough to get four of them to display around The Village. I may tie it in with the ‘It Takes a Village’ exhibition and put a couple sculptures at the (Kressbach) fountain.”

The 2024 Art Takeover Project kicks off 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, with live music and entertainment, including a speed painter and juggler, The Amazing Flec. “We had a great turnout at the kickoff last year,” Boguess-Nunley said. “I’m hoping to have double the amount of people this year.” Maps of art locations will be available at Posterity and participating businesses. “Because it’s a competition, the public and visitors can vote for their favorite artists,” Boguess-Nunley said. Adults and children alike are welcome to participate in a scavenger hunt for a chance to win prizes, too. Scavenger hunt cards are available at participating businesses. Guests are invited to visit each stop and answer questions about the art they find.

“The scavenger hunt follows the numbers on the map,” Boguess-Nunley said. “Start here (at Posterity) and go to each business, which will have a display. The questions follow suit. It won’t be too hard. We’ll keep it simple; we’ll have adult and kid versions.” Votes and scavenger hunt cards can be dropped off at Village Nutrition or Posterity Gallery. At the end of the event, public votes will be tallied and the winning artist will be awarded with a solo show at Posterity Gallery. Scavenger hunt cards answered correctly will be put into a drawing and the winners will be notified. Prizes include gift cards to local businesses, Art Takeover swag, artwork donated by participating artists and more. Boguess-Nunley said last year’s event saw a couple hundred visitors to The Village and its businesses.



Detroit Artist Tim Burke, who works in metal fabrication and mixed media, and is co-founder of Heidelberg Project and Community Cat sculptures, stands with a pair of his Community Cats.



St. Clair County artist Joe Leonard specializes in photo-realistic oil paintings and portraits.

“Every day I’d see a handful of guests with their printed maps,” she said. “It’s fun — something the family can do after school — and it’s free.” “And you don’t have to do it in one day,” she added. “... We’re trying to keep it casual.” While guests have until Sept. 30 to complete the scavenger hunt, those who choose to knock it out in one day should be able to complete the tour in approximately one hour. Boguess-Nunley, who recently joined the board of Main Street Grosse Pointe, said the project follows Main Street’s mission as well. “The Art Takeover Project is centered around the concept that we can better connect our community and other communities through art,” she said. “Participating Main Street shops will share their space with artists for this month-long event, created to connect and provide visibility to local storefronts and artists. Part of a larger ‘Get to the Pointes’ project, we believe that art is an important part of a thriving downtown area and can create a more vibrant shopping and dining experience for customers of all ages. “... There’s something to be said when a customer comes in and knows the business owner and the business owner knows them,” she added. “It’s a great sense of being part of something. ... I see it every day in what I do.” For more information about the Art Takeover Project, visit posterityartgallery.com/arttakeoverproject

The best time to plant a new tree

By Suzy Berschback
Guest Writer

This is the second installment in a four-part series.

Fall is the best time to plant a new tree.

The following trees are well-suited to the local climate and soil conditions:

Shade Trees

- 1. Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
 - ◆ Beautiful fall color.
 - ◆ Tolerant of a variety of soil types.
- 2. Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)
 - ◆ Stunning fall foliage.
 - ◆ Prefers well-drained soils.
- 3. Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)
 - ◆ Fast-growing with a broad, rounded crown.
 - ◆ Tolerant of urban conditions.
- 4. White Oak (*Quercus alba*)
 - ◆ Long-lived and majestic.

- ◆ Prefers well-drained, slightly acidic soils.
- 5. American Linden (*Tilia americana*)
 - ◆ Fragrant flowers in late spring.
 - ◆ Tolerates a variety of soil types.

Ornamental Trees

- 1. Kousa Dogwood (*Cornus kousa*)
 - ◆ Beautiful spring blooms.
 - ◆ Prefers well-drained, acidic soils.
- 2. Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
 - ◆ Striking pink flowers in early spring.
 - ◆ Tolerates a variety of soil types.
- 3. Serviceberry (*Amelanchier spp.*)
 - ◆ White flowers in spring, followed by edible berries.
 - ◆ Adaptable to different soil conditions.
- 4. Crabapple (*Malus spp.*)
 - ◆ Various flower colors in spring.
 - ◆ Tolerant of urban conditions.

Evergreen Trees

- 1. Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*)
 - ◆ Fast-growing with soft, flexible needles.
 - ◆ Prefers well-drained soils.
- 2. Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*)
 - ◆ Dense and fast-growing.
 - ◆ Tolerates a range of soil conditions.
- 3. Colorado Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens*)
 - ◆ Striking blue-green needles.
 - ◆ Prefers well-drained soils.

Native Trees

- 1. American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)
 - ◆ Smooth, gray bark and dense foliage.
 - ◆ Prefers well-drained, acidic soils.
- 2. Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)
 - ◆ Unique tulip-shaped flowers.
 - ◆ Prefers moist, well-drained soils.

There are a few considerations to make for

planting new trees.

- ◆ Soil quality: Conduct a soil test to understand pH and nutrient levels.
 - ◆ Water requirements: Ensure adequate watering, especially during the first few years.
 - ◆ Space: Consider the mature size of the tree to avoid crowding and interference with structures or power lines.
 - ◆ Diversity: Plant a variety of tree species to promote biodiversity and reduce the risk of disease and pest infestations.
- These recommendations should help you choose trees that will thrive in Grosse Pointe's climate and enhance the beauty of your landscape.

Suzy Berschback is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and is working with Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Lev Wood and the Urban Forestry Commission of the City of Grosse Pointe in its effort to restore the Pointes' tree canopy and provide community education.



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Club earns distinguished status

The Northeastern Toastmasters Club 573 hosted its annual picnic Aug. 12, at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms. The 25-member club had cause for celebration in announcing it reached Presidential Distinguished status, due to achieving membership and participation goals through the Toastmasters Pathways program. The online program includes an assessment of each member's goals for Pathways participation. Paths include Dynamic Leadership, Innovative Planning, Leadership Development, Motivational Strategies, Persuasive Influence, Presentation Mastery, Strategic Relationships, Team Collaboration and Visionary Communication.

There are five levels for each path. Northeastern Toastmasters members made the Presidents Distinguished status, because four of its members reached Level 1, two reached Level 2, two reached Level 3, one reached Level 4 and one reached Level 5. "We also received credit for getting new members, getting our members trained and getting our dues paid on time," member Wendy Bradley added. Those interesting in joining the group or learning more about Toastmasters should call Membership Chairman Terrance Allen at (313) 969-6430 or email terrysa41@gmail.com.

— Jody McVeigh

AREA ACTIVITIES

The Family Center

The Family Center presents Playtime in the Park, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at Chene-Trombley Park, located at Mack and Ridgemont in Grosse Pointe Woods. Parents are invited to meet other parents while their children play. The Family Center provides water. For information, email maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers programs and activities for the community. For information on the following, visit warmemorial.org

- ◆ Fever Candlelight Open Air Concert: The Soul of Detroit, 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29. Tickets range from \$30 to \$58.
- ◆ Silent Book Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10.
- ◆ Vet Connect Seminar: Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director Brian Love, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12.
- ◆ Caricature Night with Andrew Sigman, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13. Tickets are \$30 and includes all materials.

Library

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

- ◆ The Superhero Project, on exhibit all day, at all branches, through Monday, Sept. 9.
- ◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ First Tuesday Book Discussion, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Teen Leadership Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Silent Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Sensory Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Media Mania: Podcasting Fundamentals, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, VFW Post 1146, 28404 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, Holy Innocents Church, 26000 Ridgemont, Roseville.
- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Ford House

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

- ◆ Wellness Series: Tai Chi for Health, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, through Sept. 10. Cost is \$10 per session for members, \$12 per session for nonmembers.
- ◆ Storytime: "Not a Box," 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, for ages 7 and younger.
- ◆ Story Festival, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, for ages 7 and younger. The event features Brenda Ban of Built to Thrive, outdoor educator Kelly Konieczki, the St. Clair Shores Public Library and children's musician Jim Gill. Cost is \$7 for adult members, \$5 for child members, \$10

for nonmember adults and \$7 for nonmember children.

- ◆ Artist-in-Residence Reception with Cody Norman, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19.
- ◆ Autumn Landscape Guided Tour, 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, Sept. 24 to Oct. 29; and 10 a.m. Nov. 5 and 10. Admission costs vary.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

- ◆ A Matter of Balance, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 4 to 30, at the Harper Woods Library.
- ◆ Online Security Behavior and Practices, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, with presenter Jim Creighton.
- ◆ The movie "The Beautiful Game" will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.
- ◆ Handwriting Analysis in Forensics, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, with instructor Ruth Homes, a certified document examiner. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Senior Day at the Detroit Zoo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Visit, Lunch and Learn, noon to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at American House in Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.
- ◆ The movie "Shirley" will be showed at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

Reunions

- ◆ Dominican High School will host its "Classes of the '80s Reunion," from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. The

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Teen collecting cans for rotating monthly charities

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Witnessing the devastation following last year’s Lahaina fires on the island of Maui prompted Grosse Pointe Woods resident Leilani Feltman into action.

“It all hit me when we were driving from the airport to our condo,” she said. “On the freeway there were pictures of the fire victims as a memorial. There were camps of displaced people and there is still debris in the ocean a year later.

“Also, it’s expensive to live there and being local, having to restart, made it all real,” she added. “There was no missing it.”

The final push to start her Cans 4 a Cause charity drive occurred while her family was stuck on Haleakala, while watching a sunset, because of a wildfire on the mountain.

“It all made me want to help,” she said. “I thought, how can I help from across the country and how can I help in a way that’s effective?”

She opted to start a can drive, with proceeds benefiting a different charity each month, beginning



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Leilani Feltman started Cans 4 a Cause earlier this month and plans to rotate benefactors as the charity grows.

with Maui.

The 17-year-old rising senior at Grosse Pointe North High School posted on the Grosse Pointe Woods Gals and Grosse Pointe Mom Swap and Chat Facebook pages, seeking donations of alu-

can be an inconvenient and time-consuming chore.

“I made a post on Facebook to see how many people would be willing to donate cans,” Feltman said. “Most of the response was from the Gals page, which is more of a more discussion-based page.”

She said she’s gotten a great response in the few weeks since she posted.

“My original goal was \$100,” Feltman said, “but after two weeks, I’m already up to \$160 total. I’m hoping to get close to \$200 by the end of the month.”

Because she posted the request well into August, she may extend the Maui collection into September. Once she cashes in her receipts, she’ll make online donations to three Maui-based charities:

- ◆ Maui Food Bank, providing hunger relief to those in need;
- ◆ Boards 4 Buddies, connecting deserving youth with “pre-loved” surf and skate equipment, along with the necessary safety gear; and
- ◆ Love The Sea, removing plastic from the ocean while raising awareness

and educating youth for a generational change.

After the Maui effort, she plans to pick a new charity to support for a month. She hopes by switching it up, she’ll maintain community interest and participation.

“My dad and I had a similar idea a few years ago that started with returning cans,” she said. “It was going to go toward celiac awareness, because I have celiac disease. But I never felt like it would catch on, because that’s such a small demographic. I thought people would be more likely to donate when it relates to them.

“So I decided I can find different causes to donate to,” she continued. “Maui is my first cause ... and I’m going to pick a new cause each month. Different causes are going to touch different people in different ways. Yes, Maui needs help now, but it’s not the only issue going on in the country.”

Feltman said she’s up for suggestions if there’s a charity close to a contributor’s heart. She may select upcoming causes in a lottery-like fashion.

One charity she already plans to support is the Luken T. Boyle Campaign for Kindness, based in her hometown of Toledo, Ohio.

“Five or six years ago, someone from my close-knit community, a classmate and church member, took his own life,” she said. “The Luken T. Boyle Campaign for Kindness raises suicide awareness, but it also teaches people how to be kind and how to help in a situation like that.”

The organization aims to spread kindness through four programs — Kindness Rooms, Kindness Rallies, Kindness Recognition and Kindness Events — to bolster an appreciation for kindness and put an end to bullying.

“My goal is \$150 to \$200 per month for whatever cause it is,” Feltman said.

She hopes to establish a Cans 4 a Cause Facebook page and website in the coming months.

Those who would like to donate cans may reach her on her personal Facebook page, Leilani Feltman.



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Thornetta Davis and her band — all musicians from Detroit — play the last song of the night, during which guests were up and dancing.



Thornetta Davis sings the blues.

Thornetta Davis does not disappoint

The War Memorial’s Summerfest Concert series continued Wednesday, Aug. 7, on the back lawn, with Detroit’s “Queen Of the Blues,” Thornetta Davis.

Approximately 700 people attended the show, making it one of the better-attended events at the venue.

Davis has opened for blues legends like Ray Charles, Bonnie Raitt, KoKo Taylor, B.B. King, Etta James and others. The seven-time Blues Music Awards nominee — including two 2022 BMA nominations for contemporary blues artist female and best instrumental vocalist — has won more than 30 Detroit Music Awards.

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club manager earns prestigious designation

Aaron Wagner, CCM, general manager of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, has been awarded the certified club manager, or CCM, designation by the Club Management Association of America. The CCM designation indicates that a club management professional has completed a rigorous course of study and training and shows a dedication to proficiency and expertise in club management.

Established in 1965, the CCM designation is the hallmark of professionalism in club management. It is a valuable, internationally recognized and widely respected mark of an individual’s longterm commitment to professional development and the club industry.

To receive the designation, one must invest more than six years of



Aaron Wagner

study in specified educational requirements through the Business Management Institutes, attend world conferences on club management and maintain activity within their local chapter. After these conditions have been met, the individual must pass the CCM exam.

Wagner was approved by the certification committee of CMAA after successfully passing an extensive certification examination on club operations.



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BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS

How to choose the right wedding officiant for you

Receptions may get their fair share of attention, but the ceremony is the true centerpiece of a wedding. This is the part of the day when the couple will exchange vows and pledge their love and devotion to one another. It's also the time when the wedding license is signed and the union becomes official.

An officiant is an essential part of any wedding. This person is responsible for leading the ceremony and ensuring that all requirements are met so that the marriage is legal. He or she will guide the exchange of vows and helps set the tone of the wedding.

Officiants vary depending on the ceremony, including religious, non-denominational or even family or friend. Since the officiant's role is so significant, it is important to give careful consideration to potential officiants before making a final decision.

Know the rules governing your ceremony location

If you will be having a religious ceremony in a house of worship, there may be some restrictions regarding who can officiate the wedding. Traditionally, a priest/minister, rabbi or imam must preside over a ceremony in a house of worship. Even though there are some limitations, you may be able to choose the religious leader with whom you are friendly or whose sermons speak to you.

Know what you want

Some officiants may not have formal training or lots of experience officiating weddings, particularly if couples ask a friend or family member to do the honor. Leaving it entirely up to the person may not be the wisest choice, as you may be surprised by what the officiant says. It's best to give the officiant a list of guidelines to see if the person will meld with your vision. When interviewing officiants, note what's most important to you. It also can help if couples try to determine if an officiant's sense of humor aligns with their own.

Check for skills

Professional officiants treat this as a business and have amassed skills throughout the years. They likely will have websites and reviews that you can read through. Consider attending an upcoming wedding to see how a particular officiant performs on the big day.

Laypeople can get online certifications to perform weddings, so couples may choose a friend or relative to do the ceremony. When selecting a non-professional, know that an officiant should have public speaking skills and be able to relate to the audience. Someone who is shy or stumbles over words might not be the right person to put in front of guests, even if they hold a special place in your heart.

Check to make sure they can devote the time

Of course all the details cannot fall into place if the officiant is booked or doesn't have the time to tackle such a big component of the wedding. The officiant needs to meet with you several times, write the ceremony, attend rehearsals, and actually officiate. It's important the person you ask has the flexibility to meet all of these responsibilities.

