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City sets goals for 2025

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — “The city council sets the broad brushstroke of the goals and the strategic direction, because we act like the board of directors who lead in a corporation,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said to set the stage for the city council’s annual list of goals. “The city manager behaves as the CEO and they’re the ones who execute on that.”

Council this month set four overarching goals for 2025, the first of which Tomkowiak said takes priority over the

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Above, Michigan State Police cruisers line Lakeshore in front of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Right, troopers perform a 21-gun salute at the end of the memorial service for Michigan State Police officer Daniel Kerstetter.

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Program on senior services millage proposal

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe will host a panel discussion on the senior services millage proposal from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Wayne County Community College auditorium, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. This proposal will be on the ballot for the Nov. 5 election.

Specifically, voters in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods will consider a six-year, 0.35 millage proposal to fund essential senior services. If passed by the voters, this millage will provide necessary resources and support to promote and protect the health and well-being of senior residents in the community.

The three panelists are:
◆ Prudence Cole-Klimisch, president emerita, The Helm

◆ Thomas H. Jankowski, Ph.D., interim director, Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University

◆ Krista Siddall, executive director, The Helm

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Fallen MSP officer laid to rest

The memorial service for Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Officer Daniel Murray Kerstetter was held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church Friday, Sept. 20.

Kerstetter, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, passed away from injuries sustained

when his patrol vehicle was struck by another motorist while he was conducting a traffic stop on the side of northbound I-75 in Lincoln Park around 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13.

Fellow officers came from far and wide to pay their respects — includ-

ing from his home state of New York and as far as North Carolina. Along with a 21-gun salute, the service included a fly-over by an MSP helicopter, bagpipes and a final radio call for Officer Kerstetter.

Previously having worked as an assistant

equipment manager for the Detroit Red Wings and then as a carpenter, Kerstetter joined the MSP as a motor carrier officer in early 2023.

He is survived by his wife, Katie, and three children, and was predeceased by his daughter, Reagan Murray.

Working on water mains

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It’s been said before and it will be said again: There’s nothing more interesting than a hole in the ground.

Whether it’s the Grand Canyon or a ditch being dug at the corner of Maumee and Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park, there’s what criminal defense attorneys call an irresistible impulse to look over the edge.

In Arizona, erosion coalescing into what is now the Colorado River formed the mile-deep canyon. On Maumee, a

construction crew is replacing a water main. Formation of the canyon required an estimated 70 million years.

Work on Maumee isn’t budgeted to take that long.

Efforts by a crew from low-bidder Bidigare Contractors is part of this summer’s replacement of 2,300 feet of water main in three locations of the city: between Bishop and Harvard on Maumee, on Beaconsfield from Vernor to Mack Avenue and to provide redundant supply to Defer Elementary School.

Old, corrosion-impeded cast iron pipes

are being replaced by larger plastic ones.

“There was a very small water main on Maumee,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “It was below today’s industry standards. We thought it was important to update it to standards.”

In Councilman Max Wiener’s monthly report from the Infrastructure Committee, of which he is chairman, he characterized the old Maumee main as “the source of past service interruptions.”

Along with replacing water mains, crews are

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Under guidance from a crew mate, the operator of an excavator carefully positions the boom between a water line, at lower left, a man-hole opening and another underground utility line.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

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City gets Narcan vending machine

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City's public safety department recently became the recipient of a Wayne County Narcan vending machine. Narcan, or naloxone, is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose.

Those from all communities are welcome to drop by the station's lobby at 17320 Mack, press the two-digit code just like a standard vending machine and take a free box of Narcan to add to a first-aid kit.

"The delivery system that we have is really simple," Public Safety Director John Alcorn said. "It's a nasal spray, so you don't need advanced paramedic training to deliver it. It's a nasal spray just like for allergies or something

like that. So if you think someone has overdosed on an opioid, then if you have this, you can deliver it and it can reverse the effects and help save lives."

Since 2013, overdose deaths have increased by 200 percent in Wayne County, according to the Wayne State University Center for Behavioral Health and Justice. In 2021, there were 902 overdose deaths — accounting for nearly one-third of the overdose deaths in Michigan — with four out five due to fentanyl.

"We know about an opioid crisis," Alcorn said. "A lot of people talk about that. It gets a lot of news coverage. I've heard some experts refer to it as more of a fentanyl crisis and I think that's pretty accurate, because that's where the biggest problem has been.

"That's a dangerously cheap and available drug that bad guys are putting in cocaine and other products. And people that are abusing drugs are oftentimes getting it unbeknownst to them and it's so potent and so powerful. It can be deadly the first time that you use it. In fact, you could even come in contact with your hands and be dangerously exposed."

When the program to deploy 100 Narcan vending machines throughout Wayne County was announced in January, it was cited as the single largest investment in naloxone access in U.S. history.

The intention was to place one Narcan vending machine in each of the county's 45 cities and townships, with the remaining 55 machines being strategically

placed where they are most needed.

"We're kind of centrally located in the Grosse Pointes and on the eastside," Alcorn said when he heard of the program. "We already have a prescription drug drop-off box in our lobby, so it might be a good fit if we were a facility where people could pick up Narcan as well.

"The idea being, hopefully, people that are paying attention and getting rid of their old expired or unused, especially pain medications, they can grab a bottle of Narcan, put it in their first-aid kit or keep it at home and kind of try to spread it out as much as we can."

At no cost to the city, the county will refill and supply the vending machine on a regular basis.

"We just keep it out of the rain," Alcorn said.



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The Narcan vending machine in the lobby of the City's public safety department also includes fentanyl and xylazine testing strips.

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others: to ensure a financially sound operation by enhancing philanthropy, enhancing budgeting and financial reporting and continuing operational assessments.

The city recently implemented a three-year budget forecast, rather than taking budgeting strictly one year at a time, as well as instituted a more robust and detailed form of quarterly reporting. Council and administration now are exploring moving

toward priority-based budgeting, whereby city expenses are strategically broken out and prioritized based on set goals.

Enhancing philanthropy, City Manager Joe Valentine clarified, has to do with leveraging the city's relationship with the Grosse Pointe Foundation to the extent other Pointes work with their foundations.

"It seems like we have had kind of a disconnect with the City foundation," Councilman Chris Walsh said. "... It just seems to me we're not on track with any of the

other Grosse Pointes in terms of what their (foundations') relationship with their municipality is and I believe it's an opportunity that we're unfortunately not taking advantage of.

"All these other cities are raising hundreds of thousands of dollars each year and we're sitting on the side of the road watching the traffic go by."

The second and third goals set by council are to strengthen services by fostering employee training and retention and continuing operational assessments, as well as

to advance infrastructure improvements by administering the stormwater separation project and developing an asset management plan.

City officials are anticipating the approval of a \$21.6 million federal grant that will ignite a large-scale project to divert the majority of the inland district's stormwater to Lake St. Clair.

The noted asset management plan has been on the council's annual list of goals the past few years, but thus far has focused on infrastructure rather than city equipment.

"We're working to identify the assets in the community," Valentine said, "identifying what their service life is, identifying what the replacement cost is and then a replacement program for when these assets need to be replaced.

"... We're creating a more comprehensive plan than we've ever had before, so we can plan and budget accordingly for the replacement of our assets, both physical properties and infrastructure into the future."

The fourth and final goal, though not necessarily in terms of prior-

ity, is to promote economic development by engaging both landlords and developers on development opportunities.

"For example, we have long wanted residential on the upper floors of the buildings in The Village," Tomkowiak said. "We have one apartment in The Village right now. What do we need to do to incentivize people to build up? And what do we need to do to incentivize landlords to expand and to improve?"

Though there are no signs of construction of a four-story St. Clair apartment complex next to the CVS parking lot, which was planned to begin in the summer or fall of this year, Valentine said the development still is moving forward.

"The developer is still evaluating opportunities for that property," he explained. "Last we talked, they were going to evaluate making some larger units. Their initial smaller units, I don't think, really prove viable for the current market. They wanted to revisit that and they're currently doing that. We'll expect to hear back from them on some new concepts that hopefully are viable for that property."

Any changes to the approved site plan would need to come before city council, which unanimously approved the 2025 city goals update Monday, Sept. 16.



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City sells two more Alter lots

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city is one lot shy of no longer owning property in Detroit.

Council members concluded a 10-minute closed session Sept. 9, by approving the sale of two residential lots on Alter, a half-block inside Detroit from the Park.

The sale leaves the Park owning only one property in Detroit — a single, large section equal to about five individual residential lots at the southeast corner of Vernor. The land is the former site of a landscaping company.

Detroit zoning regulations allow the space to be used for residential,

retail, local services, industrial, mixed use or parkland, according to Nick Sizeland, Park city manager.

“We are fielding interest on it and accepting proposals,” he said.

“We are asking for approval for the city manager to execute the sale of 1264 and 1296 Alter Road at a total amount of \$17,000,” said Mayor Michele Hodges, upon the council returning from closed session to discuss matters of real estate.

Unanimous council followed.

“That sale has been approved,” Hodges said.

“The buyers are looking to build homes on the properties,” Sizeland said afterward.

Park officials in August approved the sale of two other residential properties in the 1500 block of Alter for around \$12,000 after paying a broker’s commission.