Officiants feature prominently in a wedding and set the tone of the ceremony. Choosing the right person to perform this important function is a big decision that requires careful consideration. Choose someone whose beliefs and style of communicating reflect your own.

HOW-TO Guide FOR A PERFECT Wedding



Beyond the dress and flowers – there are many behind the scenes decisions to make before your wedding day. Here are some tips on a few things you'll want to know as you create the special day of your dreams.

Questions to ask the venue

The process of planning a wedding involves the coordination of many different components, including people. It can be stressful and it can be exciting. Chances are the couple-to-be will be handling conversations with vendors they may have never worked with before.

It may be tempting to simply sign on the dotted line when hiring wedding vendors and hope for the best. But the process can prove more fruitful when couples prepare for it by compiling a list of questions designed to ensure they know what they're getting before they enter into a contract.

- Is the date available?
- How long have you been in business?
- Are you insured?
- Will you be on site to oversee things?
- What is your payment schedule?
- What is your cancellation policy?
- When is the last possible date for making changes to details like plans, colors, music choices, etc.?
- Are there any additional fees?
- Will ours be your only wedding that day?
- How do you handle conflicts when there are multiple weddings on the same day?
- Do prices differ depending on time of day, month or year?

Planning your reception is an exciting and exhilarating time, so it's easy to be so wrapped up in the joy of the situation that you don't think about the legally-binding business of contracts.

Couples are urged to exercise due diligence and ensure contracts with vendors specify all details before signing binding paperwork — so that you can have the carefree wedding you desire, with no loose ends or misunderstandings on the part of either party.

How to write great wedding vows

The exchange of wedding vows is a key component of a wedding ceremony and sometimes helps to ensure the marriage is binding in accordance with the faith of the participants. Couples have various options pertaining to the vows they share. In religious ceremonies, vows may be predetermined as part of the requirements and rituals of that faith and religious texts. Individuals also may choose to read romantic verses from poetry. Another option is to write one’s own vows.

- When drafting vows, here are some guidelines to follow.
- **Utilize a template.** Scour the internet for resources on writing vows. You’ll likely find sample vows or even templates where you can fill in information if you do not know where to begin.
 - **Utilize memories of when you met.** Your vows can include special anecdotes or stories of time spent in the early days when you first knew this was the person with whom you would spend your life.
 - **Explain what your partner means to you.** Tell the audience what it is about this person that has you smitten. Is he or she your rock? Confidante? Best friend? Or all of the above?
 - **Share what you are pledging.** Write out exactly what you are vowing to your special someone. Be definitive and draw from your personal experiences. For example, “I vow to support you each time you adopt another shelter dog.”or “ I vow to warm your toes on cold evenings.” Make it personal, heartfelt and humorous, if you’d like.
 - **Vow you’ll always be there.** At the heart of vows is a promise that you’ll be around no matter what life throws at you. This is a solid sentiment to include in your vows, and likely one your future spouse and other guests will come to expect.
 - **Keep things brief.** There is no need to write a novel for your vows, which may reassure you if you’re nervous about the right wording and speaking in front of an audience. Outline the most important points you want to share and build on those sentiments.
 - **Reflect on the future.** Wrap up your vows by noting your excitement about what the future may bring, whether that is a family, travel or another adventure.

Vows may be traditional components of weddings but should be personal and evergreen too. They are not just age-old words from an archive, but living promises that will be new and vital in every day of your marriage.

How to choose an enjoyable menu

When picking a wedding reception menu, couples typically get to sit down with their venue operator or caterer and take a taste test so they can decide what to include and exclude come the big night. That typically results in some happy hearts and full bellies. But there’s more to picking a reception menu than taste, and the following are some pointers couples can consider as they aim to provide a tasty meal for their wedding guests.

- **Resist the urge to make the menu reflect only your personal preference.** Couples may be tempted to pick exclusively foods they like for the reception. Though it’s important that couples get to enjoy their first meal together after tying the knot, it’s good to ensure that guests get to have an enjoyable meal as well. Resist any urge to let personal preferences dictate the menu, particularly if you have a restrictive diet. For example, vegans need not insist everyone eat a vegan meal at the reception nor should meat lovers insist that every plate end up with some red meat on it. Diversify the menu so people with various preferences can enjoy their dinner.
- **Inquire about food allergies.** When inviting guests, ask them to cite any food allergies they may have when they RSVP. Many banquet halls and caterers are now accustomed to accommodating diners with food allergies, but the earlier that information is communicated, the better for those preparing and shopping for the meal.
- **Align food with the degree of formality.** Consider the ambiance of the wedding when picking a reception menu. A pig roast might be ideal for a backyard wedding, but something more formal is called for when dining in a lavishly decorated banquet hall. It’s notable that caterers tend to have a creative side, so they might be able to present certain foods in ways that match the vibe of the wedding even if those dishes would not ordinarily align with the ambiance of the reception.
- **Leave the experimentation to the cocktail hour.** If couples have certain exotic foods in mind, they can still serve those items but do so during the cocktail hour. Guests can simply turn down the chance to try exotic foods during the cocktail hour without going hungry. But a sit-down dinner should ensure every guest has something to eat and enjoy.

Picking a reception menu is a fun and filling component of wedding planning. Keeping everyone’s needs and preferences in mind can help couples pick a menu everyone will love without any food going to waste.

How to tip wedding reception staff

Couples need not feel beholden to the many traditions that have become commonplace at wedding ceremonies over the years. Such traditions can be fun ways for couples to connect their ceremonies with those of their parents’, grandparents’ and even older generations, but couples can still pick and choose which traditions, if any, they want to embrace on their wedding day.

One tradition that’s not as flexible involves tipping wedding reception staff. It’s customary to tip reception staff, as these hardworking individuals earn much of their wages through tips. Though it’s always welcome to give exceptional staff members more than the standard suggests, the following rundown, courtesy of the wedding experts at The Knot, can help couples know how much to tip wedding reception staff.

- **Wedding planner:** A wedding planner likely isn’t expecting a tip, as these talented professionals typically work for a predetermined fee. But The Knot estimates that around half of all couples tip their wedding planners. The standard is between 10 and 20 percent (up to \$500), but couples also can consider a nonmonetary gift.
- **Hairstylist/makeup artist:** Gratuities are generally commonplace for hairstylists and makeup artists. Gratuities should be between 15 and 25 percent and can be given when the professionals have finished their work.
- **Delivery persons and setup staff:** A tip between \$5 and \$10 is sufficient for delivery personnel, such as the individual delivering the cake or flowers. Couples can always tip more if delivery staff are delivering more items over a lengthier period of time. For example, if the reception tables and chairs are being delivered to the reception, couples can tip delivery personnel a little extra.
- **Officiant:** Tipping officiants is not so simple. Couples who tie the knot outside a religious venue typically hire an officiant for a flat rate, and such individuals do not need to be tipped. Couples who are getting married in a house of worship may not pay their officiant directly, but a donation to the church or synagogue may be expected. Tips are not necessary in either of these examples, but couples can invite their officiant to their receptions if they so choose.
- **Musicians:** The standard for ceremony musicians is between \$15 and \$20 per musician, while reception musicians each receive around \$25 to \$35. A wedding DJ may be accustomed to receiving a tip between \$50 and \$150.
- **Reception staff:** A tip for reception staff is typically included in the contract, so couples should consult their contract to determine if they’ve already tipped the staff. The Knot indicates the standard tip for reception staff is between 15 and 20 percent while the maitre d’ is typically tipped separately at around \$200 to \$300.

- **Reception attendants:** Attendants include bartenders, waitstaff, parking attendants, bathroom, and coatroom staff. Like the reception staff, attendants’ tips may already be included in the contract. If not, the restaurant standard of 20 percent applies to wedding receptions as well. Parking lot attendants and coatroom/bathroom attendants can be tipped at around \$1 per guest.
- **Transportation:** Gratuities for drivers are typically included in the contract as well. If not, a tip reflecting 15 to 20 percent of the total bill is the standard.

Gratuities reward the many hardworking individuals who help to make couples’ wedding days more special. Contracts should always be consulted before tipping staff, but couples also can feel free to go the extra mile when tipping exceptional staff members. Anyone who made the day particularly more fun or easy or enjoyable for the bride and groom or their guests may warrant an extra thank you and gratuity.

Let’s eat cake!

- Many couples serve the wedding cake as the official dessert, while others opt for making the cake a take-home treat or a supplemental dessert to a formal dessert course, dessert table of assorted individual sweets or a cookie table.
- Wedding Wire estimates the average wedding cake to cost around \$500. One way for couples to save on their cake is to have a faux cake on display, with one tier that is made from cake and can be cut. Guests will then be served slices of a sheet cake from the kitchen that is much less expensive.
- Couples have many flavors to choose from. Vanilla is classic and quite popular because it appeals to a vast number of people. Lemon, chocolate, and carrot are some other popular cake flavors and many brides opt to alternate tiers of different flavors.

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Cheers to 102 years!

Grosse Pointe native and Vernier family descendant Marjorie Dora Miller is celebrating her 102nd birthday Friday, Aug. 30. To mark the occasion, her family hosted a small gathering last weekend.

The daughter of Robert Louis Vernier and Alice Mary Mason, Miller was born Aug. 30, 1922, and raised in Grosse Pointe on Vernier Road, which was named for her family.

Miller was the ninth of 16 children and is the last remaining family member from her generation. In her youth, she enjoyed deer hunting, as well as bowling and carried an average of 185.

A graduate of St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Farms, she married Charles Rosco Miller on April 9, 1942. They had four children — Charles Miller Jr., who passed away in 2019; Norman Miller, James Miller and Diane (Miller) Kurzym.

Longtime members of St. Joan of Arc and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic churches, the couple spent 66 wonderful years together until Charles' death in 2008.

The family continues to expand, as the centenarian has eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Currently, she lives with her daughter and enjoys visits with her large family, as well as watching television and playing cards and checkers.



COURTESY PHOTO
The birthday girl, Marjorie Dora Miller.

Christina Noland named DRYA 2024 Coach of the Year

The Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association (DRYA) doesn't present a Coach of the Year award annually, but when it does, it's because someone has demonstrated exceptional dedication and performance. This year, that someone is Christina Noland, whose journey in the world of sailing is as inspiring as it is impressive.

Noland's love for sailing began in the mid-1990s when she was 10 years old. Growing up, she spent her summers sailing locally at the Detroit Yacht Club, where she honed her skills. Her passion and talent led her to participate in clinics on the East Coast, where she absorbed knowledge that fueled her lifelong commitment to the sport.

"I quickly discovered a deep passion for sailing," she said.

After her early experiences, Noland continued to pursue sailing competitively, joining the club sailing team at Michigan State University. Her collegiate sailing years deepened her love for the sport and in 2005, she took the next step by becoming a coach. By 2016, she had joined the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club staff, where her influence as a coach has grown. Today, she serves as the sailing director at GPYC, a role in which she leads and inspires the club's sailing community.

Beyond her professional achievements, Noland's personal life also intertwines with sailing. She and her husband, Brandon, met on the water 14 years ago. Today, they are raising two daughters, ages 6 and 3. Their oldest



COURTESY PHOTO
DRYA 2024 Coach of the Year Christina Noland, with her daughters.

daughter, Grace, already has started sailing in the GPYC program, much to Noland's delight.

"I'm excited she likes it — for now," she said with a smile, expressing the joy of passing on her love for sailing to the next generation.

Noland's sailing accomplishments are numerous, including participating in the Bayview to Mackinac Race the past 14 years. She also has won the Women's Regatta at Bayview Yacht Club the last two consecutive years. However, perhaps what she finds most rewarding is watching the children she coached grow into accomplished sailors themselves, with some even becoming coaches under her guidance.

Noland's path wasn't always set on sailing. She briefly attended law school but eventually returned to the sport she loved. The opportunities provided by the club over the years, along with the strong connections she built within the sailing community, reaffirmed her decision.

"Sailing is where my heart is," she said.



Jameson Peter Oliver

BIRTH

Jameson Peter Oliver

Lindsey and Michael Oliver of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the birth of their son, Jameson Peter Oliver, who was born Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024.

Maternal grandparents are William and Cathy Mestdagh of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Peter and Kelly Oliver of Grosse Pointe Park.

Great-grandparents are William Mestdagh Sr., Mary Ruth Mestdagh, Beverly Coats and Sharon Burke, all of Grosse Pointe.

ENGAGEMENTS



Joshua DuFresne and Ellen Post.

Post—DuFresne

Gordon and Patricia Post of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Isabella Post, to Joshua Alexander DuFresne, the son of Catherine and Shawn DuFresne of Troy.

Miss Post is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and Bowling Green State University. She works in account management at Unishippers.

Mr. DuFresne is a graduate of Troy Athens High School and Oakland University. He is a research specialist at Karmanos Cancer Institute.

An August 2025 wedding is planned.



Daniel McMann and Ava Hennes

Hennes—McMann

Christopher and Amber Hennes of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Ava Hennes, to Daniel McMann, the son of Daniel and Alissa McMann of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Miss Hennes is a graduate of University Liggett School and earned a bachelor's degree in biopsychology, cognition and neuroscience from the University of Michigan. She is a medical assistant and is working toward becoming a physician assistant.

Mr. McMann also graduated from University Liggett School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in ocean engineering from the United States Naval Academy. He is an officer in the U.S. Navy, stationed in San Diego.

The couple got engaged in Lake Como, Italy, a few weeks after college graduation. A wedding date has not yet been set.



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Doctor visit

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sandra Cobb stands with Manish N. Kesliker, M.D., founder of Emcura Medical, during the club's Aug. 20 meeting at Ford House. Kesliker shared his insights into the latest trends in integrative medical care in the community, as well as his uncommon approach to taking time to connect with each patient. He completed medical school in Cambridge, England, at the Kigezi School of Medicine and his internal medicine residency through the DMC/Sinai Grace Hospital. Grosse Pointe Rotary Sunrise club members extend an open invitation to residents to join their Tuesday presentations at 7 a.m. at Ford House. Email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com for more information.



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WEDDINGS



Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Mandziara

Armenio—Mandziara

Victoria Paige Armenio and Trevor Jon Mandziara were married Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Andrew Smith. A reception followed at the Detroit Yacht Club.

The bride and groom arrived by boat to the Detroit Yacht Club after launching from Bayview Yacht Club, where the couple and bride’s family are members.

The bride is the daughter of George Armenio, and Bradford and Amber Kimmel of Grosse Pointe Farms. The groom is the son of Tammi and Jon Mandziara of Macomb Township.

The bride wore a pointed strapless ballgown of Kalika with intricate pleating by Atlanta designer Anne Barge. She carried a floral arrangement executed by Olive’s Bloombox in Ferndale. White hydrangeas, roses and ranunculus with blue delphinium filled the bouquets, ceremony and venue.

The bride’s sister, Addison Kimmel, served as maid of honor, and the bride’s friend, Brittany Ehlen, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the groom’s sister, Kayla Mandziara; the bride’s cousin, Grace Villano; the bride’s friend, Angela Kehrig Vohs; and the bride’s cousins, Riley, Cora and Elizabeth Kimmel. The groom’s cousin, Alessandra Giannola, served as flower girl.

The bride’s attendants wore dusty blue satin twill trumpet gowns with bows.

The groom’s friend, Blake Berry, served as best man. Groomsmen were the bride’s brother, Alex Armenio; and the groom’s friends, Karim Bujaidar, KJ Wilk and Cooper Baker. The groom’s cousin, Lucas Giannola, served as ring bearer.

The bride earned a bachelor’s degree from Oakland University and a master’s degree from Wayne State University. She is a pediatric speech-language pathologist.

The groom earned a bachelor’s degree from Oakland University and is completing his master’s degree from the University of Michigan. He is a financial analyst at Ford Motor Co.

The couple honeymooned in Los Cabos, Mexico. They reside in Grosse Pointe Farms.



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Making meaningful connections

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sandra Cobb stands with Rotary member Brian Eisbrenner, owner of The CEO Business Coach, during the club’s Aug. 13 meeting at Ford House. Eisbrenner shared highlights of his business background and led a discussion about how best to make deeper personal connections and build relationships. He also shared insights into the difficulty of making meaningful personal connections in today’s world of smartphones and social media. Grosse Pointe Rotary Sunrise Club members invite residents to join their presentations at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com for more information.

Cameron—Driscoll

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cameron Sr., of Grosse Pointe Farms, announce the marriage of their son, Andrew Gray Cameron, to Kailin Joy Driscoll, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Driscoll of Macomb Township.

The couple was married Wednesday, July 31, 2024, during a private ceremony among close friends on Sylvan Lake.

The bride and groom each earned Bachelor of Business Administration degrees from Northwood University. Kailin (Driscoll) Cameron is the category manager for Dana’s Light Vehicle Aftermarket Group. Her husband, Andrew Gray Cameron, is an associate director, retail automotive, for Polk Automotive Solutions.

The couple has made their home on Sylvan Lake in Waterford.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cameron



Mrs. and Mrs. Patrick McCabe

Galbenski — McCabe

Sarah Grace Galbenski and Patrick Hidalgo McCabe were married on June 8, 2024, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Pete McCormick, C.S.C. A reception followed in the Dahnke Ballroom on the campus of Notre Dame.

The bride is the daughter of David and Lynn Galbenski of Grosse Pointe Shores. The groom is the son of Michael McCabe and Rosie Hidalgo McCabe of Washington, D.C.

The bride wore a lace, mermaid-style Pronovias dress and carried a bouquet featuring florals in shades of purple and blue.

Her friend, Rachel Ingal, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride’s cousin, Anna Galbenski; and the bride’s friends, Anu Subramaniam and Maddie Wu. The groom’s cousin, Eleanor Duverneuil, served as flower girl.

The bride’s attendants wore Azazie floor-length lavender dresses with matching florals.

In lieu of a best man, the groom’s sisters, Cristina Hidalgo-Petersen and Carolina Hidalgo-McCabe, stood up for him in the role. Groomsmen were the groom’s friend, Mike Stanford; the groom’s brother-in-law, Reggie Petersen; the groom’s cousin, Joey Caporizzo; the bride’s cousin, Michael Galbenski; and the groom’s cousins, Ian Hidalgo and Francisco Hidalgo. The groom’s cousin, Thomas Duverneuil, served as ring bearer.

The bride earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in global affairs and Spanish from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Science degree in international relations from the IE School of Politics, Economics and Global Affairs in Madrid, Spain. She is an international environmental program specialist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The groom earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in political science and Arabic from the University of Notre Dame. He is a program associate for the U.S. Agency for International Development’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance.

The couple honeymooned in Brazil and Argentina. They live in Washington, D.C.



Mrs. and Mr. Gordon Post

Cappetto—Post

Annamarie Patricia Cappetto and Gordon Mulhern Post were married June 22, 2024, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Tom Slowinski. A reception followed at Saint John’s Resort in Plymouth.

The bride is the daughter of Lawrence and Patricia Cappetto of Marysville, Ohio. The groom is the son of Gordon and Patricia Post of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The bride wore a mikado satin gown with cascading pearl appliques created by New York designer Allison Webb. She carried a white and blush bouquet with Italian greenery created by Viviano’s.

The bride’s sister, Michelle Cappetto, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride’s friends, Makenzie Dillon and Erin Keegan, and the groom’s sister, Ellen Post. The bride’s nieces, Liliana and Gabriella Cappetto, served as flower girls.

The bride’s attendants wore lilac chiffon dresses and carried bouquets of white roses and baby’s breath. The flower girls wore white satin and tulle dresses.

The groom’s friend, John Van Hoef, served as best man. Groomsmen were the groom’s friends, Tyler Leggat and Joseph Fannon, and the bride’s brother, Luke Cappetto. The bride’s nephews, Lawrence, Leonardo, Anthony, John, Vincent and Dominic Cappetto, served as ring bearers.

The bride earned a bachelor’s degree in advertising from Marquette University. She works at Ford Motor Co.

The groom earned a bachelor’s degree from Albion College and an MBA from Walsh College. He also works at Ford Motor Co.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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OBITUARIES

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Edward P. Rowady Sr.

Edward “Ed” P. Rowady Sr., 96, passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, at his residence in Grosse Pointe and with his wife of 60 years, Judy, by his side. He was a dedicated husband, father, brother, son, friend, mentor, singer, Kentuckian, “Wildcat,” Grosse Pointer and U.S. Army veteran.

Ed was born May 31, 1928, in Winchester, Ky., to Lebanese immigrants, Rose Jabbour and Alexander Elias Rowady. He was the youngest of seven children. Setting the tone and backdrop for much of his early life, Ed lost his father in 1936, at age 8. He was raised through the Great Depression and World War II by his non-English-speaking mother, older siblings and the warm generosity of fellow merchants from their Main Street neighborhood.

In his youth, Ed was highly influenced by the singing and dancing of popular entertainers of the era such as Fred Astaire, Frank Sinatra and Harry James. In turn, Ed went on to become the “lead crooner” for the high school swing band, the Southland Ragadors. He also played in the brass section of his college marching band and sang in various choral groups throughout his life, including choral affiliations with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Detroit’s Rackham Choir and Grosse Pointe Community Chorus.

Ed earned degrees in metallurgical engineering, including a bachelor’s degree with high distinction from the University of Kentucky and a master’s degree from Lehigh University. He also was elected to the honorary fraternity, Tau Beta Pi. Ed was drafted into military service toward the end of the Korean conflict, during which he served as a U.S. Army technical specialist.

Initially rooming with his brother, Lewis, a renowned local socialite, Ed settled in Detroit in 1956 to begin his career as a senior research metallurgist for Eaton Corp. This was a multi-decade professional journey that had him making key developmental contributions to numerous innovative automotive systems, including automatic cruise control, safety air bags, anti-skid brake systems and fuel injections systems, among other things. Ed held several U.S. and foreign patents.

In 1964, after a multi-year courtship, Ed finally summoned the courage to marry his “Ginger Rogers,” native Eastside Detroit and award-winning soda jerker, Judith Ellen Raines. They settled in Grosse Pointe Farms to raise a family. Over the years, Ed was active with the Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club, including a term as president in 2014. He was a member of its board of trustees and chorus and was the founding chairman for

the SMC Tech Club, Grosse Pointe United Church Board of Trustees and The Villagers dance club.

Ed was an avid golfer and a vocal armchair enthusiast for all Detroit sports, including six mostly painful decades as a Lions fan. He also enjoyed U.K. basketball and the Kentucky Derby. He passed on his fascinations to his children and grandchildren, including the intricacies of model trains, his strategic approach around a card table, with Hearts being the preferred family game and, most importantly, his lifelong adherence to the “Golden Rule.”

Ed is survived by his wife, Judy; sons, E. Paul Jr., John Alexander (Kelli), Daniel Lyndon (Xochitl) and Michael Lewis; and grandchildren, Eddie III, Alexandra “Alex” Marie, Natalie Elizabeth, Jacqueline “Jackie” Elizabeth and Emma Raines.

His family will forever remember him spontaneously bursting into song. Visitation takes place 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A memorial service will occur at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The War Memorial’s Patriotic Programming Fund, warmemorial.org/support.

Sylvia Sitterley Sanders

Sylvia Sitterley Sanders, 89, formerly of Grosse Pointe, passed away Monday, July 29, 2024, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was born Sept. 3, 1934, in Columbus, Ohio, to John H. and Lucile (nee Bishop) Sitterley, both now deceased. She spent her formative years in Columbus and graduated from Upper Arlington High School and, later, from Oberlin College.

Sylvia was married to Leslie A. Sanders Aug. 10, 1957. She met her husband at Oberlin College. She then taught primary grade school in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio.

Sylvia was an active member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. She enjoyed making friends in church classes, bowling league and Women’s Connection, and later played in the handbell choir. Sylvia also was in the Detroit League of Women Voters, a bridge group, Oberlin Alumni Reunion planning committee, American Association of University Women, a garden club and the Gold & Silver Trefoil group.

For a few years, she co-owned the resale toy store, Moms’ Toy Attic. In her later career years, she was an architectural librarian at Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit. In retirement, Sylvia volunteered at the Detroit Historical Museum, Belle Isle Aquarium and Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

Sylvia is survived by her daughter, Laura Myers (Craig) of Churubusco, Ind.; son, Kirk Sanders (Jill) of Albuquerque, N.M.; and granddaughters, Cora Lupardo (Kevin), and Olivia, Bethan and Faith Myers.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband; and sister, Emily Sitterley.

A memorial service was held at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Sylvia was interred into the columbarium at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Music Department, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, bit.ly/3Mf6j0o; the World Wildlife Fund, bit.ly/3YVA9yj; or Doctors Without Borders, bit.ly/3WVUppgA.

Tobey Hansen Jr.

Tobey Hansen Jr., 95, passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 29, 2024, with his family by his side at his assisted living home, The Meridian in Lake San Marcos, Calif.

Tobey is survived by his wife of 67 years, Janet Hofmann Hansen; son, David Hansen (Leanne) of Bozeman, Mont.; and daughter, Lisa Colbourne of Encinitas, Calif. Tobey’s legacy also includes his four grandchildren, Halie Colbourne of San Francisco, Calif., Brooke Colbourne of Cottage Grove, Ore., Grace Hansen of Bozeman, Mont., and Jack Hansen of Bozeman, Mont.

Tobey was born Oct. 8, 1928, in Newark, N.J. At an early age, he moved to Virginia where he attended The Hill School and worked with his father, Tobey Hansen Sr., teaching tennis at The Homestead in Hot Springs. In the 1950s, the family had an opportunity to move to Grosse Pointe and begin the Hansen family tennis legacy at the Country Club of Detroit, which lasted into the 1980s. During those four decades, Tobey also spent time at the Detroit University Club in the winter season as the director of squash and racquets.

In 1984, Tobey and Janet moved to La Costa in Carlsbad, Calif., where Tobey was the original director of tennis at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. In the 1990s, Tobey retired but kept a very active role in the local tennis community in San Diego and Harbor Springs, where he and Janet spent their summers.

Tobey was best known for his ongoing interest in fostering the development of tennis to all who loved the sport, no matter their level of play. He always had time to share stories about his past experiences and people he met throughout his life. During summers in Harbor Springs, Tobey would be seen either on the tennis court or peddling his bicycle around the community.

The family will have a



Edward P. Rowady Sr.



Michael H. Titterington

private service and Celebration of Life later this year.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Little Traverse Conservancy, landtrust.org/donate, or the Harbor Springs Public Library, harborspringslibrary.com/donate.

Michael Hugh Titterington

Michael Hugh Titterington, 68, passed away Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024. He was also known as Mike T., Big Mike, T and Grandpa Rabbit.

A deeply religious Catholic, Michael is survived by the love of life and cherished wife of 45 years, Denyse (nee Freeman), as well as their children, Teresa and Sam (Jessica), who learned from him the joy of a day well spent outdoors. He was the proudest grandfather of Madison, Jeremy and Michael Hugh II; and brother of Gay Nibling (Greg) and Debbie Bommarito (Matt). He also will be remembered by his many nieces and nephews, as well as a vast circle of friends, each one a testament to his ability to connect with people from all walks of life.

Mike was a resident of Grosse Pointe and St. Clair, and was known for his infectious laugh and knack for turning any gathering into a party. In his later years, he found a new home in Broussard, La., where he embraced the local culture with enthusiasm, becoming a familiar face at the local fishing spots and community events. An avid fisherman, Mike’s love for the water was only surpassed by his love for the stories that came with it. He believed every fishing trip was an adventure, whether they caught anything or not.

Mike was a regular on the golf course, not just for the sport but for the camaraderie. He often could be found giving unsolicited advice on swings, which usually was followed by an anecdote that left everyone in stitches.

Mike’s lifelong career as a salesman gave him a knack for making lasting friendships. He could strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere, turning strangers into friends in minutes. His life was a celebration of human connection and he was known to crash a party or two just to spread his joy.

Mike was predeceased by his beloved father and



Sylvia Sitterley Sanders



Thomas McCormick, M.D.

mother, Samuel Q. and Henrietta “Hank” (nee Brys), who instilled in him a love for life.

The family extends their gratitude to the staff at Our Lady of Lourdes, who provided comfort and care during Mike’s final moments, ensuring he was surrounded by love just as he lived his life.

Thomas Roy McCormick, M.D.

Thomas Roy McCormick, M.D., 72, of Saline, passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024.

Thomas was born Jan. 16, 1952, in Waco, Texas, to his loving parents, Thomas and Doris Marie. In June 1975, he married his college love, Patricia (nee Dickson) McCormick.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Patricia; brother, Michael (Jeanne); children, Bryan (Jaimie), Marcy (Theresa) and Benjamin; and grandchildren, Caitlin, Riley, Matthieu and Christopher. He also is survived by many in-laws, nieces, nephews and a host of loving extended family.

Growing up in the U.S. Air Force not only inspired a love of aircraft in Thomas, but also inspired him to join the Air Force in 1983, where he proudly served as a child and adolescent psychiatrist for four years. He continued this work in private practice for 28 years before retiring in 2018.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, flying kites with his grandchildren and reading and sharing what he learned with others.

Family and friends are invited to gather at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, 301 E. Michigan, Saline. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Dave Hendricks will officiate. Military honors will take place under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard. Inurnment will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Tom’s honor be made to Dementia Friendly Saline, 400 W. Russell St., Saline, MI 48176, or bit.ly/4cCdZEp.

Share a memory of Tom and sign his guestbook at rbfhsalinelibrary.com/obituaries/Thomas-McCormick-17/#!/TributeWall.



Tobey Hansen Jr.



Sharon Ann Tyrrell

Sharon Ann Tyrrell

Sharon Ann Tyrrell, 82, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024.

Born in Detroit to Margaret and Winfrey Qualls, she grew up in both Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores with her younger brother, Tom. Sharon attended Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe High School and graduated in 1960.

She married her childhood sweetheart, Robert, in 1961, and started their family in St. Clair Shores that same year. Together they spent more than 30 years in the City of Grosse Pointe before finally settling in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A beloved wife, mother and grandmother, she dedicated her life to creating a nurturing and loving home for her family. Deeply rooted in her faith, she served many years as a Sunday school teacher at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where she and Robert were members for more than 50 years.

Sharon was an avid antiquer. She loved to scour the markets for treasures and was known for her impressive antique teddy bear collection. Her love of dogs was unparalleled. It’s likely most dog-owning residents in the Pointes have met Sharon on the sidewalk over the years. She could never pass a dog without a joyful hello and a belly rub.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Robert; children, Margaret (Jeffrey), Robert, Todd and Laurie (Stephan); grandson, Michael (Katie); brother, Tom (Deborah); and nephew, Mark (Robyn). She was predeceased by her parents; and her brother, Gary.

Sharon’s legacy of love, compassion and selflessness will be remembered by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made in Sharon’s honor to the Alzheimer’s Association, bit.ly/4cBVjET, or Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, gpaas.org/donate.

Arrangements were entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

OBITS:

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Roy Allen Hankis

Roy Allen Hankis, ASID, NCIDQ, professional interior designer 81, died quietly at his home within the American House, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024. His death is attributed to a long illness with Parkinson's disease. He passed away peacefully and comfortable in his well-appointed environment surrounded by the people and things he loved.

Roy was born May 24, 1943, in Greenville, to John Leroy and Nila A. (nee Taylor) Hankis, both now deceased. He received a degree in interior design in 1964, from the Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Encouraged by his time in school, Roy traveled on a grand tour of more than 88 countries. His post-graduate studies were completed at Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1971. Roy became a professional interior designer of merit and was one of the first in his field to qualify for and pass the rigorous National Council of Interior Design Qualification exam in Michigan. He subsequently became a Professional Member of the American Society of Interior Designers. He is listed as a "noteworthy" American interior designer by Marquis Who's Who.