“Those properties were bought back in 2008,” Sizeland said. “The reason the city bought the landscaping property was fear of it becoming a used car lot or some other type of storage usage. A big focus at the time was blight.”

“They were dilapidated properties,” said Councilman Tom Caulfield, who wasn’t in office at the time. “The Park was worried about squatters.”

Caulfield didn’t criti-

cize his predecessors for buying the properties, but lobbied during his campaign for office three years ago to sell them.

The lots remained undeveloped and unused while in the city’s possession.

“The city is not in the position to be in the property holding business,” Caulfield said. “Especially, for property we don’t govern. They’re blank lots. Why are we paying property taxes and property liability insurance on that stuff? The cost is minimal, but we’ve had them since 2008. Get rid of them.”

Sale of the former landscaping property fell through around the beginning of the year.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

A section of cast iron water main removed from Maumee is restricted by rust.

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removing lead service lines.

At least one lead line is being replaced on

Maumee, according to Public Works Director Tom Jenny.

Of 87 service lines being replaced on Beaconsfield, 76 are known to be lead, he added.

Whirlwind summer for teen hero

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

It was such a busy summer for John Agnello that he hasn’t even had time to go fishing since “that” day.

Agnello, readers will recall, is the Grosse Pointe North High School student who helped rescue the driver of a vehicle that crashed into Lake St. Clair at Lake Front Park in July.

Agnello was fishing at a friend’s house in St. Clair Shores on the water across from the park’s pier. He and another person, who did not wish to be identified, swam to the car and pulled the driver out through the open driver’s side front window. Agnello said the woman was gripping the steering wheel and staring straight ahead when he got to her, saying it looked like she was in shock.

Once they got her on land, the woman said there was another person in the vehicle. Agnello used a rock to break the back window of the vehicle to check inside, but there was no one else there.

St. Clair Shores police have not released any details about the driver or what caused the accident. Although Grosse Pointe Woods owns the park, it is located within St. Clair Shores. The Woods pays the Shores \$100,000 a year to supply first responder services to the park.

Both the St. Clair Shores police and fire departments posted information about the incident to their social media pages and a local TV station interviewed



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Above, the Agnello family was invited to Ford House for a dinner at The Continental restaurant, courtesy of Mark Heppner, and also received a history book of the Ford family and one-year membership to the grounds. From left are Ford House President and CEO Mark Heppner, John Agnello, Maria Agnello, Jesse Agnello and Joe Agnello. Right, John Agnello holds a special recognition from the state of Michigan and Sen. Kevin Hertel, as well as a proclamation from St. Clair Shores City Council.

Agnello at the scene. At the time he was wearing his Detroit Lions jersey bearing the No. 14 of his favorite player, wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown.

The attention exploded from there. Buffalo Wild Wings at Harper and Nine Mile covered the bill for a celebratory dinner the family held the day after the rescue.

The Lions invited Agnello to training camp in August, where he got to meet St. Brown. The player gave him an official No. 14 jersey and signed it.

“That was probably the best part, meeting him,” Agnello said. “I’m going to frame the jersey and hang it in my bedroom. There’s no way I’m wearing it.”

The team also gave him four tickets to the season opener, a 26-20 win in overtime against the Los Angeles Rams

Sunday, Sept. 8.

“They were pretty good seats,” he said.

“We were in the corner

of the end zone about 30 rows up.”

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COURTESY PHOTO

John Agnello was invited to Lions training camp to meet his favorite player, Amon-Ra St. Brown, whose jersey Agnello was wearing when he saved a woman’s life. Agnello had a huge smile on his face when he met St. Brown and Agnello’s brother, Jesse, in the background, was equally as excited.



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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
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Correction

The homeowner in the Sept. 19 story, “Fence squeaks by,” is Michael Bowman.

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City man volunteers for trip of a lifetime

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Memories of the closing ceremony for the 2024 Paralympics are so fresh in Scott Forster's mind, just the thought of them fuels a wave of emotion in the City of Grosse Pointe resident.

The ceremony, during which thousands of volunteers were thanked for their efforts, capped an adventure that may not have always gone as planned, but won't soon be forgotten.

Forster's experience began long before he landed in the City of Lights as one of 45,000 volunteers to work the Olympic and Paralympic Games. It started in November 2022, when he heard about a chance to scratch an event off his bucket list.

"I'm a runner," he said. "I caught wind of a marathon in Paris, the Marathon Pour Tous, which means Marathon For All. It was going to be run the last weekend of the Olympics. ... That Saturday, after the



Scott Forster, right, with his wife, Pascale, and father-in-law, Jean Claude Philippe, attended an equestrian event at Versailles.

Olympians run, they let people run the course."

He learned the marathon operates on a lottery system and realized his chance to gain entry was slim; however, during his research, he also read about the need for volunteers for the Olympics.

"You have to have a place to stay," he said. "If you spoke French, great; if you spoke English, even better. They needed 30,000 volunteers for the Olympics and 15,000 for

the Paralympics."

Though not fluent in French, Forster knows enough to get by; his wife, Pascale, is from France. As for a place to stay, his in-laws live in Bretagne and his daughter, Caroline, currently lives in Levallois-Perret.

Those boxes checked, he confidently filled out an application in February 2023, submitted it in March and then waited.

"They started notifying people September," he

said. "In a follow-up article I read that for those 45,000 positions, 300,000 people from around the world applied. I waited all summer. September rolls around, no word. October, no word. In mid-November, I was finally notified."

Timing also was a consideration; volunteers had to have clear schedules for a number of weeks. Forster, who has been in financial services since 1991, worked for Dean Witter Reynolds, Charles Schwab and Raymond James & Associates before retiring July 12 from Wells Fargo Advisors.

"I kept working until the middle of July," he said. "Then I flew to Paris the next Wednesday (July 17) a week ahead of time."

From the time he was notified until his departure to France, Forster was provided emails and attended online seminars for volunteers. Organizers took a big-picture approach first, boosting morale and encouraging volunteers — "the bridge between spectators and athletes" — then providing more details and assignments.

Getting to France early helped Forster not only recover from jet lag, but also become familiar with his surroundings, duties and travel routes. He spent a week before the games in Bretagne with his in-laws and wife —



Scott Forster stands with his daughter, Caroline, in front of one of many Olympic torches that were displayed at various venues. This one was at the aquatic center, where the pair watched Leon Marchand in his qualifying heats.

whom he met in New York City, when he was fresh out of the U.S. Marines and she was working as an au pair.

During the games, he stayed with his daughter, Caroline, a program manager for Louis Vuitton. Forster and his wife, who followed up their May 1991 civil ceremony with a bigger wedding in the French countryside in 1992, also are parents to Margaux, a yoga instructor.

For the Olympics, Forster was matched with the sports he requested — biking and triathlon, which are in line with his own favorite activities. Until his daughters were born, Forster was a golfer, from which he moved on in favor of fatherhood. The last 28 years, he's been active in triathlons.

"I stumbled into sprint-distance triathlons," he said. "It's a way to stay active — run, swim, bike."

Though he tried to prepare by learning what routes to take to his assignments, the morning of his events, routes changed after barricades were erected.

"But to me it was just an adventure," he said. "The whole thing. Getting down there wasn't so bad; I could maneuver though it. But when my shift ended at 12 or 1 p.m., trying to get back? Nope. I had to go the long way."

In addition to biking and triathlon events, Forster was asked to volunteer for the very event that led to this latest adventure: Marathon Pour Tous. Even though he was not selected to participate, "it was fun at least to be there," he said.

The event, in which more than 40,000 people participated, he equated to "New Orleans during Mardi Gras and the running with the bulls in Pamplona."

"I was helping with gear, moving things they didn't want to run with and taking them to the finish line," he added. "My daughter works for the main sponsor, Louis Vuitton. They said, 'We need someone to run the race with our logo.' They volunteered her to do the marathon."

Another perk of his daughter working for Louis Vuitton is the number and variety of events Forster was able to attend.

"We bought tickets for beach volleyball and track and field," he said. "When I wasn't volunteering, I was sitting by the phone waiting for my daughter to call with tickets."

Among the additional competitions he was able

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From left, Forster with fellow volunteers, Francois Chevet of France, Andre Horrent of Portugal and Hannah Wirtz of Germany.



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Home invasion

A Sycamore resident was in his rear yard at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, when he was approached by a stranger asking if his wife was home. After small talk, the stranger left. The resident later discovered \$600 missing from a dresser in the master bedroom.

The front door and attached garage were unlocked.

Garage destruction

An unknown person/vehicle struck a garage in the 800 block of Lakeland between noon and 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Multiple bricks were dislodged and the frame was forced inward.

Fist fight

Two juvenile males got into a physical altercation inside a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18.

One of the combatants ran off before officers arrived.

Owning up

A 40-year-old Detroit woman confessed to stealing from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, and was cited for retail fraud.

Prevalent scam

A Washington resident received an email at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, demanding payment to a crypto account for keeping information private.

The police report noted

this is a prevalent scam currently going around. Residents should ignore and delete the email.

Consequences

Two juvenile girls were unruly and refused to leave an area hospital after being asked by security at 9:40 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

Upon officers' arrival, they continued to refuse to leave and eventually were arrested.