Roy was the director of design of several commercial design firms in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Mich., from 1964-73. He was encouraged by his father, a builder, and his mother, a bookkeeper, to open his own practice. Roy Allen Hankis Interiors Inc., was established in 1974. Roy served as CEO and principal designer throughout his long and successful career. He served as an adjunct associate professor of design at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, Mich., for many years, starting in 1981, and was a trustee of the JONIRO Investment Co., in Southfield, Mich.

Roy was a set designer for the Lexington Village Players, as well as a contributor to Native American Casino Magazine. He also was selected to design spaces



Roy Allen Hankis

for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and American Society of Interior Designers Showhouses in 1985, 1991, 1993, 1996 and 1999. He was voted "Best of Show" at Detroit Design Live, presented at the Michigan Design Center. Roy was invited to design a room in the 1995 Designer Show House, named Health House, which paid special attention to sustainable and environmentally friendly materials. Additionally, he designed a space for the Birmingham Junior League at the Michigan Design Center Celebrity Room event with Michigan's then-First Lady Paula Blanchard. His memberships included The Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts and the American Society of Interior Designers, where he held elected positions, including Director of the Michigan Chapter in 1974, Treasurer from 1992-93 and Vice President in 1997. Further memberships included the Christian Business Men's Committee, Detroit Rotary and Detroit Yacht Club. Roy's designs were published in many newspapers and magazines, including, but not limited to, 14 Detroit Free Press cover stories.

Roy spent decades building and maintaining his well-respected reputation of providing complete interior design services for his clients. His firm took great care in efficiently managing and installing impressive design statements for both residential and commercial properties throughout Michigan and the contiguous U.S. Through his long career, his business became known and was largely sustained from repeat customers. Roy Allen Hankis Interiors Inc., specialized in the interior design of funeral homes, a niche market, where his design solutions were called upon again and again. His creative talent combined with keen business acumen served



Joanne Stemer

his clientele well. Roy enjoyed his clientele, personally and professionally, while entertaining his clients, family and friends at his several beloved waterside homes. He especially enjoyed his corner 28th-floor penthouse suite in the iconic Detroit high-rise cooperative, 1300 E. Lafayette, designed by Gunnar Birkerts. He lived there more than 40 years, enjoying his view of the Detroit River, Belle Isle and many passing freighters, while always endeavoring to spend time at his weekend homes in Lexington and Grand Haven, Mich., often alternating weekend visits between both homes.

Roy was an impeccably dressed professional man who possessed a quality of character, substance and fortitude his clients trusted and respected. He was fun-loving and a jokester, a dear friend to many, a protecting older brother figure to some, a good neighbor to all, a respected design colleague and an interior designer of distinction to hundreds of clients. He was loved and admired, while his life of exemplary service touched countless people in all walks of life.

Those who never knew Roy in his prime, or much about his long and impressive professional life and career, were fascinated and entertained to hear stories from and about him. People enjoyed visiting his lovely downtown penthouse home, reading articles about him, seeing his life in pictures and enjoying the little treasures he kept or collected. There always was a light in Roy that shined behind his twinkling eyes and mischievous grin. He had fight in him, which came as a surprise to many, as he struggled with the effects of his disease and its frustrations.

Roy was loved. His last days were filled with dignity. His bespoke surroundings were polished



Marianna G. Manion

and well-cared for. The attentive care a good man deserved was bestowed upon him in a joyous and loving manner.

Roy is survived by and will be missed by many dear friends, family, neighbors, colleagues and clients. Private graveside services were held at East Montcalm Cemetery near Greenville, Mich. To send a message of sympathy, sign Roy's online guest book or to share a favorite memory, visit bit.ly/3Xk856H.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Christiansen's Michigan Cremation & Funeral Care, Greenville.

Joanne Stemer

Joanne Stemer, 80, passed away peacefully in her sleep Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, following complications from a stroke earlier this year. Her beloved children were by her side.

Born with a passion for learning and teaching, Joanne earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit and later completed a master's degree in education. She devoted more than 30 years of her life to shaping young minds as a French and English teacher at Warren Mott High School, where she touched the lives of countless students and colleagues.

Outside of her professional life, Joanne found

joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved playing tennis, sharing lunches and shopping with friends, and taking peaceful walks with her loyal dog, Sadie. She especially treasured time spent with her family in Florida and Chicago, where she wholeheartedly embraced her role as a devoted and loving grandmother to Ryder, Stella and Emma.

Joanne will be deeply missed by her children, Jessica Kovacs (Kyle) and Matthew Stemer, as well as her grandchildren, who brought her endless pride and joy. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Joseph Buccellato. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness and dedication to both her family and her community.

A funeral Mass took place Aug. 26, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. A celebration of life followed at The War Memorial and a private burial was held.

Marianna Gladney Manion

Marianna Gladney Manion, 74, passed away Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, lovingly surrounded by family and close friends.

Marianna was married for 54 years to the love of her life, Paul J. Manion. They had three children, Anna Booher (Stephen), Patrick Manion (Andrea) and Thomas Manion (Nyaa). The greatest joys in her life were her grandchildren, Michael and Addison Booher, Emersyn, Brinley and Brayden Manion, and Sylvia Manion.

Born Oct. 24, 1949, in Detroit, to Robert and Winifred Gladney, Marianna was the proud older sister of Kate Gladney, Dan Gladney (Diane), Timothy Gladney (Karen) and Bernardine Lauro (Sal).

She was predeceased by her brother, Patrick Gladney. Marianna also was the proud aunt of 17 nieces and nephews, with whom she shared many close relationships and great memories.

Professionally, Marianna completed her undergraduate degree and Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Wayne State University. She practiced psychology for many years at Associated Psychologists in Harper Woods. She loved her practice and valued the relationships she developed with her patients. She eventually retired in 2006, to spend time with her grandchildren. She also did extensive volunteer work and particularly loved her work at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Paul and Marianna loved to travel to visit family and had been all over the world together. They took cruises to interesting places and had amazing trips to Europe with family and friends. Their marriage was an inspiration to all who knew them. They were truly in love after 54 years.

Marianna will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Her infectious laugh and beautiful spirit will be carried on in the hearts of her family and beloved friends.

A memorial gathering will take place 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, with Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Detroit, 3000 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48207, or svdpdetroit.org/Donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Due to the Labor Day print schedule, the deadline for obituaries to be published in the Sept. 5 edition of the Grosse Pointe News is 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30. Please submit obituary information to kbazzy@grossepointenews.com

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Directors Emmajeane Evans, left, and Sharron Nelson Corbin, right, stand with campers.



Above, during this scene, the teacher, Miss Lucy, explains to Mandy that she didn't get a role and her friends are shocked. Ms. Lucy is played by Marissa Nowaczok; Mandy is played by Georgia McIntyre; and her friends are played by Darcy Robinson, Cecelia DeRosier and Lydia Shriner. Right, Clara got the lead role in the musical and her friends are surprised and happy for her. From left are Lilly Hennigan, Makenna Markley as Clara and Charlie Rossi.



The star basketball player is daydreaming about his audition in the upcoming school musical and his friends are trying to snap him out of it and get him to focus on the pep rally. From left are Dylan McGovern, Carter Hutchcraft, Lucas Wagner as the star basketball player and Jack Campbell.



The mascot, Quacky, and the cheerleaders are happy to find out the cheerleaders won the district cheer contest. Quacky is played by Finn Rury. The cheerleaders are, from left, Sofia Sawicki, Penelope Simon-Gotham, Autumn Sarnacki, Josephine DeRosier and Emmy Schwartz.

Theatre in the Park

The cast

- ◆ Marissa Nowaczok plays Miss Lucy, the teacher.
- ◆ Georgia McIntyre plays Mandy, who is sassy and conceited.
- ◆ Darcy Robinson plays Olivia, Mandy's friend.
- ◆ Cecelia DeRosier plays Elizabeth, Mandy's friend.
- ◆ Lydia Shriner play Chrissy, Mandy's friend.
- ◆ Dylan McGovern plays Travis, a theater geek.
- ◆ Luca Wagner plays James, an athlete who gets a lead part.
- ◆ Jack Campbell plays Cruz, James' basketball friend.
- ◆ Carter Hutchcraft plays Mack, James' basketball friend.
- ◆ Makenna Markley plays Clara, who is nice and gets the lead.
- ◆ Lilly Hennigan plays Sarah, Clara's friend.
- ◆ Charlie Rossi plays Nicole, Clara's friend.
- ◆ Sofia Sawicki plays Becca, a cheerleader.
- ◆ Penelope Simon-Gotham plays Jenny, a cheerleader.
- ◆ Finn Rury plays Quacky, the school mascot.
- ◆ Josephine DeRosier plays Linnie, a cheerleader.
- ◆ Emmy Schwartz plays Jackie, a cheerleader.
- ◆ Autumn Sarnacki plays Maddy, a cheerleader.



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event will feature '80s music by Eastside is Alive. There is a \$10 cover at the door. Email suestatic@gmail.com for information.

◆ The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1974 seeks classmates for its 50th reunion, which takes place Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$100 and include food stations, a photo booth, commemorative gift and cash bar. A casual gathering takes place Friday, Sept. 20, at Watermark Bar and Grille, 24420 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Payment may be made via Venmo: @gpn74reunion or by mailing checks to Gary Lannen, GPN 74 Reunion, 7124 Chapel View Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346. Further information can be found online at grossepointenorth1974.com

Community Chorus

Registration for the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus fall season is underway. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Grosse Pointe North High School. Anyone who likes to sing is encouraged to join. The group will perform a holiday concert at 3 p.m.

Dec. 8, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church. For more information, visit grossepointecommunitychorus.org/members-only

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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.

◆ Harvesting Fruits and Vegetables in Watercolor with Nancy Philo, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

◆ Something New in Printing: Try Gomuban with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. Registration is required by Sept. 6, so supplies can be ordered.

◆ Two-Day Mixed Media Print-a-Thon with Valerie Allen, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22.

◆ Change it Up: Add Color to Your Woodblock Print, with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and Oct. 13. Registration closes Sept. 19, so materials may be ordered from Japan.

◆ Landscapes in the Style of Frederic Church, with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10 and 24.

◆ Creating Texture in Encaustic with Candace Law, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 12.

◆ How to Enhance Your Artwork Using Apps — Procreate and Sketchbook, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, October. 14.

Lions

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests are welcome.

Adaptive yoga

Yoga Moves MS, in partnership with the Kirk Gibson Foundation, hosts Adaptive Chair Yoga classes at 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Full Lotus Yoga, 20365 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adaptive yoga benefits those with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, stroke and other neuromuscular conditions. Cost is \$12 per drop-in class or five classes for \$50 in advance. Visit fulllotusyoga.net.

Toastmasters

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

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DuMouchelles hosts auctions Sept. 12-14, including Rattlesnake Club collection

DuMouchelle Art Galleries recently announced its upcoming auctions Sept. 12, 13 and 14, featuring an array of fine art, luxury items and collectibles from notable estates and collections, including the curated collection of art that was displayed at the renowned Detroit restaurant, The Rattlesnake Club. This is part of a series of auctions and events leading up to DuMouchelles’ 100th anniversary in 2027.

Additionally, the auctions will showcase pieces from the estate of prominent collectors Marianne and Alan E. Schwartz of Birmingham and the collection of James Terry of Bloomfield Hills, as well as select works from the Grand Rapids Museum of Art and the Anthony and Davida Artis collection.

The items from Detroit’s iconic Rattlesnake Club are a

carefully curated collection, the likes of which are rarely seen inside a restaurant. The beloved fine dining establishment that recently closed its doors after 36 years of service displayed this selection of contemporary art, including a Jasper Johns lithograph in colors on wove paper, titled “Cicada” and three pieces by Frank Stella: a screenprint with lithograph, linocut and hand coloring titled “The Waves: Hark!”, a lithograph and screenprint on paper titled “Shards I” and a screenprint, lithograph and linocut with hand-coloring and collage on paper titled “The Waves: A Squeeze of the Hand.”

Other highlights from the Rattlesnake Club include:

- ♦ A Jim Dine drypoint etching series on paper by, titled “Thirty Bones of MyBody” (1972).
- ♦ A Wayne Thiebaud soft-ground etching with



Jasper Johns’ vibrant lithograph in colors on wove paper, titled “Cicada” (1981).

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drypoint and aquatint in colors on Somerset paper, titled “Country City” (1988).

- ♦ A Robert Graham patinated copper figural male and female wall sculptures.
- ♦ Works from Robert

Schefman, Louise Nevelson, folk masks and other curated selections.

The Rattlesnake Club, located at 300 River Place Drive, was known for its creative cuisine, exceptional service and picturesque views of the Detroit River. Founded by award-winning chef Jimmy Schmidt in 1988, the restaurant played a significant role in reviving Detroit’s dining scene and remained a staple of

the community until its closure in June.

The auction also features select items from the Schwartz estate. As a founder and partner at Honigman LLP, Alan Schwartz was celebrated for his brilliance, public service and commitment to community and arts. He was a pivotal figure in Detroit’s business, civic and Jewish communities, was an honorary board member of the Detroit Institute of Arts and a director emeritus of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Highlights from the estate include:

- ♦ Fine English furniture from the 18th century, including Georgian and Queen Anne styles.
- ♦ A magnificent George I games table with concertina action.
- ♦ A 18th century Delft blue and white earthenware pottery.
- ♦ Rare textile pieces, including a Charles II bead and stumpwork panel from circa 1650 and an English Elizabethan needlework cushion cov-

er from the first quarter of the 17th century.

Other items featured at the auction include several pieces from the James Terry collection, featuring a range of fine art and decorative objects from the 18th to early 20th centuries; a Richard Mayhew watercolor titled “Solstice Series #10” and a leatherwork by Winifred Rembert titled “Cuthbert Memory”; a Marshall Maynard Fredericks bronze titled “Two Bears”; works by Charles Culver from the Grand Rapids Museum of Art; an acrylic on canvas work titled “Ally” by Victor Vasarely, from the collection of a prominent art collector in Grosse Pointe Woods; and Tom Wesselmann’s laser-cut steel work, “From Nude PaintingPrint.”

Items are available to preview Sept. 5 to 7, and Sept. 10 and 11. The main event takes place Sept. 12 to 14, at DuMouchelles, 409 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

For more information about the auction and to view the catalog, visit dumoart.com or call (313) 963-6255.



From left, Frank Stella’s “The Waves: Hark!”, “Shards I” and “The Waves: A Squeeze of the Hand.”

ASK THE EXPERTS By Minor Mindset

Start the new school year with a dose of compassion

One thing’s for sure, the upcoming school year will bring changes not only to your children and your schedule, but also to your family dynamics. As your children grow, they need opportunities to gain independence, make their own choices



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and learn from their mistakes. Consider if this might be a good time to try building more compassion into your relationship to make room for these inevitable growth experiences.

When a child does something we perceive as wrong, it is our choice how we will respond. When you consider how limited the actual time is they have been here on earth and combine that with the fact their executive functioning capabilities still are literally under construction, it’s easier to find grace for these young human beings. Switching our mindset from immediately thinking about the consequences of their actions to building connection is the start of something new.

Leaning in to love them more could be difficult depending on their infraction. To help us with this, we must ask ourselves a simple question: What is the most positive and generous way I can view what this child just said or did? Connection helps us understand

the motivation behind their actions: Were they nervous? Angry? Scared? Insecure? Pressured? Or something else?

It requires us to acknowledge the constant physical and mental development going on and find the good inside of them. This helps us stay positive and creates empathy naturally for their misstep, their miscalculation or their mistake. Remember, minor shifts in our mindset can create major outcomes. Try this shift to a position of compassion and see where it leads.

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Letting loose with a few cocktails

Dear Gabby: Some neighbors and I have a book club that's been going strong for years. Last time, someone suggested we try non-alcoholic drinks only since a few of us tend to go off the rails with the red wine and gossiping. This went over about as well as the gluten-free snack discussions at the last PTA meeting. Now there is some in-

fighting and I don't care either way, but I don't want our group to implode. Any ideas on how to handle this?

— Wine & Book Warrior in the Woods

Dear Warrior, Some say books go with red wine like peanut butter and jelly. Others would disagree and suggest drunken people loud-talking



about books, or anything else for that matter, is annoying.

It sounds like your group has stood the test of time and needs to find

something that works for everyone involved. You really can't blame anyone here — everyone has different needs for their social outlets and to unwind. To keep the peace, what about alternating between mocktail and cocktail book club nights? You can see how many come to each one and go from there based on everyone's interests.

But let's be honest, if the majority of members see the book club as a chance to let loose, it might be worth embracing that and just having everyone go with the flow (of chardonnay).

— Gabby

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

You are part of the problem

DEAR ANNIE: My husband and I are trying to figure out how to emotionally support our adult daughter, who is 40 years old. She is going through a very emotional period in her life. She has been married for about a year, has "major issues" with her spouse and is not certain she can "stay in the relationship." But from our conversations with her and what we've observed, the issues she describes seem to be all "her." For example, she expects her spouse to give his undivided attention to

her all day on his day off from work. She is not even willing to allow chores such as mowing the lawn or doing the laundry to interfere. She doesn't want him to be reading, talking on the phone or checking emails -- just paying full attention to her. Her sister is extremely concerned about her as well. Her behavior is wacky, and she is highly offended that we are not "supporting" her when she obsessively describes arguments with her spouse. We are all concerned about mental health issues but are at a loss. We've encouraged her to seek therapy, which she has started, but she is already looking for a different therapist. Her sister is going to ask her own therapist for advice on how to be more supportive. We'll do the same. But we can't bring ourselves to agree with her that the spousal behaviors are abusive, because they simply are not. This opinion is based on what we've observed firsthand; not by what she says about what happens. We can say, "we

are so sorry you are unhappy," but this is not the affirmation she is seeking from us. This family dynamic is new to us and is stressing us all out. Any advice? — Stressed Out Family

DEAR STRESSED OUT FAMILY: It does sound like your daughter could be suffering from a mental illness, or maybe just extreme insecurity or narcissism. Regardless of the diagnosis, which hopefully her new therapist will be able to make, you are



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

also suffering. The best thing to do is to consult a professional yourself about how best to support your daughter during this difficult time of her life — and yours.

DEAR ANNIE: You recently published a letter from a person whose father had died, and whose sister refused to tell her 6-year-old child about the loss. There is a resource that would be useful to the sister: ChildrensRoom.org. — Sympathetic in Boston

DEAR BOSTON: Thank you for your suggestion. I hope this brings her more comfort.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges stands outside the dunk tank showing her Priority Waste shirt and headband.



Hodges gets dunked by her daughter, Effie Hodges, who, when she missed the target, walked up to the button and pressed it.

Dunks for donations

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Mayor Michele Hodges wore a yellow T-shirt with "Priority Waste" written on it and glued a mini trash can to a headband, in hopes that people who hit the dunk tank bullseye could take out their frustration about the trash pick-up situation with the company. "Our residents need to know we have their back, she said, "and if it means getting into a dunk tank to do it, so be it. "We know transitions from one provider to another are going to be bumpy, but there comes a point where we need to know the solutions are coming," she continued. "When trash isn't picked up, people assume it is the city that is dropping the ball and it makes us look bad. Furthermore, we have a duty to manage our vendors because taxpayers send a lot of money their way and we expect good service in return. The best way to solve problems is through spirited good will and this accomplished that, all while raising money for the restoration of our beloved Patterson playscape."

After 6 in July

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The second of three After 6 events was held on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park in July and featured a large crowd, music, a carnival ride, food trucks, vendors, a dunk tank for charity and more. The third and last After 6 event is Aug. 24.



Two-and-a-half-year-old Theodore Weller lines up his putt at the miniature golf station.



Joey and Emily Brosnan play in the stream of bubbles.



Jonathan Clarke plays catch with a robot created by the Gearheads, the robotics team comprised of students from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools. Gearheads team members include Gavin Perry, Gus Schroeder and Neil Orlowski.

Spreading the frosting at Chocolate Bar Cafe

There's been lots of "bar talk" recently on this column, so thought I'd switch it over to a different type of bar: the chocolate kind. If you haven't been to Chocolate Bar Cafe yet, now is definitely the time to check it out. In December 2007,

owner and baker Lisa Corbin saw a sweet shop and ice cream parlor, Sara's Sweets, on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, was an available space. She had been baking cakes out of her home for quite some time while her children were young. For

friends, family, neighbors or anyone who asked, she could and would customize cakes for all types of occasions and events, allowing her creativity to grow and advancing her skillset. However, it was finally time for her to spread her frosting a little bit further — in her own building with a bigger kitchen and space to grow. That's how Chocolate Bar Cafe was born. Designed like an old-fashioned soda pop and cake stand, Chocolate Bar Cafe — now nicknamed CBC — has much to offer. "Just about anything for the sweet tooth," Lisa said. With her background, there definitely are amazing cakes being made from scratch daily. Alinosi's Ice Cream, made in Detroit, is

what CBC is scooping and Alinosi also supplies all of its ice cream toppings, such as hot fudge, caramel, cherries and pineapple. CBC serves Michigan's own Guernsey Ice Cream as well. Giant cookies of every flavor imaginable line the showcases, along with cake pops, chocolate suckers and freshly made in-house plain and candy-coated waffle cones, ready to be filled. When asked what the most popular sweet item is, cupcakes is the answer. I can honestly say I'm not surprised, as they're my go-to whenever I want to bring a sweet treat to a gathering. With 30 flavors to choose from, including classic favorites like bumpy cake, German chocolate, carrot



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

cake and my personal favorite, mint chocolate chip, how can anyone not be satisfied? "We will be starting our fall flavors after Labor Day," Lisa said, adding that there's plenty to look forward to, including pumpkin spice with cinnamon buttercream, Guinness spice with Irish cream buttercream and butter pecan with maple buttercream, just to name a few. There also was mention of something involving a pistachio brownie. I think it was maybe one of the fall-flavored truffles? That is something I will definitely be getting my hands on. Also, coming in the fall will be CBC's caramel apples, decorated with nuts and candy with drizzles of chocolate. Speaking of chocolate, CBC recently started making its own chocolates in-house, including molded candy, chocolate bars, truffles and assorted chocolate-dipped peanut clusters, graham crackers, coconut clusters, even chocolate and caramel pretzel rods. The candy shelves are continuously stocked and ready.

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Mack Avenue storefront.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Getting your nails professionally done is a wonderful way to put your phone down for an hour and take a break. Not to mention, having nice nails — to me — is just a simple way to look... well... polished!

With everything getting so expensive in the world, I thought it sounded like a great idea to get a do-it-yourself nail dip kit to save a little cash, so I found and purchased the Nailboo kit. Nailboo has a “cult following” (according to Nailboo)

and a healthy ad budget for promoting on social media channels.

The kit arrived and for \$28 it comes with an impressive amount of product — all of the activator portions, three pretty colors of dip powder and everything you need for a professional manicure.

I got to work right away as I had a party to go to and some terrible-looking nails. I read the instructions and watched a video to bolster my knowledge and confidence. The whole idea is

pretty straightforward and everything is labeled clearly.

Everything seemed to be going to plan — until it wasn’t. Somehow I had lumps and bumps and gross-looking clear “junk” around my cuticles. I had maybe one decent-looking nail out of 10 when all was said and done. It was

totally unacceptable to be in public with such atrocious claws.

The system DOES seem to be pretty strong, if you are able to do it without hundreds of bumps and mistakes. I had to rip it off in chunks before I left the house so people wouldn’t think I condoned such terrible

nail skills ... or think I had some sort of contagious nail condition.

It actually hurt to rip off the hardened polish and in the end, my nails looked worse than ever. Clearly I had ripped off a layer or two of my real nails, leaving white and damaged short nails, which also were breaking and peeling. Yikes!

Long story short, if you don’t do it perfectly and are not a skilled nail person (or willing to practice a lot) then this is not for you! Or me!

I’m giving this 1 alliga-

tor. Save yourself the misery and proudly and happily pay for the pleasant and relaxing experience with the pros.

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.



1 Out Of 5

Risotto al Pomodoro

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

Tomatoes are currently in their red, ripe and juicy glory and I found myself buying in bulk last weekend at the Eastern Market.

They had so many varieties. I bought green zebra tomatoes, yellow tomatoes, purple tomatoes and they made one of the best salads I’ve ever had. Though I love a ripe, raw tomato, I couldn’t pass up buying Michigan beefsteaks to cook with. They were bright red and calling to me.

Risotto seemed like a perfect meal to make and a great break from pasta. Risotto does take a bit of attention and time but really it’s just stirring and not walking away for too long.

The rice is cooked “al dente”, not too soft but a gentle chew. This takes a lot of tasting at the end. You may need to add more liquid or not the full

amount. The tomatoes provide the majority of the liquid which adds so much flavor. Diced roma tomatoes are stirred in to give it an extra boost.

This is also a great dish to make to get comfortable with cooking outside the recipe guidelines. If the heat is higher than a simmer, the liquid would evaporate faster and therefore you would need more at the end and have to adjust.

Taste for salt and chew. Cheese and butter give it gloss and richness. Then homemade basil oil is drizzled over top at the end which adds more freshness.

This is how it went over in my house. My son came through the kitchen and said, “Whatever that is, I’m not eating it.” When it was time to plate he said, “It doesn’t smell horrible.” When he ate, he exclaimed, “Mom, this is really good!” It was a proud Mombeau

moment and worth the elbow grease.

Cheers, Mombeau

Tomato Risotto with Basil Oil

2 large beefsteak tomatoes

3 cloves garlic, peeled

½ medium onion, chopped

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

2 diced roma tomatoes

1 cup arborio rice

1 cup dry white wine

2 cups chicken or vegetable broth

4 tbsp butter

½-¾ cup grated parmesan

Salt and pepper

Fresh basil leaves for garnish

Start by quartering the beefsteak tomatoes and place them in a blender along with the garlic cloves. You may need a spoon to push the mixture down. Blend until smooth and set aside. Pour the chicken or vegetable broth into a small saucepan and heat until hot but not boiling on the side of the stove. Hot broth is important as it helps release the starch from the rice which creates a creamy texture.

In a large saute pan, heat one quarter cup olive oil and then add the onion. Cook, stirring until soft, about three minutes. Next add in the rice. Stir to coat the rice with the oil for another two minutes or until it is slightly translucent. Pour in the wine and simmer, while stirring, until the liquid has been adsorbed by the rice. Once the wine absorbs, pour half of the blended tomatoes



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to the rice. Add two teaspoons of salt and one teaspoon of pepper. Once the liquid has absorbed, add the rest of the tomatoes and chopped roma tomatoes.. Keep stirring, then start lading in the hot broth, one ladle at a time until all liquid has been absorbed about 25 minutes. If you think the rice needs more liquid, add water, quarter cup at a time. Finish by adding the butter and cheese.

Give it a final stir and check for seasoning. Serve with lots of basil oil drizzled over the top and fresh basil leaves.

Basil Oil

1 cup tightly packed basil leaves

½ cup extra virgin olive oil

Blend all ingredients until smooth.



Bottle variation

Almost exactly 50 years ago, in 1975, California signed into law the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act that protected buyers of automobiles with major flaws that made them difficult, if not impossible, to fix.

Called a “lemon law,” the act became so popular that it was soon copied around the country; versions of it now protect other products as well.

But not wine. And for good reason. Wine is a product of agriculture: grapes. And one of its charms is that it varies from year to year, from region to region, from grape to grape. People who expect perfect consistency from bottle to bottle often forget how different it can be — and how charming that variability can be, especially for lovers of fine wine.

One reason that the best wines are typically dated with the vintage in which the grapes grew is to let consumers know that there will be slight variations in bottles from different years.

Indeed, there are even subtle variations of supposedly identical bottles from the same year. I have experienced this for decades.

I have often purchased cases of wine in which every bottle is labeled identically. In consuming the 12 bottles, I have often observed subtle differences between them. In one case, one bottle was a complete dud, but the others were superb.

As previously indicated, most differences are very subtle and not

cause for returning the wine to a store. But recently, I went to a friend’s home with a bottle of French Burgundy that was reasonably priced. The wine had been ruined by a bad cork.

I chalked it up to fate; it happens now and then. Since I had brought other wines, I didn’t fret over this one bad bottle. But my hostess was upset.

The following day, she brought the offensive wine back to the store where I had bought it and told the merchant the issue. He was skillful enough to identify the problem and he replaced the bottle.

Bottle variation, although rare, still exists. It may be due to a bad

cork, although that issue has declined in the last decade as cork production has improved.

In the 1980s, professional wine judges often said that bottle variations due to bad corks and other factors represented about 8 percent of all wine — roughly one bottle in every 12. By 2000, that number had dropped considerably, to 3 percent. Although bottle variation still exists, I see it less than ever.

One area where variation may still be seen is with wines identified as “natural.” They appear to be slightly more likely to

display unusual characteristics from bottle to bottle. This is because they are usually made without the protections found in traditionally produced wines. However, regular consumers of natural wines can be remarkably tolerant of the unusual aromatics that they find in some of these wines.

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Thirsty? Of course milkshakes are an option. The question is, what flavor? The massive list of flavors that hangs on the back wall is sure to make your mouth water while trying to decide. Or, how about a refreshing Italian soda? Make sure you check out the list of flavors for those as well.

CBC also carries the Italian coffee brand, Illy, for some delicious espressos, lattes and cappuccinos, so anyone can snag a seat inside or out front, sip and enjoy.

Back to Lisa’s famous cakes. I know in my inner circle, for every birthday, communion, shower, graduation, even wedding, the

cake being sliced and served is the work of Chocolate Bar Cafe. And, I can guarantee the majority of the cakes you have enjoyed at these types of events over the years also have been made here. It’s safe to say, these aren’t your average cakes. There’s just something special about them.

CBC also now makes cheesecakes — and not



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Cupcakes.

your average cheesecake of course. How about one with Biscoff cookie butter? Or New York-style strawberry swirl, pistachio and chocolate truffle? You can special order whole cheesecakes or buy them by the slice daily.

Cupcakes, cookies and cakes are baked fresh daily, in house. All custom cakes and cookie orders must be special ordered



Floral cake art.

two weeks in advance. CBC has everything you need for birthday celebrations in addition to the cake, like gift baskets, cards, candles and toppers. It’s definitely a one-stop sweet shop.

The cafe is open daily, with fall hours starting after Labor Day weekend: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. I can almost smell the pumpkin spice now.

Follow along with the bakers and candy makers on Instagram: @chocbar-cafe or Facebook at Chocolate Bar Cafe.

Fun Fact: You can now purchase CBC’s cheesecake and cake slices at Licavoli’s Market on Mack. Stay tuned. Stay hungry.

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Left, Rosamund Pike as Abi and David Tennant as Doug in the 2014 movie “What We Did on Our Holiday,” written and directed by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin.

MOVIE REVIEW
“What We Did on Our Holiday”
2014 - Rated PG-13
1 hr 35 min
★★★★☆

Nobody makes quirky movies quite like the Brits, and this one just exudes offbeat charm by the bucketful. “What We Did on Our Holiday” has all the elements of a classic, fun-filled romp you won’t soon forget.

The movie is co-directed and co-written by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin and features a couple of great leads in David Tennant of “Doctor Who” fame and Rosamund Pike (“Gone Girl” and “Saltburn”). It also doesn’t hurt that it takes place largely in the scenic Scottish countryside, perfectly captured by cinematographer Martin Hawkins.

for the sake of the kids. And what an interesting brood they have.