Jewelry theft

A white 45-year-old woman with strawberry blond hair stole approximately \$200 worth of numerous jewelry items from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22.

Lululemon struck

Four men ran out of Lululemon in The Village with an estimated \$1,500 to \$2,000 worth of stolen clothes at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22.

—Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Headstone vandal

A headstone at St. Paul Cemetery was knocked from its base and broken between Wednesday, Sept. 4, and Monday, Sept. 16.

Stolen firearm

A firearm was stolen out of an unlocked vehicle in the 100 block of Moross around 1 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 15.

Quick-change scam

An employee at a business in the 19000 block of Mack fell victim to a quick-change scam Sunday, Sept. 15.

A customer attempted to purchase two items of insignificant value using a \$100 bill, before continuing to request change from the employee.

When the register was closed out, it was \$700 short.

Drawing attention

A 60-year-old Clinton Township man and his 23-year-old son were arrested at the Country Club of Detroit at 9:34 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, when they told an employee they didn't have memberships but refused to leave.

When their vehicle was entered into LEIN, it was found to be stolen out of Sterling Heights — where the son resides — earlier that day.

Found bracelet

A gold bracelet was found in the Grosse Pointe South High School parking lot at 1:22 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19.

Dashing along

A 34-year-old citizen of Venezuela operating as a

DoorDash driver was pulled over for speeding 48 mph on Moross at 1:36 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20.

The man said his passport was at his residence, but U.S. Border Patrol agents were unable to make the scene at the time.

The man was cited for speeding and driving an unregistered vehicle.

And so it begins

A "Harris/Walz" political sign is suspected to have been stolen from a yard in the 300 block of Belanger around Friday, Sept. 20.

Stolen from shop

After leaving her car at an area repair shop, a 30-year-old Detroit woman was advised it was ready for pickup at 4:07 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, and would be left unlocked with the keys inside for when she got out of work.

When she arrived at 1 a.m., the 2013 brown Honda Civic was gone.

—Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Tool taken

Two black males wearing ski masks are accused of stealing a RedMax gasoline-powered trimmer from a landscaper's truck parked late morning Tuesday, Sept. 17, in

the 1400 block of Buckingham.

Members of the landscaping crew were working when the perpetrators showed up at 11:23 a.m. in a silver Pontiac Grand Prix, according to police.

Cheap lesson

It didn't cost much for a motorist to learn it pays to lock vehicles while parked unattended.

Overnight Thursday, Sept. 19, someone entered a vehicle parked unlocked in the driveway of a house in the 500 block of Pemberton and stole \$3 in coins.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Smoking is bad for you

A 44-year-old Shelby Township man was cited for driving with a suspended license after officers found him and his passenger, a 33-year-old female from Detroit, parked on Clairview around 2:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 22. City ordinance prevents on-street parking between 2 and 5 a.m.

The pair said they were smoking cigars and watching the lake. The

man's 2019 Cadillac CT6 was impounded as the passenger could not drive due to also having a suspended license.

—Ted O'Neil

Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen vehicles

Three vehicles, including two Jeep Grand Cherokees, were stolen last week.

The first, a 2014 Grand Cherokee, was taken from the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital between 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, and 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17.

A 2022 Grand Cherokee was taken from a driveway in the 1300 block of Hawthorne between 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, and 6:45 a.m. the following day. Neither report indicated if the vehicles were unlocked.

A 2021 Chevy Blazer, unlocked with the key fob inside, was taken around 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, from a parking lot in the 1800 block of Sunningdale.

—Ted O'Neil

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

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to watch were the equestrian events at Versailles.

"Seeing it in person, the orchestration — it was an amazing show out there," he said.

He also attended additional track events.

"Being almost track-side, it was amazing to see those athletes in real life," he said. "The crowd went bonkers for the French athletes. ... There were very enthusiastic crowds at the events I volunteered for or got tickets for. Every French athlete, whether they were favored or not, people were just going nuts, cheering like they were a world champion."

While he was joined by his wife and father-in-law for some events, his daughter accompanied him to the women's basketball championship game.

"It was very exciting," he said. "It came down to the last shot. USA won by one point at the buzzer."

Between the Olympics and Paralympics, Forster and his wife took a 10-day trip to Italy. Then he headed back to Paris to volunteer once again, this time as a road guard for Paralympic triathlon and bike races.

"It was amazing how fast and intense the races were," he said. "This was my first exposure to that kind of event and I wanted to volunteer for it."

As a final thank-you from the volunteer committee, volunteers were

invited to the Paralympics closing ceremony.

"We made a special entrance," Forster recalled. "Everyone was cheering. It was pretty cool; a nice finish."

As if memories aren't enough, Forster was equipped with plenty of memorabilia to remember his time in France. Aside from ID badges, he received four shirts, two pairs of pants, shoes, a two-piece jacket, a hat and a fanny pack — items created by Decathlon and bearing the 2024 Olympic Games logo.

Forster said he treasured meeting people from around the world during his time in France, finally meeting two Americans on his last day there.

Of the Olympics, he said, "It's a celebration of life and activity and peace. The history of the Olympics, of the Greek Olympics, it was supposed to be a time of peace. You were supposed to be able to travel your route safely to get there. It was an atmosphere the French were trying to replicate, that this is for everybody, that this is inclusive."

Following the games, he indulged his love of history and art and visited the Louvre.

Now back in the States and fully retired, Forster is still trying to figure out what comes next.

"I live in a 100-year-old house, so that's a hobby right there," he laughed.

He said he's been interested in his ancestry for a while, but that pursuit has been on the back burner.

A more pressing pursuit is his desire to learn French.

"I speak a little," he said. "That's on my bucket

list. I'll be going (back to France) in December for Christmas. I want them to see the improvement."



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OUR VIEW

If you strengthen it, they will come

With apologies to the late James Earl Jones, the recent news about a potential uptick in enrollment in the Grosse Pointe Public School System has us thinking about the movie “Field of Dreams.”

Using some artistic license, it appears to us that the GPPSS Board of Education — or at least a majority — along with Superintendent Andrea Tuttle and her team, remind us of Ray Kinsella, the character in the movie who turns part of his corn farm into a baseball field.

He faces detractors and ridicule at every turn, but has the support of his wife, daughter and Jones’ character, Terrence Mann. People eventually come around and if you’re familiar with the movie, it closes with a long line of vehicles, headlights on, as people flock to see what he’s built.

As reported in last week’s Grosse Pointe News, this could be the first time in several years our school district has added, rather than lost, students. We believe that is because the core group mentioned above over the past 20 months has taken the steps necessary to strengthen GPPSS. That includes fiscal responsibility, making any budget cuts needed as far away from the classroom as possible and putting students and staff first in policy and practice.

Tuttle, at the board meeting Sept. 10, was very clear that the numbers she presented were, “very preliminary,” but also called them “somewhat encouraging.” We agree.

She was careful to explain there is a difference between pure headcount numbers and the audited numbers on which the state bases per-pupil funding. The state uses what is known as a full-time equivalent count, as not all students are in GPPSS all day, every day.

Those audited numbers show the district in fall 2019 had 7,449.65 FTE students. That fell by more than 1,000, to 6,423.77 FTE, by spring 2024. A pure headcount in spring 2024, however, showed a total enrollment of 6,480. A pure headcount on the first day of school earlier this month showed a headcount of 6,493.

GPPSS receives \$11,303 in state aid for each FTE student. The 2024-25 fiscal year budget, adopted in June, is based on the assumption the district would be down 100 students compared to 2023-24. Tuttle said not losing those 100 students equates to a gain of more than \$1.1 million in funding for next year.

The district also is able to tell what school or district new students come from, other than if they previously were homeschooled. That occurs through a form known as a CA-60, a student’s cumulative record folder. Administrators also can use that information to see which students left the district and returned.

A Grosse Pointe News analysis of Michigan Department of Education data last April showed there were 283 students living in GPPSS but attending public school elsewhere during the 2023-24 academic year.

As an example, a letter to the editor in last week’s paper from Ryan Case of Grosse Pointe Shores outlined his family’s decision to return their four daughters to GPPSS.

“Our decision to bring our four daughters back to the Grosse Pointe Public School System was based on the current leadership’s vision to return to academic excellence,” he wrote. “And they are succeeding in multiple ways. With a renewed focus on academics, GPPSS is positioned to teach our chil-



Eyes to the sky

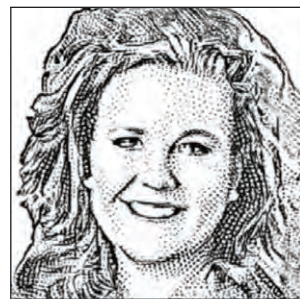
This red-tailed hawk was spotted by the eagle eye of Richard Elementary School fourth grader Ray Temkin. A safety patrol helper, Temkin was performing his duties just after 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, when he noticed the hawk, which he quickly pointed out to crossing guard Janice McMillan. Between the two of them, they captured the bird — on camera.

COURTESY PHOTO

GUEST VIEW By Dr. Andrea Tuttle

What the sinking fund millage means

As we continue to move forward together, let us remain steadfast in our shared vision and objectives. I would like to emphasize a component of this vision: continuing to cultivate a safe, clean and pristine environment for our students to learn and grow.



Over the years, the revenue generated from the district’s sinking fund has been utilized as part of the strategy in achieving our vision. It plays a role in supporting our efforts in providing optimal learning environments for our students and in providing well-maintained facilities for our families and spectators.

As the current sinking fund is set to expire in December, it is necessary to propose a new sinking fund on the Nov. 5 ballot. Should the proposal be approved, the revenue will continue to be used to maintain and enhance our facilities and technological resources, thereby supporting our efforts to provide a safe and secure environment that complements the opportunities provided to our students.

Many have inquired about what a sinking fund is. A sinking fund is a consistent stream of tax revenue collected annually over a defined period for specific purposes. This revenue is strictly allocated for repairing and replacing school property, upgrading school safety and security and enhancing instructional technol-

ogy. It cannot be used for ongoing operating expenses, salaries, benefits, textbooks, supplies or preventive maintenance. Unlike bonds, sinking funds do not incur additional debt service costs. All revenue generated is allocated directly to our Grosse Pointe schools.

Here is the ballot language voters are being asked to decide on:

Shall the Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, be authorized to levy 3 mills (\$3.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) to create a building and site sinking fund to be used for the construction or repair of school buildings, the improvement and development of sites, school security improvements, the acquisition or upgrading of technology, the acquisition of student transportation vehicles, trucks and vans and parts, supplies and equipment used for the maintenance of these vehicles and for any other purposes permitted by law by increasing the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the School District for a period of ten (10) years, being the years 2025 to 2034, inclusive? This millage if approved and levied would provide estimated revenues to the School District of approximately \$11,167,785 in the first year that it is levied.

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dren those skills to be successful in life and in their careers.”

Anecdotally, board Treasurer Terry Collins said he saw more “Welcome to Maire” yard signs this fall along his street in Grosse Pointe Park than he has in several previous Septembers.

Along these lines, Tuttle also discussed with the board her intent to work with consultants at Plante Moran to develop firm numbers about how much it would cost to bring Trombly Elementary School up to par with the district’s other elementary schools (see story, page 10A). She was very clear, however, about her vision.

“At this time, I am not recommending the immediate reopening of the Trombly facility. My objective is to equip the board with precise information should the option of reopening ever be considered.”

We believe the district is on the right track and cannot waiver, which is why we repeat our endorsements from last week of Mr. Collins, Melissa Fradenburg, Kate Hopper and Heath Roberts for the four open seats on the board.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes letters to the editor. All letters should be typed and signed with the writer’s full name and local address, as well as a daytime telephone number for verification or questions. Letters longer than 300 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters may be submitted via email to editor@grossepointenews.com or by filling out the letters form on our website, grossepointenews.com.

Vote ‘yes’ on senior millage

To the Editor:

You may have seen senior services millage lawn signs popping up in your neighborhood or received a mailing about the need for senior services funding.

We are fortunate in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to have The Helm — a one-stop shop in our community for everything aging related. We are fortunate they are being proactive in working to secure funding to meet the needs of our growing senior population.

State law enables communities to levy a millage to pay for senior services. Seventy-two of 83 counties in the state have done so, in addition to a number of local municipalities. Wayne County does not have a senior services millage.

This is our communities’ way to secure funding to be sure services will be there when we need them. This isn’t a capricious request. No one wants to pay more taxes, but this millage is what is needed to continue providing existing services

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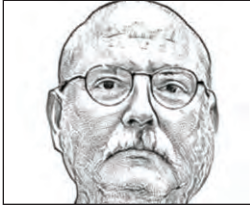
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I SAY By Ted O'Neil

I'd like to teach the world to sing

A while back, I recounted in this space some of the memorable concerts I attended growing up in St. Clair Shores in the 1980s. But for me, it was about so much more. I grew up a fan of the "album-oriented rock" theme that FM stations started in the late 1960s.



themed album that just flows.

The Rolling Stones: While "Beggars Banquet" is an amazing album, primarily for the anti-totalitarianism anthem "Sympathy for the Devil," (listen carefully, the title is misleading), the funny "Dear Doctor" and the soulful "Salt of the Earth," I have to go with "Let it Bleed." Not only because of the title song, but also "Gimme Shelter," "Monkey Man" and "You Can't Always Get What You Want."

Prince: A slight edge here to "1999" over "Purple Rain." More funky, less commercial.

Bob Seger: "Stranger in Town." Although I can do without "Old Time Rock & Roll" due to radio overexposure, "Feel Like a Number" and "Brave Strangers" showcase Seger's best talents — a story-telling, vocal powerhouse.

CSN&Y: "Deja Vu." Nothing to skip here and a real shame these four didn't make more music together, although Crosby, Stills & Nash could harmonize like crazy, especially on "Helplessly Hoping," one of the most beautiful songs ever.

Genesis: "Abacab." OK, I'll admit this is the first CD I ever bought, but start to finish it's their best album.

There's also something to be said for live albums, which are especially cool when accompanied by a movie. Going back to my first theme, "Rockshow" is amazing and recounts the Wings Over America tour by Paul McCartney and Wings that resulted in a triple live album.

"The Last Waltz" by The Band is epic, mostly due to all of the special guests such as Van Morrison, The Staples Singers, Emmylou Harris and Joni Mitchell.

"Dead Ahead" chronicles a two-night performance by The Grateful Dead at Radio City Music Hall in 1980 featuring an acoustic set and an electric set. Bonus footage includes the always entertaining "Monkey and the Engineer."

Other favorite live albums worth listening to in their entirety include Seger's "Live Bullet," recorded at Cobo Hall, and U2's "Live at Red Rocks: Under a Blood Red Sky."

Happy listening.

It was about buying an album, tossing it on the turntable, putting on the headphones and listening to it start to finish. It was a time when groups honed their craft and strived to put out records like that, before the days of playlists and downloads and little, tiny earbuds.

So here's a list of some of my favorite artists and what I consider to be their best, most complete album.

The Beatles: First, a caveat. In my world, everything they put out is superior to anything and everything in the entire catalog of rock music. Critics have said "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" was the first album up until its time that made you want to just listen and not dance. For me, though, it's "Abbey Road."

When my ex was pregnant with our first child, I suggested we name her Abigail Rose if we had a girl. We'd already decided on Rose as a middle name, that being my mom's middle name. I thought I was being clever and figured I could call her Abbey Rose. Needless to say, the idea got shot down.

What I love most about the album is side two and how the songs flow so perfectly into each other. I have to listen to it at least once a week.

Bruce Springsteen: While "Born to Run" and "Born in the USA" received far greater acclaim, my pick is his first album, "Greetings from Asbury Park." Great songs like "Blinded by the Light," "Growin' Up" and "Spirit in the Night," along with my favorite Bruce song ever, "Lost in the Flood." BTW, if you think "Blinded by the Light" is a Manfred Mann song, or even listen to it on the radio, we can't be friends.

Elton John: "Tumbleweed Connection." Just a few songs ever became popular, such as "Amoreena" and "Burn Down the Mission," but it's an awesome cowboy-

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Heath and his family moved to Grosse Pointe for the great schools, the walkable neighborhoods, and the close-knit communities. Heath wants to preserve those great qualities, and he believes they are worth fighting for.

Heath's career is all about kids. He's helped run some of the top children's hospitals in the Midwest.

Right now, he's leading as Chief Administrative Officer for Population Health Services at Henry Ford Health.

With dual degrees in management and finance and an MBA on top of that, Heath will be an outstanding steward of our tax dollars. He also knows about selflessness, being a proud Army veteran, who served honorably in the 101st Airborne Division.

Heath is ready to bring his commitment and experience to the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

His approach is straightforward:

- 1) Academic excellence
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- 3) Clear policy guidance

Heath knows how to lead, how to balance large budgets, and how to effectively run large entities dedicated to children's wellbeing.



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If the 2024 sinking fund millage is approved by the voters, it will generate approximately \$11 million annually for 10 years. This will allow the Grosse Pointe Public School System to continue maintaining and upgrading our facilities, purchase new classroom instructional technology and enhance building safety and security.

When we look at our district's current millage rate compared to neighboring districts, GPPSS maintains a relatively low millage rate (see graph, right). This is a testament to our commitment to being fiscally responsible while

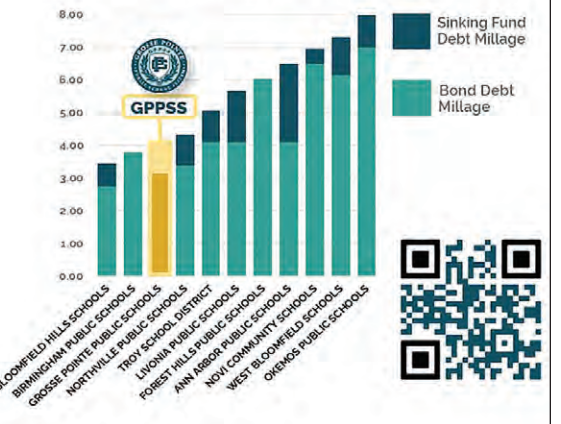
still striving to provide top-quality education and opportunities to our students in a safe, clean and pristine environment.

Our Grosse Pointe Public Schools System remains a vital component of our beautiful community. For more information on the 2024 sinking fund, visit gpschools.org/millage.