The youngest daughter Jess (Harriett Turnbull) is an odd little thing. She informs her dad that she wants to take her best friend Norman on the trip. Interestingly, Norman is in fact a large brick. The middle child, Mickey (Bobby Smallridge) is obsessed with all things Vikings. And the eldest girl Lottie (Emilia Jones) is a sensitive sort who diligently notes in her journal all the lies the family has to tell to keep up appearances.

The family has a challenging time on the road and things get even more



Doug (Tennant) and Abi (Pike) chat with Gordie (Connolly).

his upcoming big birthday bash.

Granddad Gordie is played to perfection by Billy Connolly. He’s a retired football star and is a kindly, introspective gent who looks like an old hippie, complete with long, curly locks. He fits in comfortably with his grandkids and their interactions are at the crux of the film. We learn that he has cancer and that the medications he’s on is taking a toll on his



Gordie is ready to let Lottie (Emilia Jones) drive, with her little brother Mickey (Bobby Smallridge) listening in amazement from the back seat.

Adding to the nostalgic feeling of the movie is a luring, Celtic-influenced soundtrack by Alex Heffes.

We’re introduced to a family of five, as they get ready to head up north to Scotland to celebrate their Granddad’s 75th birthday.

Parents Abi (Pike) and Doug (Tennant) are recently separated but are putting their differences aside temporarily

interesting once they reach their destination.

They stay with Doug’s brother Gavin (Ben Miller), an eccentric investor who owns a sumptuous mansion and estate. He and Doug are at loggerheads almost from the second they arrive.

Meanwhile, the children are supposed to keep the family’s troubles secret, so they don’t upset Grandpa and the festivities surrounding



Gordie (Connolly) with Lottie (Jones) on the beach.

heart.

He takes the kids out for an adventure where they stop by an ostrich farm run by an elderly lesbian.



Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

“Life is too short to watch mediocre movies”



Then they camp out for a day at the beach. Wise old sage Gordie spends some special time with Lottie where he imparts a bit of the wisdom he’s picked on his journey through life. Chiefly that the world is full of ridiculous people and we should love them because of their eccentricities.

The kids have a blast at the shore and as I mentioned earlier, the scenery

Here is where Mickey’s in-depth knowledge of Viking lore pays off. Gordie had told the kids he’d prefer to go out quietly on a flaming raft Viking style rather than have his heirs haggle and fight over his possessions. I won’t spoil the rest of the movie; you’ll just have to witness it for yourself. Let’s just say the ending is full of delightful surprises.

Interestingly, the film was inspired by a BBC television show called “Outnumbered.” It’s another Hamilton and Jenkin collaboration and if you liked “What We



Doug’s dad, Gordie played by Billy Connolly.

is breathtaking.

At one point, Gordie allows the children to bury him alive in the sand and he pretends to be dead. When he pops up very much alive, he scares the daylights out of them. A little bit later in the day, the children encounter Gordie who appears to be sleeping. At first they think he’s faking being dead again, but soon realize he has in fact, passed on to the great loch in the sky.

Lottie has the children wait with the body while she runs back to tell the family the devastating news. When she arrives she discovers the family is having a meltdown

Did on Our Holiday,” I think you’ll really enjoy it. I watched the first two episodes and it looks promising. It’s streaming on Tubi.

This film is currently streaming for free on Kanopy and Hoopla (with your library card), Freevee, Tubi, Pluto TV, The Roku Channel, and Plex. And to rent on other services.

My rating system:
★ A real stinker. A

movie that is so bad, you’re embarrassed to admit you’ve seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

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

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I’ll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

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If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.



Abi (Rosamund Pike) having some tea.



The family frolicking at the shore.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, August 29, 2024: You are imaginative and not afraid to be unconventional. You have an analytical mind and are excellent at improvising. This is the end of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to take inventory of your life. Let go of anything that has been holding you back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
This is an excellent day for important family discussions. These might include talking about the division of labor or how to share expenses. Someone older, perhaps a parent, will have some input. Basically, you're looking for ways to make things run more smoothly. Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Today your focus will be on learning practical matters and finding practical solutions to problems. You might hear some excellent advice from someone older or more experienced. Focus on mental work today. You won't overlook details. Tonight: Conversations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You might have some solid, practical, moneymaking ideas today. Likewise, if you are shopping, you will only want to buy long-lasting, practical items. This is because you are in a sensible frame of mind and you don't want to waste money. That's smart. Tonight: Check your belongings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with stern Saturn, which will help you accept whatever duties and responsibilities you have. You're willing to work and do what others expect of you. In fact, you're willing to forgo pleasure for time-saving, practical results. Smart! Tonight: You're in charge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
This is an excellent day to research or study something, especially if you have to look behind the scenes for answers to problems. You will have the tenacity and perseverance necessary to do this task. Furthermore, you won't overlook details. Tonight: Privacy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
A discussion with someone older or more experienced will benefit you today. Very likely, this person will have practical advice for you. This person could be a friend or a member of a group or an organization. Why not stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before you? Tonight: Socialize.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Discussions with parents, bosses and authority figures today will be serious; however, there's a good chance these discussions will benefit you. You might see practical solutions or better ways of doing something. You might even revise your goals or modify your life direction. Tonight: Discretion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today you have the ability to pay attention to detail and wade into the challenges of making or changing travel plans or learning something philosophical, perhaps related to legal or

medical matters. You'll stick with the topic until you understand it. Tonight: Explore!.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
This is a good day for serious discussions about shared property, inheritances and how to divide or share something with someone else. You might want to know the facts about someone else's wealth or their contribution to something. Knowledge is power, especially when it comes to financial matters. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others, which will require a little patience and tolerance on your part. However, you can do this, especially if others are observing your behavior. Be gracious and charming. Tonight: Cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You can get a lot done at work today. You will tackle mental problems with a practical frame of mind. For example, you will do your homework. You'll take things slowly and carefully so that you do it correctly. "Measure twice; cut once." Tonight: Get organized.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Children might be an increased responsibility today. Meanwhile, this is an excellent day to improve your skills in the performing arts or anything to do with sports. It's also a good day to teach children, because you have the patience and the ability to do so. Tonight: Good times.

BORN TODAY
Astronaut Chris Hadfield (1959), actress Emily Hampshire (1981), actor Elliott Gould (1938).

Find 10 Differences



Find These 10 Hidden Objects



expectation

Family photo on vacation



Find all of the differences reality



What happened?

Contract Bridge

A RARE PLAY

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 8 6
♥ Q 10
♦ A J 9 8 3
♣ 8 5 4 2

WEST

♠ 9 3
♥ J 7 6 5 3 2
♦ 6 4
♣ K J 7

EAST

♠ J 10 7 5
♥ A K 9 4
♦ 10 7 2
♣ 10 3

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 4 2
♥ 8
♦ K Q 5
♣ A Q 9 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — five of hearts.

Declarer nearly always has more than one line of play available at the start of a hand. The challenge each deal presents is to compare the various possibilities and then select the one that has the best chance to succeed.

Long experience may certainly help in making the proper choice, but even so, some of the most experienced players might miss the best approach when a relatively rare type of play is

required. Consider this case where West led a heart against four spades.

East won with the king and continued with the ace, ruffed by South. Hoping to find the missing trumps divided 3-3, declarer played the A-K-Q of spades. When West showed out on the third round, South was on the way to defeat. He cashed the K-Q-A of diamonds, after which it made little difference whether he played another diamond or tried a club finesse. Either way, he would score only nine tricks — five spades, three diamonds and a club — to go down one.

If declarer had looked beyond the obvious, he might have hit upon leading a low trump from his hand after ruffing the heart continuation at trick two! Once this thought is conceived, its virtues become manifest. It assures the contract against a 3-3 or 4-2 trump division, and also allows declarer to maintain control of the trump suit, since a third heart lead can be ruffed in dummy.

Certainly the low trump lead at trick three from a holding of A-K-Q-4 is not an obvious play to make. But that should not stop one from making a play that has a clear-cut advantage. The difficult part is to think of it, but once declarer gets over that hurdle, everything falls into place.

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by Steve Becker

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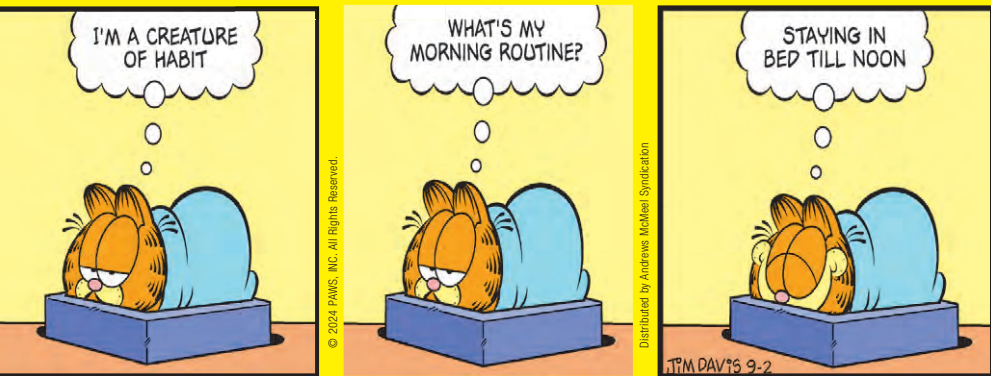


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“Want a good recipe for soup?
Just let your ice cream melt.”

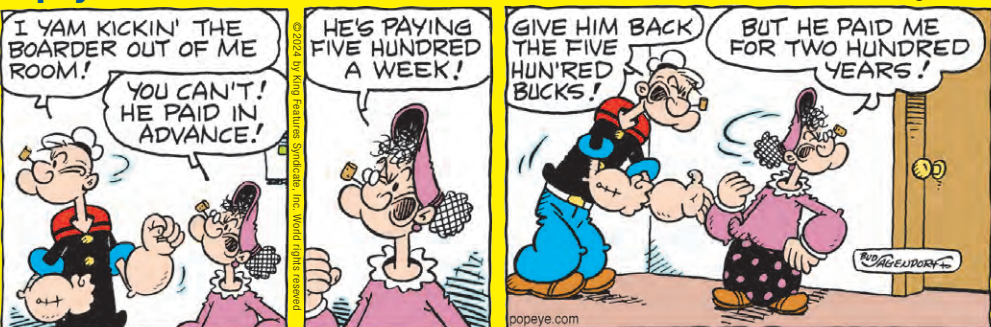
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Beetle Bailey

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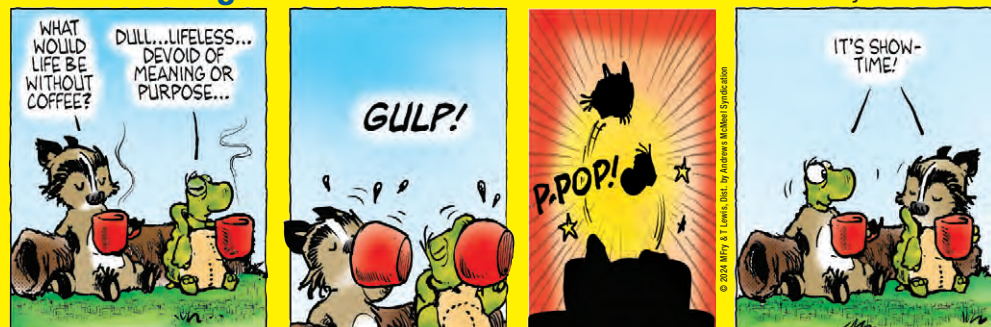
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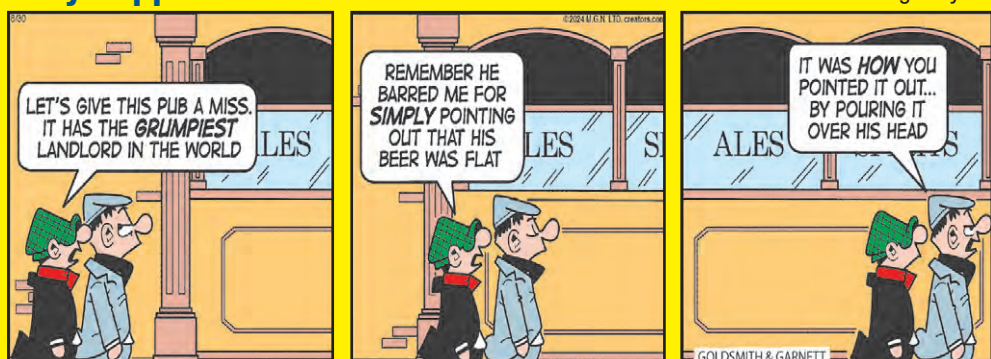
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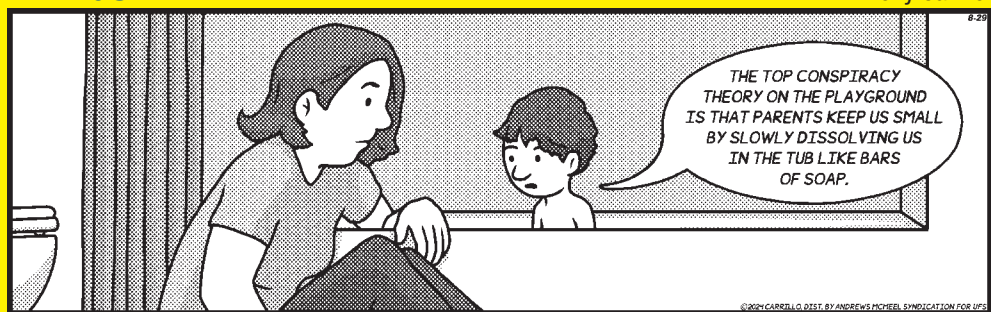
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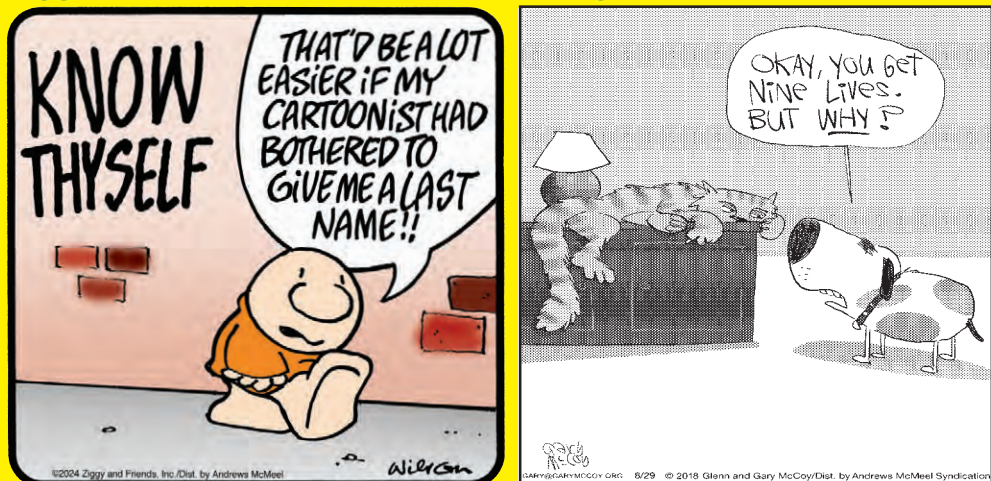


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

8/23

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

8/22 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg August 29, 2024

ACROSS

- Ego Nwodim's sketch show, for short
- Reef makeup
- "I'm to blame"
- Architect I.M.
- Sports stadium
- Lax
- Curved trajectory
- Amy Winehouse song for a hair band?
- Crepes served with chutney
- Send, as a package
- Great Plains people
- Leap
- Dig Dug console, briefly
- Airport board fig.
- Tina Turner song for a military band?
- Cola Creations
- Yoko in "The Beatles: Get Back"
- Japanese honorific
- Flock agreements
- Scolding sound
- Jamaican who reveres Haile Selassie
- It means nothing!
- Scottish boy
- Horn sound
- Patti LaBelle song for a jam band?

DOWN

- Place to get a facial
- White House Correspondents' Dinner, facetiously
- Candy such as Red Vines
- Shady spot on the shore
- "The Masked Singer" judge Rita
- Suggestions, briefly
- Egyptian symbol used in goth culture
- Woman from Mexico or Panama, maybe
- Cardinals' org.
- "Might as well!" acronym

ACROSS

- Hat with a nautical name
- Broad necktie
- Feinted, on the ice
- Goes on first
- Cheetah's habitat
- Pet rescue org.
- Classic Pontiac model
- C-section souvenir
- Doc treating tinnitus
- Delivery room coach
- Makes possible
- Fries or potato salad
- Sticky substance also known as pitch
- Closed securely
- TV coach who said, "Be curious, not judgmental"

P	U	M	P	S	A	R	G	O	C	P	A	S
C	R	O	A	K	N	A	L	A	R	A	N	T
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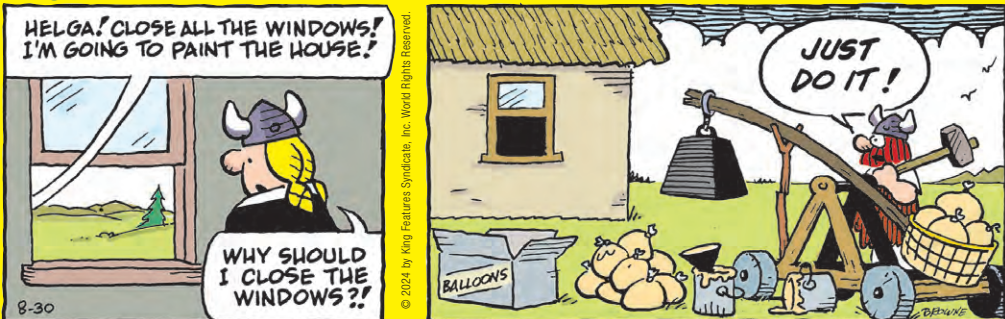
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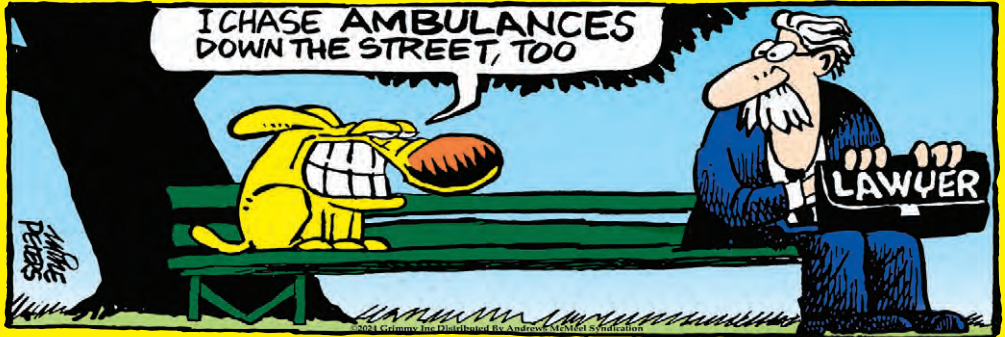
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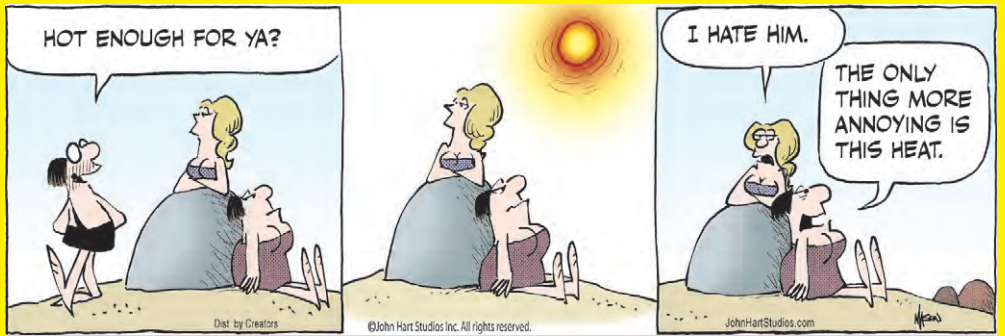
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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Varsity Football

Veterans look to lead South football to another winning season

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A lot of the names Blue Devils fans see on the gridiron for the Grosse Pointe South varsity football team this fall are

thing when you can kind of rely on them to lead themselves.”

One of the biggest returning pieces is starting quarterback Jack Lupo. The senior was South’s go-to man under

guard Sawyer Weisbrodt to be the leader of that unit. Also back in the starting lineup this fall is wide receiver Vince Vachon, who looks to be Lupo’s main target in the passing game and a con-

our passing game.”

South’s veteran experience this fall really shows on the defensive side of the ball, where the Blue Devils have returning starters at nearly every major position. Lex Wilson and Josh Lemanski return as starting linebackers with both serving as the team’s leading tacklers over the past two seasons. Franklin Gallagher and

Andrew Pazuchowski also are back in the defensive end spots. Starting safety Henry Domzalski returns as a key piece of South’s secondary. Fellow senior safety Wyatt Hepner could return to the lineup as well, but is expected to miss the start of the season while recovering from injury.

All of the veteran experience on this year’s South team is what the Blue Devils hope can lead them through another challenging schedule. The team has its eyes on winning the MAC White Division for a third consecutive season and also has two games against MAC Red opponents scheduled, hosting Romeo on Sept. 6, and Anchor Bay on Oct. 18. Of course, there also is the annual rivalry game against Grosse Pointe North to close the regu-

lar season Oct. 25.

“Every week is a big week,” Hepner said. “We know our crossover games with the MAC Red. ...

Those are always tough challenges when we know we have to play a MAC Red team. We’ve also established a pretty good rivalry with Roseville. We beat them in the regular season last year and unfortunately, they beat us in the playoffs, so that’s one that I’d say has established itself as a back-and-forth to compete to win the MAC White.”

Adding another MAC White title to the mantle

accordingly to try and climb the ladder to success.

“We talk about goals in the sense of a pyramid where the foundation is what we lay in the offseason and we start one thing at a time,” Hepner said. “We want to be a winning ball club and win our home games. If we can win our home games then we look to some of those bigger games, like winning homecoming and beating our rival North. Then we look closer to making a league championship happen. If we make the playoffs, then we reset our goals to climbing the ladder one week at a time toward winning a state championship.”



Jack Lupo
PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South QB Jack Lupo returns for his senior season to help lead the Blue Devils on offense in 2024.

going to seem familiar. The team has a large crop of returning players from last season at key position groups, including quarterback, all with varsity experience under their belts, ready to lead the Blue Devils again.

“They’ve done a great job of setting the tone and the expectation of having focused practices and high-intensity practices,” South varsity football head coach Chad Hepner said. “When it comes from the players, that’s always a good

center in 2023 as a junior and enters this season with what the Blue Devils hope is a high level of maturity and experience after having a full season as a starting varsity QB already on his resume.

“He’s an even stronger, smarter version of himself than he was last year,” Hepner said about his starting QB.

One position group where South does not have quite as much veteran experience is on the offensive line, but the team expects senior

nection the Blue Devils are counting on to help lead a revamped offense.

“Last year, we struggled to run the ball early in the season so we’ve changed up some of our schemes,” Hepner said. “... The chemistry between Jack Lupo and Vince Vachon in the passing game, they just have a great feel for one another. Jack knows where Vince is going to end up in his routes and can get the ball to him, so those two are a pretty deadly combination in



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South returns several starters from last season on defense, including Andrew Pazuchowski (No. 81).

is one of the main goals for South this year. However, like most teams, the Blue Devils take everything on a week-to-week basis and have their goals laid out

South varsity football opens the season with its Week 1 matchup on the road at Port Huron Northern on Thursday, Aug. 29. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

Varsity Football

New coach, experienced roster fuel hopes for gridiron success at Liggett

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With football season about to kick off, plenty has stayed the same for the varsity football team at University Liggett School while also giving the program a new look. While the Knights have a strong number of returning, experienced players coming back to the roster, they will be led by a new coaching staff.

Taking over as head coach for Liggett this season is Andre Rison, who spent last season as

the team’s offensive coordinator under former head coach Kevin Glenn. Rison’s resume includes 12 seasons in the NFL with a Super

head coaching experience with Flint Northwestern in 2010 and 2011, taking over Liggett for 2024 is a new challenge. However,

“The trust that they’ve built in each other and the maturity and holding each other accountable, we’re starting to see that,” Rison said. “...

‘The trust that they’ve built in each other and the maturity and holding each other accountable, we’re starting to see that.’

ANDRE RISON, UNIVERSITY LIGGETT FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

Bowl championship, five Pro Bowl selections and one first team All-Pro selection.

While Rison has prior

Rison believes the chemistry and trust the players already have in one another is going to make the transition smooth.

They know how much they’ve put into it and I think they’re ready to compete and have fun.”

After spending last

year

as the offensive coordinator, Rison is already familiar with the wealth of key returning players the Knights have on that side of the ball. One of the biggest is quarterback Nikkos Davis, who

comes into his junior year already with a season of varsity starting experience under his belt.

“He’s been a great leader all summer in the weight room, on the field and in meeting rooms,” Rison said about Davis. “He’s really placing himself as one of the best quarterbacks in the state of Michigan. He has the talent and

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Nikkos Davis
PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Varsity Football

Norsemen seek new identity with revamped lineup

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For Grosse Pointe North varsity football, 2024 is shaping up to be a year of change and growth for what is a relatively young, although not necessarily inexperienced, football team. The Norsemen saw some key players who were fixtures in the starting lineup for years, especially on the offensive side of the ball, graduate from the program and leave the team with a new look.

That means throughout training camp and as the season gets underway, the Norsemen still are trying to piece together exactly how this team will look on the field.

“It’s a lot different team than we’ve had in the past,” North varsity football head coach Joe Drouin said. “We graduated a lot of talent with Ryan (Henderson) graduating, Brady Beers graduating and Matthew Halam graduating. We lost so many kids offensively that we’re really trying to create a new identity. They’ve really taken to trying to find their identity in terms of what we’re going to be, especially offensively.”

This biggest question mark for the Norsemen is who will lock down the starting job at quarterback. The two main candidates are a pair of juniors, Deon Doe and Jacob Sahadi.

Both have had their ups and downs throughout training camp and in last week’s pre-season scrimmage against Bloomfield Hills, and both present their own style of play that can contribute to the offense. Who ends up starting is a decision Drouin expects might not be made until minutes before the opening kickoff of the first regular season game.

“Deon’s got a great arm and can run and Jacob has a great sense for being a field general,” Drouin said about

Norsemen do have a feeling that this year’s offense will look to be based around grit and an old-school mentality of running the football. Expected to get the most touches out of the

a more traditional I-style offense, really like what Frank (Sumner) ran when I coached for him back in the early 2000s,” Drouin said. “... We’re gonna get three or four yards a

defensive side of the ball is more solidified. The Norsemen have a large group of returning players with varsity experience expected to start on defense in key positions. They include

we’re returning a lot this year,” Drouin said about his defensive core. “They’re good ball stoppers and they’re all ballhawks.”

That experienced defense is going to be key in helping North remain at the top of the MAC Gold Division, which it won outright in 2022 and earned a share of in a three-way tie for first last season. Along with its MAC Gold league games, North also is going to be tested in its non-league schedule this year with games against Warren Cousino from the MAC Blue and, of course, its annual rivalry game against the MAC White’s Grosse Pointe South.

The Norsemen also face a strong test against another MAC White team right out of the gate, facing Utica in Week 1, which could be seen as a benchmark game to open the season.

“Week 1 is going to be a big test,” Drouin said. “We say the next game and it’s always a cliché, but that first game is a big one. Utica is a MAC White school. The past couple of years we played Clintondale and we were able to just run through them. This is going to be the first time in a while that we have an opening game that’s going to be a real challenge for us.”

North hosts Utica for the season opener Thursday, Aug. 29, with kickoff at 7 p.m.

‘They’ve really taken to trying to find their identity in terms of what we’re going to be, especially offensively.’

JOE DROUIN, GP NORTH VARSITY FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

backfield are senior Caleb Rivera, a former offensive lineman who

shot with the old-school style. It’s going to be a gritty-is-pretty look.”

names like cornerback Martez Jones, linebackers Jack Kezhaya and



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Senior Evan Bainbridge (No. 62) is part of North’s experienced defensive core.

the two quarterbacks.

While the team still decides who will be the main signal-caller, the

has made the move to fullback, and junior tailback King Jackson. “We’re going back to

North might be looking to find an identity on offense, but the foundation on the

Andre Ebron and defensive end Terry Smith. “They were a young defense last year and

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the moxie, and he has the leadership and is showing it day by day.”

Also back in the lineup this fall is senior running back Gary Stacy. In

2023, Stacy rushed for over 1,500 yards and scored 26 touchdowns.

He is going to be the go-to man in the Knights’ backfield again this season. Liggett also has a pair of receivers who should be Davis’ main targets in the passing game, seniors Santino Cicarella and Marvin Hartfield.

“Santino is one of the most gifted receivers and definitely one of the fastest,” Rison said about his top receivers. “You add Marvin Hartfield and now you have a deadly combo. They’re legitimately fast — way faster than I was.”

Speed may be the name of the game for Liggett this year on both offense and defense. The Knights will use that athleticism to navigate their way through the Catholic League

after moving up to the Intersectional 1 Division this season. That means new league opponents for the Knights include Riverview Gabriel Richard, Ann Arbor Fayer Gabriel Richard, Loyola, Cranbrook and Lutheran North.

The Knights are going to be tested on a weekly basis throughout the season and are counting on their athleticism and chemistry to be the keys that can lead them to success deep into the fall.

“Our biggest strength athletically is speed,” Rison said. “Spiritually, it’s our brotherhood and our belief in one another.”

Liggett kicks off the season at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at home against Denby.



Liggett running back Gary Stacy is expected to be a cornerstone of the offense as a senior this fall after rushing for over 1,500 yards in 2023.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Boys Cross Country

New runners helping North boys XC grow program in 2024

By Grace Cueter
Staff Intern

Grosse Pointe North’s boys cross-country team is expected to enter the season with high numbers, seeing an influx of new runners. The growth has strengthened competition within the team, with runners racing against one another for the seven varsity-ranked spots. Head coach Diane Montgomery is excited to work with the new runners, inspiring a culture of dedication and pro-

ducing lifelong runners. “The team is hoping to be bigger than last year,” Montgomery said. “We have several new runners who have joined us, mostly incoming freshmen, which helps to grow the program.” Leading the Norsemen this year will be senior Caleb Kosel and juniors Sam Parish and Paul Stephens. Alongside the team captains, returning junior Neil Orlowski is expected to compete at a high level for the Norsemen.