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

How does GPPSS's current millage compare with neighboring districts?

Compared to nearby school districts, GPPSS maintains a low millage rate (consisting of debt levy and sinking fund levy).



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and meet the increased needs of our aging population.

If you need Meals on Wheels, call The Helm. If you need to review your Medicare coverage, call The Helm. If you've had surgery and need a walker or wheelchair, call The Helm. If you've lost a loved one or close friend, join the grief support group at The Helm. If you need an exercise class that you can do at your own pace, come to The Helm. If your circle of family and friends has decreased over the years, come socialize at The Helm.

I encourage you to visit their website, helm-life.org, or stop by and

look around. Talk with the staff who care deeply for our older population. Learn as much as you can to make an informed decision to vote "yes" on a modest senior services millage Nov. 5.

ED RUSSELL
 Grosse Pointe Farms

No to proposal

To the Editor:

In August, I fully supported the reauthorization of the Grosse Pointe Public School System operating millage restoration and extension. This November, I will also vote in favor of the sinking fund and RESA millages.

However, I am writing in opposition to The Helm senior services millage proposal.

The Helm proposal would be yet one more tax increase on the already overburdened seniors it aims to help. Although its value as an organization is unquestioned, passage would open the door to other (worthy) organizations for taxpayer funding. For example, what would stop the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, or any other charity, from asking for support? This sets a bad precedent and once the door is opened, impossible to close.

Lastly, will charitable contributions dwindle once taxes are levied, backfiring on the goal of increased funding?

Please consider a NO vote on this proposal.

KAROLE STEEN
 Grosse Pointe Park



TERRY COLLINS
FOR SCHOOL BOARD

The Wonk. The Numbers Guy. Every great Board needs one—Grosse Pointe has Terry.

Terry played a pivotal role in steering our District toward financial stability. In 2023, he officially became Trustee Collins and took on the critical role of Treasurer. His partnership with Board leadership and the Administration was essential in guiding the District to a balanced budget.

Without Terry's strong dose of financial reality, our District was on a path toward major cuts to both our dedicated staff and cherished student programs. We can thank Terry for avoiding that outcome.

In his day job, it's no surprise that Terry is a financial supervisor, overseeing teams that ensure every dollar is spent wisely. Accountability is his cornerstone, and he's committed to making sure our District's funds go where they matter most.

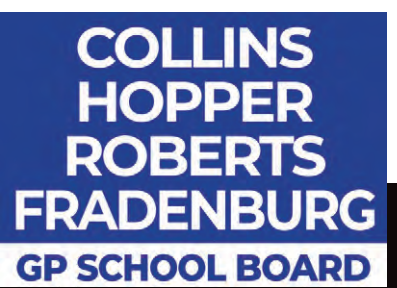
Terry isn't just about numbers. He's also a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Two of his grandchildren are proud Ferry Falcons! To Terry, and his wife Jessie, kids always come first.

Terry has called Grosse Pointe home for 23 years, and his dedication to this community runs deep. Let's keep Terry Collins on the Board—his numbers don't lie!



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Lamia + Lamia marks 50 years

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Lamia + Lamia Salon is the very definition of a family-owned business.

Current owners Charles and Maria Lamia have owned the current location at 19653 Mack outright since 2012. The salon, however, has been there 27 years. The business overall marks its 50th anniversary this month.

"We pride ourselves on our service and stand by our products," Maria Lamia said. "We're old school. We take care of people."

It all started in September 1974, when Charles Lamia's brother, John Lamia, opened a salon with his wife, Pearl, at Mack and Three Mile. Maria Lamia was their first employee.

"I was 19," she laughed. "Hate to admit it's been 50 years, but I have no interest in retiring."

Charles Lamia still was in high school at the time.

"He'd come around and John would tell him, 'You stay away from that girl,'" she said. "He eventually apprenticed under John and joined the business and then we were married."

They ended up moving to a location in Clinton



COURTESY PHOTO

Charles and Maria Lamia are celebrating 50 years in business this month.

Township in 1979.

"We probably should have stayed where we were and opened more days of the week," Charles Lamia said. "We were on The Hill from 1984 to 1993 and then we found this place."

The four became business partners, with John and Pearl retiring in 2012.

"When John and Pearl first opened, they wanted to get away from the wash and set, where women would come in once a week and get the big curlers and sit under

a dryer," Charles Lamia said. "We didn't want to be known as hairdressers. It's more about going with the type of hair you have to work with."

Being in business so long, the salon now has multi-generation clients from the same families.

"We've also got clients who have become friends with each other," Maria Lamia said. "They'll come in at the same time for their appointments. And when you have someone in your chair for so many years, you also become a sort of

therapist. I've got one who gave me her power of attorney because she doesn't have any family close by."

Then there are the mother and daughter who come once a month from Grand Rapids.

"They found us when another daughter was attending the University of Michigan," Charles Lamia said. "They make a whole trip of it. They'll do some shopping and spend the night in a hotel."

The couple also takes pride in how many long-time employees they have.

"There's a saying in this business that you're always training your future competition," Charles Lamia said. "But we like to minimize turnover. Our employees work for us, rather than just renting a chair. We have a 401(k) and everything."

Aside from offering hair, nail and spa care, the salon also houses the Maria Lamia Boutique.

"I love styling people," she said. "Clients will bring their clothes in and I'll help coordinate their fashion with their hair."

The couple has three daughters and seven grandchildren.

"Our oldest daughter, Mia, worked here while her husband was finish-

Michelle Franzen Martin selected for Leadership Detroit 45

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Michelle Franzen Martin of Corewell Health has been selected as a member of the Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership Detroit program, a nine-month transformational leadership program designed to challenge emerging and existing community leaders from southeast Michigan to bring about positive change.

As part of Leadership Detroit 45, Martin will join nearly 80 executives across southeast Michigan, representing a cross-section of the community, including business, organized labor, government, education, media, civic groups, health services and community organizations.

Martin is the manager of system and community PR/corporate com-

munications for Corewell Health.

"I'm thrilled to be kicking off another one-of-a-kind program year with the 45th Leadership Detroit class," said Devon O'Reilly, senior director of community engagement and leadership development. "These exceptional individuals will embark on a unique journey outside their comfort zones to challenge long-held assumptions and to embrace diverse perspectives on crucial issues in the Detroit region. Through carefully curated sessions, this class will have an opportunity to better connect with each other, hear directly from experts across multiple sectors and enhance the intangible skills that will make them more impactful leaders."

Frank Misuraca joins Collins Einhorn Farrell PC

Collins Einhorn Farrell PC recently announced that attorney Frank Misuraca, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, has joined the Southfield-based firm.

Misuraca is an experienced litigator in the firm's Professional Liability Practice Group. His practice focuses on representing professionals, including lawyers, defending allegations of malpractice.

In addition, he has extensive experience

defending liquor establishments against dram shop claims and defending employers against claims of discrimination. Misuraca also has been extensively involved in mediating lawsuits through the state's case evaluation process.

Misuraca received an undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Michigan and received his Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from Detroit College of Law.



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- He believes that the path to great health starts with patient education and teamwork.
- Committed to help his patients gain access to the best medical resources and services available to ultimately improve their health and overall wellness.
- Outside of the office, Dr. Gifford enjoys hiking, disc golf, reading, baking, and spending time with family and friends.
- Accepting new patients. In person appointment, virtual appointment, online scheduling, and morning and evening hours are available.

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The cost to reopen Trombly?

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTE — That's exactly the question Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Andrea Tuttle wants to find out.

She addressed the matter at the GPPSS Board of Education meeting earlier this month, but made it clear she only is in the information gathering state at this point.

"During my tenure and as I have learned, well before I arrived, there has been substantial community interest in the Trombly facility, prompting a thorough review of our budget, enrollment trends and a comprehensive data collection effort regarding this facility,"

she said, reading from a prepared script she said was intended to make her comments more clear. "At this time, I am not recommending the immediate reopening of the Trombly facility. My objective is to equip the board with precise information should the option of reopening ever be considered."

Tuttle added she is working with consultants from Plante Moran to assess the costs, but also asked the board for the authority to seek an RFP (request for proposals) should that level of detail be needed.

She added that areas needing to be addressed include:

- ◆ Audited budget figures
- ◆ Audited enrollment

numbers

◆ Cost to bring the building up to the standard of other elementary schools

◆ Human resources costs

Tuttle said while district policy doesn't require her to seek board approval for such actions, she was doing so in the spirit of transparency.

"I respect and appreciate that," Vice President Ahmed Ismail said. "That's a first-class act."

Costs Plante Moran will assess include windows, security features, technology, flooring, masonry work and asbestos removal.

"This is something that might come up in two months or it could be a year from now," Tuttle

said. "But it behooves the board and the administration to know exact numbers before making a decision."

A Plante Moran representative put a rough price tag of \$5 million to \$10 million on reopening Trombly at a June meeting of the board's Finance and Facilities Committee. Ben Matteson, the district's facilities director, said if the sinking fund millage passes in November, about \$1.5 million will be spent on Trombly over the next decade, mostly on aging doors and windows, if it were to remain shuttered.

Trombly parents who attended that meeting said they felt "duped" in voting for the district's improvement bond in 2018, only to

see the building close in 2020. The district's plans for the bond included \$5.8 million in upgrades for the school. Those in attendance also said they know of about 100 students who left the district in the wake of the closure, rather than attend Defer Elementary School.

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges told the board during public comment it is empowering that the board is seeking to be informed decision-makers.

"We walk ardently down that path with you," she said. "We'll do whatever we have to do to ensure a solid district and a solid Trombly."

The discussion about Trombly eventually reopening stemmed from

news Tuttle provided the board about potentially increasing enrollment after 10 years of declines.

"This process can begin as we are seeing increased enrollment for the first time in years," Board President Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News, said in a statement after the meeting. "I absolutely believe Trombly can be reopened as an elementary school within our school system. There are both board members and school board candidates in support of the reopening process."

"There are many gates to go through and this will require a disciplined process," he continued. "With additional dollars from the sinking fund and a board that is in favor of reopening, I believe Trombly can be reopened as an elementary school as early as September 2026."

Why the PSAT matters

Each fall, high school juniors across the nation take the PSAT/NMSQT—the Preliminary SAT and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. For most, it's simply practice for the SAT, but for a select few it's the gateway to becoming National Merit Scholars. And for those students, the impact can be life-changing.

I speak from experience. Thirty years ago, I was fortunate enough to become a National Merit Finalist and the scholarship offers I received totaled over \$1 million. This allowed me to attend Albion College and emerge debt-free — a



Academic Pointers

by Glen Hipple

gift of opportunity that cannot be overstated. Scholarships of this magnitude provide students from moderate-income families with options that might otherwise be out of reach. While not every student will walk away with offers like mine, the potential for significant financial aid exists and it's an

opportunity too valuable to ignore.

In addition to scholarship opportunities, PSAT scores are used by colleges to begin recruiting students who may be a good fit. Without the PSAT (and before the Internet) I might never have considered schools like Emory University in

Atlanta or Truman State in Missouri, both of which I grew to love. In an era where students are inundated with ways to determine if they are the right fit for a college, the PSAT offers a different opportunity: If you do well, schools reach out to you with much more personalized information, opening doors you may have never considered.

In 2024, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test will be given in the new digital format. As always, the test is rigorous and competitive, but it also is learnable. These days, the

number of online tutoring programs is vast, with many incorporating AI technology. You don't have to hire a private tutor to prepare — although the personal touch and emotional investment can be invaluable in motivating a student.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is facilitating some test preparation this year through Khan Academy, using the innovative Khanmigo program. Khanmigo is an AI-powered tutor designed to provide personalized, interactive learning support across various subjects, including test preparation. GPPSS Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle has been highly influential in ensuring the district is equipped

with the very best trainers and resources for students.

The National Merit Scholarship program offers an invaluable chance to compete for substantial financial aid packages and open doors to schools and opportunities you might not have known were available. Be prepared. Be ready to seize your opportunity.

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.



MELISSA FRADENBURG

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Smart. Independent. Driven.

Melissa has been part of the fabric of Grosse Pointe for the past 17 years. She and her husband Jay are proud parents of two South students.

Melissa has devoted her career to financial management and in particular helping women after divorce. She also started a women's networking group to empower women who own their own businesses.

Melissa's diverse clientele has equipped her well for listening to and understanding different opinions and perspectives. She knows how to build bridges and reach consensus on tough issues.

Melissa already serves the Board as a productive member of two committees. This has given her invaluable insights into how our district's funding works and will allow her to hit the ground running as a trustee. Her financial acumen will be a great asset to the Board.

But for Melissa, it's not just about balancing a budget; it's about making sure our kids have every opportunity to succeed. She will work tirelessly to ensure we achieve that goal through mutual respect and collaboration.

Melissa's platform is clear and straightforward: Fiscal Responsibility, Academic Excellence, and Collaboration



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Farms biannual PS open house coming up

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department will host its second biannual open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at its station, 90 Kerby.

“Since the last time we did it in 2022, the fire department’s been all remodeled,” Deputy

Director Andy Rogers said. “There’s been station upgrades on the police side. We now have different types of police cars. We have so many new officers. There’s a lot of new things, so it won’t be exactly how it was last time.”

Alongside station tours, the free event will

feature drone demonstrations and K-9 Officer Rocco, as well as patrol cars and the station’s ladder truck on display.

Geared toward 5- to 13-year-olds, the youth services bureau is expected to hand out goodies such as coloring books, fire hats and stickers.

As for the parents and adults:

“It’s a good time for residents to ask questions that maybe they don’t want to call the police about, but now it’s a very informal setting,” Rogers said. “This is your tax dollars at work. Look what we have and look what we bought with it.

We’re always open to suggestions. It’s a good-will thing.”

Each division of the department will be on display, including fire apparatus, police, special response team, canine, drone, dive team, field training officers and dispatchers.

Kerby Road in front of

the station will be shut down during the open house.

“It’s a community event open to all and just to show residents and business owners the capabilities of Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety,” Rogers said.

— Laurel Kraus



Cornhole champs

The Grosse Pointe Farms 2024 End of Summer Bash included a cornhole tournament, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club. Winners received a one-year family membership to the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club. Above, Cameron Hunt, left, and Dwayne Augustus, right, were a team. They are joined by Ceci Hartung and Addy Christian. Right, Mike and Sara Dzubak with their free membership certificate.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF PETER TOENJES



Nine bids for tree work

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Nine companies are contending for a two-year contract starting fiscal year 2025, to trim 8,000 municipally owned trees on public land in two parks and along 48 roads totaling 37.83 miles within the city’s 2.17-square-mile boundary.

Seems like the choice of contractor will be a numbers game, the lowest bidder getting preference. Not necessarily.

“I’ve been calling their references,” said Brian Colter, Park city forester.

The contract extends beyond routine trimming, a workaday job, to storm clean-up, which can happen at any time, any day and, by definition, chaotic conditions.

Colter, a more-than-30-year employee of the city and charter board member of the Arboriculture Society of Michigan Foundation since 2015, is familiar

with some of the bidders.

“I know who’s good and who’s not, who’s reliable, who will do a storm job right away and for those it’s like pulling teeth,” Colter said.

The contract is for fiscal years 2025 and 2026. An option exists through fiscal year 2027. The city’s fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30.

City officials placed an invitation to bid for the work on Bidnet Direct, an online marketplace for government agencies and prospective contractors. The deadline to submit proposals was Aug. 30, the day Park administrators unsealed the bids.

Bid openings come with ceremony. They take place in city council chambers and the presence of whatever members of the public wish to watch. Representatives of two companies attended the opening.

“We had nine bids,” Colter said. “We merely

opened the bids from sealed envelopes.”

“It was more than I expected,” said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager. “It shows good interest in the work. I thought we’d get four or five.”

“Tom Jenny (head of public works) read them aloud,” Colter said.

The next step is reviewing the proposals in-house before making a recommendation to the city council.

“For the most part, all the bids were fairly in line,” Rothe said. “One was particularly high.”

He anticipates council members will select a winner during their 7 p.m. Oct. 7 meeting.

“Some of these companies I’ve never heard of,” Colter said. “Novi used two of them in the past. I know the forester there. The forester talked to me for a half hour about the companies.”

Terms of the contract require the winning bidder to:

See TREES, page 13A



KATE HOPPER

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Kate is a pillar of Grosse Pointe. A lifelong resident, well known across the area, she is a proud South grad. Her husband Pat is a proud Norseman, and their two kids also graduated from our public schools.

Kate earned a Bachelor’s degree in English from Hillsdale College. That was followed by a 25-year, award-winning career in communications-proof that she knows how to deliver results.

On top of a busy career and raising a family, Kate always finds time to give back. She’s held prominent roles with multiple local charities, including the Sigma Gamma Association.

Always striving to make a positive impact, Kate already serves our schools as an active member of the Community Engagement Ad Hoc Committee. Further proof she’ll be ready to hit the ground running as a Board Trustee.

Kate is committed to:

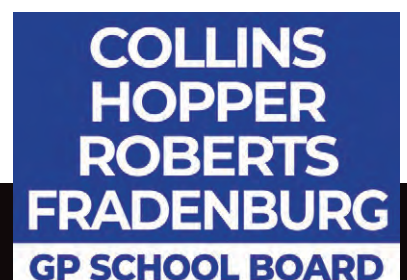
- 1) Academic Excellence
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She understands that in order to keep our community safe, strong and vibrant, our schools must thrive. Her dedication to Grosse Pointe is unwavering.



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HERO:

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He's also received many accolades, being honored by the St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods city councils and the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. He also received a proclamation from state Sen. Kevin Hertel and The Continental at The Ford House hosted his family for a meal, where they received a season pass to the grounds.

"I haven't fished since then," he laughed. "But we're going on a camping trip soon. My uncle's friend has a place up north on a private lake, so I'll be able to do plenty of fishing there."

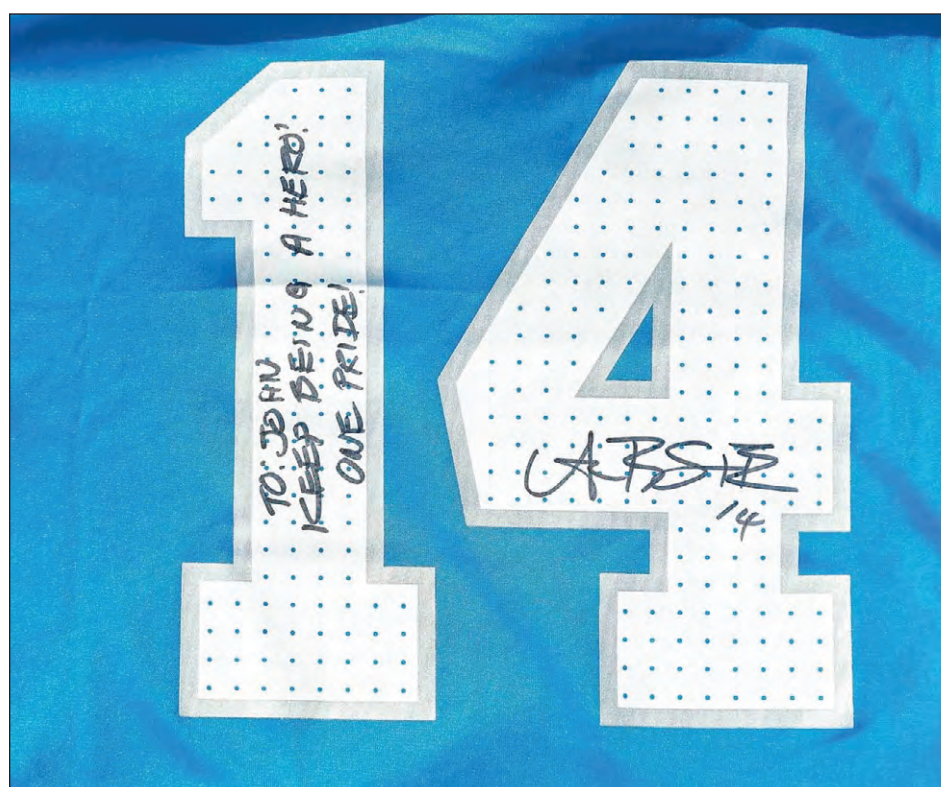


From left, Joe Agnello, Jacob Agnello, Jesse Agnello and John Agnello take a selfie during the first Lions game of the season. The tickets were given by the Detroit Lions to John Agnello, who, although he is a big Lions fan, had not yet been to a Lions game.



John Agnello poses for a photo with his favorite Lions player, Amon-Ra St. Brown, while holding a signed jersey St. Brown gave to him.

COURTESY PHOTOS



A close-up of Amon-Ra St. Brown's signature on the signed Lions jersey he gave to John Agnello.

TREES:

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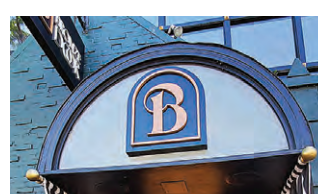
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- ✓ *Safety & Security: Modernize security systems, including secure entry access, updated cameras, and improved IT infrastructure.*
- ✓ *Technology: Keep our classrooms equipped with the latest technology, ensuring our students have the tools they need to succeed.*
- ✓ *Building & Site Improvements: Maintain and repair our school buildings, including roofing, HVAC, parking lots, and fire alarm systems—essential for the longevity of our schools.*

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GPAA welcomes photomontage artist for Sept. 28 lecture

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In the few years Adam Strange has been exhibiting his work in Grosse Pointe Artists Association exhibitions, GPAA President Karen Pope said his art typically draws the most comments and questions.

“People come in and look at his art and ask,

‘How did he get that photograph?’” she said. “He didn’t; it’s not a photo. It’s a montage.

“I think this is a new process and it’s something people are interested in,” she continued. “For our exhibitors, at least, it’s a very new thing. This is an opportunity to explain this new medium of art.”

The Grosse Pointe Art Center Education

Committee, in association with Detroit Month of Design, presents “World Critique Through Digital Montage,” at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, featuring a lecture by Strange.

“The biggest influences in my life are artists that are close to me,” Strange said. “My father was an artist and he inspired me to experiment as a teenager.”

Experiments included “exquisite corpses” — a take on a parlor game in which players write, in turn, on a sheet of paper, fold to conceal what they have written and pass it on to the next player, but adapted so parts of the body are drawn instead.

“I was doing all kinds of artistic activities without knowing the context,” he said. “I didn’t know dadaism or surrealism. My father led myself and my siblings into artistic experimentation from a very young age. As I got older, I discovered surrealism.”

His discovery inspired him to decide “art was the life I wanted to pursue,” he said.

Strange, who lives in London, Ontario,



The artist



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“The Weight,” a digital photomontage by Adam Strange.

Canada, graduated from the Ontario College of Art in 1992. He spent 30 years working in graphic design before refocusing his life on fine art.

“In 2018, I was having a moment of existential crisis,” Strange said. “I had been a graphic designer for the past 30 years, but it was always just a job. I was also using these creative skills and abilities for something I didn’t believe in. In 2018, I decided to use my technical skills to create images on a computer and switch back to early inspiration. Photomontage is some-

thing that was a logical extension out of my graphic design skills on a computer. Having all these computer skills, I was going to make images I wanted to make now. Since 2018, there has been no other intention than expressing my thoughts, ideas and feelings.”

As a digital artist, Strange garners copyright-free photos from photo-sharing websites and uses commercial graphic design assets to “simulate something on the computer to look like something else,” he said. “The assets that are available help simulate different styles and mediums. ... I’ll use those in whatever ways necessary to express my ideas.”

His Sept. 28 presentation will focus on the methods he uses to create art, as well as some of the technical aspects to photomontage.

“I’ll look at my work, the evolution of it, the technical work of photomontage and the methods I use,” he said.

Though influenced by surrealists and dadaists, Strange said he’s still trying to define his own work.

“My motivation is to develop my own visual language out of my own imagination,” he said. “... It’s imaginative, but just because you use your imagination doesn’t make it surreal.”

“... Now that I’m making artwork again, art has to have some func-

tion beyond the aesthetic,” he added. “I want to make them interesting, aesthetically pleasing and detailed and descriptive, so one side is aesthetic and one side is the message. ... Artists should be obligated to speak out on issues that are important to them. I feel it’s part of my duty to engage in these dialogues and conversations through my work to sort of liberate people.”

Strange’s lecture will largely include a digital presentation, as well as samples of his work. A question-and-answer session will follow.

“People that are interested in social activities, politics and art are going to be interested in what I have to say,” Strange said. “It would be challenging for most viewers to look at my work or listen to me talk about the nature and the content of the images. It’s important that everyone has a chance to face art that challenges them on really fundamental levels. What am I looking at? What does it mean? Those are the questions they should be asking so when they walk away they continue that questioning in the rest of their lives. It’s going to be an interesting afternoon.”

“Arrive early,” he added. “I look forward to seeing everyone there. I hope people interested in art from Grosse Pointe and Detroit come see it and listen to it.”



“Dogs of War,” a digital photomontage by Adam Strange.

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Sweet 116 party for Model T is Sept. 29

A cultural icon and one of the Motor City's greatest contributions to the world, the Model T will celebrate its birthday with a Sweet 116 party Sunday, Sept. 29.

Sponsored by Absopure Water Co., the Ford

Piquette Avenue Plant Museum will mark the occasion with free Model T rides, a vintage vehicle show, crafts for kids, food and shopping from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities in the museum's first-floor event

space are free. The line for free T rides will form at the front entrance. Birthday cake will be served at noon while supplies last. A special guest at the party will be a 1924 Model T fire truck visiting from the Michigan Firehouse Museum in Ypsilanti.

To encourage a celebration of all vintage and antique vehicles, the museum is offering free admission for the drivers of visiting cars manufactured before 1975.

The first of 15 million Model Ts rolled off the production line in fall 1908 at Henry Ford's original Detroit factory at 461 Piquette Avenue. This U.S. National Historic Landmark building also is passing a milestone at 120 years old. From the day it opened in 1904, the plant produced a series of automotive innovations that culminated in the Model T. The first affordable,

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Model T rides are a part of the car's Sweet 116 party Sept. 29.

COURTESY PHOTOS

WEDDINGS

Fleming — Brinton

Megan Ann Sanom Fleming and David "DJ" Lee Brinton Jr., were married June 8, 2024, at Christ Church Detroit. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Emily Williams-Guffey. A reception at The War Memorial followed.

The bride is the daughter of Laura Sanom and William Fleming of the City of Grosse Pointe. The groom is the son of David and Jeni Brinton of Harrisburg, Pa.

The bride wore an Alena Leena Swiss Dot gown. She carried a bouquet of blue delphinium, white peonies and white cloud garden roses.

The bride's sister, Emily Fleming, served as maid of honor. The bride's college roommate, Kristen Mark, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's cousins, Katherine Maher, Elizabeth Maher and Grace Brandon; the bride's childhood neighbor, Caitlin Reck; the bride's college best friends, Kayla Ramans and Meghan Reinhardt; and the bride's medical school best friend, Kelly Young. The bride's cousin, Madelyn Sanom, served as the junior bridesmaid.

The groom's childhood best friend, Brendan Leahy, served as best man. Groomsmen were the groom's childhood best friends, Alex Mosher and Christian



DJ and Megan Brinton

Roberts; the groom's brother, Mikey Brinton; the bride's brother, Andrew Fleming; the groom's medical school roommate, Garrett Dunn; and the groom's medical school best friend, Justin Young.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications, arts and sciences and journalism from Pennsylvania State University. She works in corporate communications for Latitude AI, a

subsidiary of Ford Motor Co.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Pennsylvania State University and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. He is an anesthesiologist resident at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

The couple honeymooned in Antigua. They live in Pittsburgh with their dog, Archie.

Fox — Ernatt

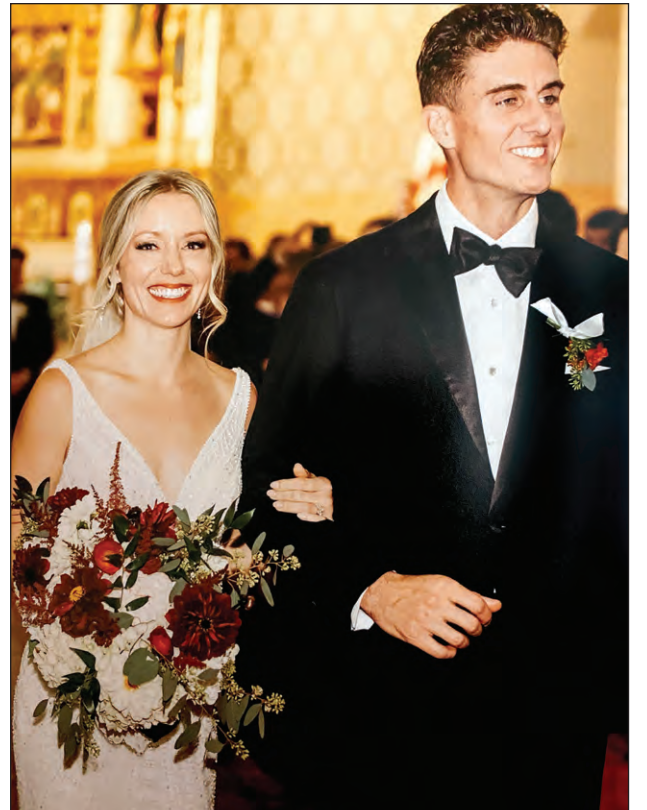
Dr. Stephen James Fox and Abigail Colleen Ernatt were married Oct. 28, 2023, at St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck. The ceremony was officiated by Deacon Richard Shubik. A reception at the Ford Piquette Plant followed.

The groom is the son of Dr. James and Jaclyn Fox of Grosse Pointe Farms. The bride is the daughter of Mark and Jeanne Ernatt of Lake Orion.

The bride's friend, Ashley Bartaureau, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Julia Fox; the bride's cousin, Kate Blizinski; and the bride's friends, Christina Noble and Jillian Hug.

The groom's brother, Peter Fox, served as best man. Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Jacob Ernatt; and the groom's friends, Dr. Steven Sonnamaker, Dr. Justin Jabara, Dr. James Champagne, Vincent Dour and Matthew McGlynn.

The bride is a graduate of Lake Orion High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science in



Dr. Stephen and Mrs. Abigail Fox

Nursing degree from Saginaw Valley State University and a Nurse Practitioner degree from the University of Michigan.

The groom is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the

University of Notre Dame and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Wayne State University. He completed an emergency medicine residency at Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak.

The couple honeymooned in Italy. They live in Bismarck, N.D.

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Bach, Brandenburg Concerto no. 2
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Anderson, Sleigh Ride
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Vaughan Williams, Fantasia on Greensleeves
Humperdink, Excerpts from Hansel and Gretel
Anderson, A Christmas Festival

Sunday March 2, 2025

Our Lady Star of the Sea 3:00 p.m.
467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Farms




Preconcert talk
Davis Gloff (WRCJ) 2:15 p.m.
Sibelius, Andante Festivo
Chopin, Piano Concerto no. 1
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ENGAGEMENTS

Temrowski—Jurcak

Daniel and Julie Temrowski of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Lana Anne Temrowski, to Alan Frank Jurcak, the son of James and Sue Ellen Jurcak of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Miss Temrowski is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University. She works as a programmatic strategist at Kinesso.

Mr. Jurcak is a graduate of University Liggett School and earned two bachelor's degrees and a Juris Doctor from Michigan State University. He is an attorney with Warner, Norcross and Judd LLP.

The couple got engaged in Marco Island, Fla., in November 2023. A May 2025 wedding is planned.



Lana Temrowski and Alan Jurcak

Morley—Smith

Jacqueline Morley of Birmingham announces the engagement of her daughter, Samantha Morley, to Jeffrey Christian Smith, the son of Jeffrey Smith and Lisa Vallee-Smith of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The bride and groom both earned bachelor's degrees in advertising management from Michigan State University. The groom is pursuing an MBA at Wayne State University.

A fall 2025 wedding is planned.



Jeffrey Smith and Samantha Morley

ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cornillie — 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Woods celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next month.

Irene "Rene" Veryser and Bernard H. "Bud" Cornillie were married Oct. 25, 1974, at St. Lucy Catholic Church. A reception followed at the Hillcrest Country Club.

Mrs. Cornillie is a retired school teacher. Mr. Cornillie is the owner of Red Pelican Food Products.

The couple have four children, Susan Hitch (Brian) of Las Vegas, Mary Lee (CJ) of Davidsonville, Md., Stephen Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Park and Brian Cornillie (Kate) of Grosse Pointe Shores. They also have six grandchildren.

In addition to spending time with their family, Rene and Bud enjoy swimming, biking, visiting the Detroit riverfront and playing pickleball with a close-knit group of friends. Though they are retired boaters, the couple also enjoys spending time at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where they have been members for more than 50 years.

They are longtime



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cornillie

parishioners of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, where their children attended school, and were active in the church's Marriage Institute for many years. They also are parishioners at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. The Cornillies still live in the Grosse Pointe Woods home where they raised their family.

BIRTH



Frank Michael Giorgio Jr.

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Alexandria and Frank Giorgio of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the birth of their son, Frank Michael Giorgio Jr., on June 8, 2024.

Maternal grandparents are Dave Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms and Christy Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Paternal grandparents are Michael Giorgio of Grosse Pointe Shores and Michelle Giorgio of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Great-grandparents are Tony Giorgio of Grosse Pointe Farms, Beverly Coats of Grosse Pointe Shores and Florence Mourad of Grosse Pointe Shores.

MODEL T:

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mass-produced car for everyday people, the Model T sparked a worldwide transformation in manufacturing, transportation and urban planning, as well as social and cultural trends such as the Great Migration and the population shift from farms to cities. Its impact was so extensive that by the early 1920s, every other car on the planet was a Model T.

Located in the place it all began, Ford Piquette Plant Avenue Museum gives visitors the opportunity to experience Detroit automotive history and better understand its relevance today. This story includes the Model T, but also other cars manufactured in Milwaukee Junction such as Detroit Electric, Dodge, Cadillac, Hupp, Regal, Studebaker and others.

The museum is open year-round to the public

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Admission includes optional guided tours at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 to \$18. For a complete event schedule or to purchase tickets online, visit fordpiquetteplant.org. Admission also is available at the door. For more information, email info@fordpiquetteplant.org or call (313) 872-8759.

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LOVE IN BLOOM

How one couple cultivated a new business that sprouted from their own unique dream wedding

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

At the intersection of creativity and entrepreneurship, Amanda Abraham and Grant Daniel “Danny” Harris, Jr. have cultivated more than just flowers; they’ve nurtured a dream. Their journey from passionate gardeners to burgeoning business owners is as inspiring as it is charming. Nestled in their Saint Clair Shores home, their story is a testament to how passion for gardening and a knack for DIY can bloom into something truly extraordinary.

Planting the seeds

Amanda’s love for gardening is deeply rooted in family traditions. Growing up, her grandma and mom were avid gardeners, and their enthusiasm for the craft left a lasting impression on her. “There’s something incredibly fulfilling about tending to a garden,” Amanda says. “It’s a mix of patience, creativity, and love.”

When Amanda and Danny moved into their current home—a blank canvas with no existing landscaping—they knew they wanted to transform it into a masterpiece. Both creatives at heart, Amanda is a newborn



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It’s official! The brand new Mr. and Mrs., above, walk the aisle after the ceremony.



PHOTOS BY AMANDA ABRAHAM PHOTOGRAPHY

Danny Harris and Amanda Abraham share their marriage promises amid the beautiful setting of their wedding, top. Above, an arrangement made for a gathering to celebrate a relative. Inset: A fresh-grown flower.



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The couple share a kiss during the wedding photo shoot, on a vintage settee, above.



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Each bouquet from DAbouquets is a mix of gorgeous fresh, homegrown flowers straight from the garden and tagged with a signature logo, created by best friend Stacy Wilson.



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Bride Amanda Abraham, above center, is flanked by her bridal party — decked out in autumn tones and carrying the beautiful blooms that Amanda herself has grown, dried and fashioned into the bridal florals for the big day.



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and family photographer, while Danny is a skilled woodworker. Their home became their playground, and they set out to create a garden as enchanting as