With four of the seven varsity spots filled, Montgomery foresees a fierce competition within the team for the remaining three ranked spots. She has her eyes on three returning runners and one promising new runner. “It will be interesting to see who else makes it into our varsity ranks,” Montgomery said. “We have a few more seniors who will be vying for those spots: Tejas Shastri-Deonikar, Wes Ramsey, Barrett Nelson



PHOTO BY RYAN ROCHON

North boys cross-country is starting the fall season with a high amount of runners joining the program.

and newcomer Michael Roustemis.” The team bond created during practices, games and pasta parties is evident for the Norsemen boys cross-country team. With an extremely close returning roster, the new runners have been excitedly welcomed in the first weeks. Montgomery attributes a portion of the team’s success to their close-knit bond. “As a team, the guys work really well together and push one another to do their best,” Montgomery said. “This team is already extremely

close. They spend a lot of time outside of practice together, which I think makes the team stronger.” Competing in the MAC Red Division, the hardest division in the MAC, the Norsemen are ready and excited to bring their energy to the courses this year. Their top competition will be Romeo, Dakota and Utica. “Each of those schools always have some of the best runners in the state,” Montgomery said. “As a team, having strong competition makes for better, faster performances, so

we relish the challenge of the MAC Red.” The Norsemen’s main goal this season is to focus on personal development. While they like to score well as a team, the focus is on creating lifelong runners. North opens its season at the Anchor Bay Early Bird Meet at Lake St. Clair Metropark on Wednesday, Aug. 28. It then moves on to the MAC Red CC Jamboree at Stoney Creek Metropark on Wednesday, Sept. 4, against multiple opponents.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Boys Cross Country

Blue Devils hopeful seniors can lead foundation for the future



By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South varsity boys cross-country team is ready for another fall on the course with what it hopes is a strong core of leadership running at the front of the pack. The Blue Devils have 12 seniors on the roster this season, but also 10 freshmen, combining for 22 of the 28 total runners on this fall’s squad. The contrast in ages leads to an interesting

dynamic the Blue Devils have on this year’s team. The hope is those seniors become the perfect mentors to help the next generation of South runners in their development. “We’ve brought back senior mentorship so every senior is assigned a freshman to be the mentor,” South boys cross-country head coach Mark Sonnenberg said. “... It’s the perfect year to bring it back because of the dynamic of the team. Our teams over the years have very much been close-

knit with a family feel to the teams, even when we were much bigger. Our captains are already showing to be the best group of captains perhaps I’ve ever had.” The core of South’s leadership this year is its four captains — Joshua Sonnenberg, Michael Allen, Jaiden Spratt and Jack Martin. Those four also are expected to be some of the top finishers for the Blue Devils in meets throughout the fall, along with other notable runners like Tethyan

McKenzie, Edmund Shall and Brody Fitzgibbon. South hopes those runners and more can help lead the team to a first-place finish in the MAC White Division, South’s new league this season after moving from the MAC Red Division. With the MAC White title in their sights, the Blue Devils also hope to perform well at big meets like the Algonac Muskrat Classic Sept. 7, and the New Boston Huron Invitational Sept. 14. Finishes at the top of

the pack are what every team, including South, seeks, but the Blue Devils also have a strong focus on development this year, especially with so many young runners on the roster. Getting everyone to buy into the team mentality and continue to get better every week, regardless of whether they are upperclassmen or freshmen, is what South believes to be the key. “I want these guys to be the best versions of themselves,” Sonnenberg said. “We want success and to

break records. If they can beat my metrics from back in the day, they get an ‘I beat Sonic’ shirt. I want all those successes. I want them to qualify for states and be in the top three of the region. ... Ultimately, I see the good that cross-country can do. It’s very unique and at the same time a very equal blend of team and individual. ... They work so hard and they’re so disciplined and treat each other so well. There’s so much we do that’s just great.”

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Field Hockey

North on quest for field hockey success with mix of experience, talent

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The spectrum of experience on this fall’s Grosse Pointe North varsity field hockey team is pretty wide. The Norsemen returned a few key players from last year, but also recruited to the team other athletes new to the sport, to replace players who have graduated, leaving them with questions about how it will all come together. “We have 10 people who have never touched a stick before and 10 people who are going to be role models for (them) and getting all the new girls up to

speed,” North varsity field hockey head coach Sara Gentile said. In terms of returning experience, North has four senior captains who are going to be the main leaders of the team both on and off the field. Those captains include Josie Cueter, Maria Castronero, Cara Kaslatas and Piper Marshall. Outside of the senior captains, North also is expecting junior Charlotte Truss to be a major contributor to the team this fall. Regarding new names, perhaps the biggest one to watch is sophomore Kinley Aioli. The Norsemen brought her in this fall as the goalie

after her experience as a goalkeeper for North’s girls soccer team in the spring. With a range of ages and experience, the Norsemen do not seem to have trouble adjusting to playing together, at least in the eyes of the coaching staff. In fact, the Norsemen feel like they already have become close enough with each other where chemistry might be the team’s biggest strength. “There’s no drama and everyone gets along so well,” Gentile said. “... We hold a lot of respect for each other and with other teams and always make sure we have that energy between our-

selves and our opponents so we can represent Grosse Pointe North.” The Norsemen will have to run like a well-oiled machine as they face plenty of tough tests this season. They have big matchups against crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe South (Sept. 24) and University Liggett (Oct. 1), as well as other challenges like Cranbrook (Aug. 29) and Detroit Country Day (Sept. 12). While North has its eyes on competing throughout the fall, the team also looks to the future, knowing with the dynamic of this year’s team, developing and

growing talent is paramount. “The biggest challenge is getting the new girls up to speed for the varsity level,” Gentile said. “... We want to make sure, for the whole team, their development is to understand why. ... It’s important to me so I’m not just telling the girls to do something and they can create a bigger and better understanding of what they should be doing.”



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Madeline Pflaum

North opened the season Tuesday, Aug. 20, with a win against Grand Blanc. The Norsemen lost to Sacred Heart Thursday, Aug. 22, and return to the field Thursday, Aug. 29, for a road game at Cranbrook scheduled at 4:30 p.m.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Girls Swim & Dive

Depth gives Blue Devils state title aspirations

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

John Fodell has experienced plenty of success in his time as head coach of the varsity girls swim and dive team at Grosse Pointe South. The Blue Devils are always in the mix when it comes to competing for state championships and being at the top of the leaderboard. This fall, Fodell and the Blue Devils seem to be entering the season with more confidence than usual.

“It’s one of the best teams we’ve had at South,” Fodell said. “... We’ve got some freshman talent, which is big, and we hope it

takes us even further. ... It’s good energy. This is the biggest team I’ve ever had, but there’s a lot of talent too, which is nice.”

With what he believes to be a wealth of talent on the team, Fodell’s list of Blue Devils who could be this year’s standouts is extensive. Some of those expected to have big impacts and return to the state finals again this year include Heidi Bryan, Maryn Smith, Mischa Eng, Hannah Didio, Whitney Handwork and Lorelei Carr.

Last year, South finished fifth at the Division 2 state finals. The depth the Blue Devils have on the ros-

ter this year has the team feeling like it can finish higher at the end of this season. The biggest key is the fact so many swimmers on this year’s team already have experience competing in high-pressure, championship races.

“We barely missed getting a trophy last year,” Fodell said. “We return all but I think three points (from states). We graduated some leaders and really good swimmers, but a lot of stuff hasn’t changed. Relays that placed last year are all back. We’re not losing a ton of swims. ... We have a lot of people who have a lot of time in the water who know



PHOTO BY BEN BRYAN

Junior Lydia Johnson is one of several experienced swimmers making up one of the largest South girls swim and dive teams ever in 2024.

how to swim and how to race.”

The level of experience is leaving South with little doubt it once again will be one of the frontrunners for the state title when the fall season comes to an end and that it can conquer the MAC Red Division yet again. Time will tell as the Blue Devils are sure to be tested throughout the fall, but

the depth of talent Fodell believes the team has on the roster this year is making it hard for South to find any faults.

“This is the first year I would say there isn’t a hole,” Fodell said. “Usually, there are holes in the lineup where you’re not super strong here or there. We’re deep in everything. Every event could

have more than two state qualifiers in it. ... There will not be an event where we couldn’t send someone to the state meet.”

South opened the season last Friday, Aug. 23, hosting a meet against Ann Arbor Pioneer. The Blue Devils get back in the pool at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, as they host Romeo.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Girls Swim & Dive

Top swimmers aim to lead Norsemen to prominence in the pool

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe North girls varsity swim and dive enters the 2024 season with a strong core of experienced swimmers who are no strangers to racing for championships. The Norsemen return six of the seven swimmers the team sent to the Division 2 state finals last year, and hope those six and more will make a return to the state meet later this fall.

After a long offseason where a majority of North’s swimmers continued training and competing for club teams or even working as lifeguards, the anticipation that has been building for North to get back to racing this fall is finally over.

“They haven’t been away from the pool very much,” North varsity girls swim and dive head coach Chris Trepanowski said. “... They’re pretty well conditioned. Even some of the basic stuff we do in practice, they’re not panting or out of breath. They’re ready to go and we’re really excited.”

One of those swimmers who looks to return to the state meet this year is senior Avery Beal. Beal had two podium finishes at the state finals in 2023, and earned All-State honors in four events. Trepanowski believes the senior leader has her sights firmly set on winning state titles this fall.

Other swimmers North believes can have a big



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

North junior Ryan Verlinde.

‘They’re ready to go and we’re really excited.’

CHRIS TREPANOWSKI, GP NORTH VARSITY GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE HEAD COACH

standout junior Cailey Hard.

Beal and Wakefield are part of the small senior class on this year’s North team, which is largely made up of juniors and sophomores, as well as a few freshmen. With the strong leadership of the senior captains, the main focus for the program is developing the younger swimmers in their talent and also their passion for the sport.

“We do have team goals of times and places and stuff, but the overall improvement and enjoyment of the sport and having everyone leave every day saying it was worth it and fun,” Trepanowski said. “We don’t want anyone to get burnt out doing this. ... Keeping the attitude and spirit up and having the motivation going throughout the season.”

Part of that comes with establishing a culture. While Trepanowski’s North teams have had plenty of culture and chemistry in the past, the Norsemen hope making that culture more definite and unifying this fall will help create more positive results in the pool going forward.

“‘True North’ culture,” Trepanowski said. “What’s the true north that guides you toward where you want to go. ... That’s going to be our motto throughout the year, to work toward your true north, and keep that in the back of their minds to trust each other and keep trying no matter how hard things are.”

North opens the season at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, racing in the Raven Relays, hosted at Royal Oak High School.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 4, Article II, Liquor and Tavern Licenses, Section 4-24 (5) of the City Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, the City will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive in the Council-Court Room of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center to hear comments from the public prior to consideration of Council determining whether to grant the last available Class C liquor license to 20195 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, as requested by BCM Restaurants, LLC or to 20710 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, as requested by Daily Jam GP, LLC. The Council reserves the right to grant all, some, or none of the requests for a license. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The file is available for public scrutiny at the City Clerk’s office at City Hall.

The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk’s office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk’s Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

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See Classifieds for more details

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Girls Golf

Young North girls golf squad aims for growth, development

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With just three seniors on this fall’s roster, the Grosse Pointe North varsity girls golf team is going to have to rely heavily on developing its young talent in 2024.

The team will be led by senior captains Sofia Evola and Molly Lucido, as well as senior Panorea Dionisopoulos as the most experienced veterans. While head coach James Hansinger looks to those seniors to lead

the Norsemen both on and off the course, some of the younger names on this year’s roster also are capable of producing strong performances. One golfer Hansinger believes will have her name near the top of the leaderboard in events is

sophomore Catie Kaslatas. Having played two matches already this season, losing to Eisenhower Thursday, Aug. 22, and to Stevenson Friday, Aug. 23, every match the Norsemen play is going

to be of high importance if they look to compete in the MAC Red. “All matches are big as we are trying to grow, but the one we always look forward to is against the crosstown team from Grosse Pointe South,” Hansinger said.

While not a head-to-head match, North and South will be on the course together for the Norsemen’s next match, which is a MAC Red league tri-meet with South and Dakota Wednesday, Sept. 4, at Lochmoor Club.



HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Here are more of this week’s sports highlights from around the Pointes:



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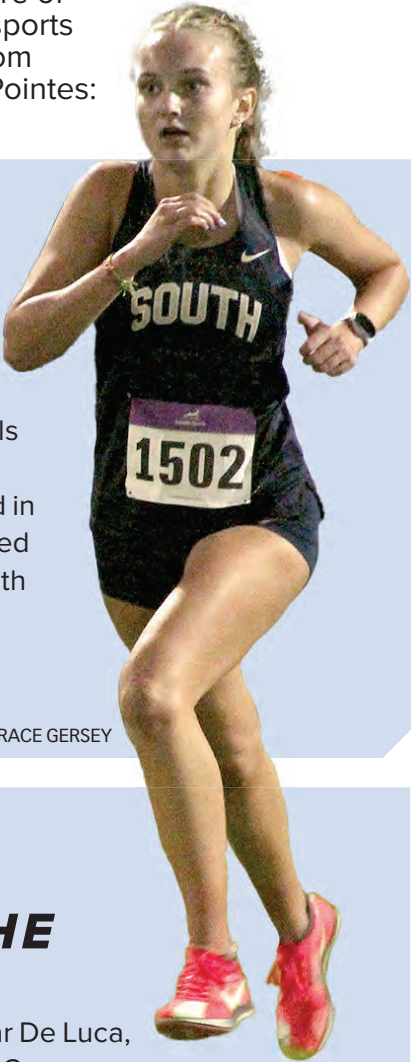
BACHERT WINS SILVER AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grosse Pointe South alumni and current Syracuse University rower Olivia Bachert traveled to St. Catherine’s, Ontario, Canada last weekend to take part in the World Rowing Under 23 World Championships. When it was all said and done, Bachert left the competition with a silver medal in the women’s four with coxswain. Bachert and the United States team finished second behind New Zealand and achieved the best finish in the event for the U.S. since 2018. Bachert, far left, is pictured with her teammates Anna Garrison, Jordan Freer, Olivia Meskan and coxswain Carly Legenzowski.

SOUTH GIRLS TAKE FIRST AT OPENING MEET

Grosse Pointe South varsity girls cross country found success right out of the gate in the 2024 season. The Blue Devils raced in the Lamplighter Invitational in Livonia last Friday, Aug. 23, and finished in first place out of 20 teams. Chloe Caulfied and Sarah Koval led the way, finishing 11th and 17th respectively, and both earning medals for making the top 20.

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COURTESY PHOTO

BLUE DEVILS TAKE THE COURT

Sophomore Oscar De Luca, pictured, and the Grosse Pointe South varsity boys tennis team headed west to Grand Rapids on Saturday, Aug. 24, for an early-season quad match. South ended up falling to all three opponents it faced, losing matches to Forest Hills Northern, Forest Hills Central and Midland Dow.

SOUTH AND LIGGETT FACE OFF IN FIELD HOCKEY RIVALRY

The varsity field hockey teams from Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School had an early-season rivalry matchup last Thursday, Aug. 22. The Blue Devils ended up victorious 4-2, coming back from a 2-0 deficit at halftime. Liggett’s goals in the first half were scored by Avery Welsh and Constantina Bournias. South’s second-half comeback started with a goal from Mia Rouleau in the third quarter and was followed by two goals each from Evie Wodzisz and Wells Webber to secure the win.



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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2024

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present, except for Mayor Pro tem Regina Williams and Councilperson Cheryl A. Costantino.
MOTIONS PASSED
1) to excuse Councilmember Costantino from tonight’s meeting due to a prior commitment.
2) open the Public Hearing on the Approval of a Brownfield Plan for the property located at 20655 Lennon.
3) to close the Public Hearing.
4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:02 p.m.
RESOLUTIONS PASSED
1) to approve the Planned Unit Development agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Renovare Robertson Harper Woods LLC, contingent on the successful approval of the land vacation request for the eastern end of Lennon cul-de-sac, and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Harper Woods.
2) to adopt the attached Statement of Housing Objectives resolution.
3) to receive and approve the Assessors valuation report on the parcels included in the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone.
4) to adopt the Resolution Approving Neighborhood Enterprise Zone, and approve the area and parcels described on Exhibit A, hereby approving the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone, for new and rehabilitated facilities as defined within the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act 147 of 1992.
5) to Adopt the attached Resolution Approving the Brownfield Plan of the City of Harper Woods Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the proposed Fraser Square Redevelopment, located at 20655 Lennon.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor
Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk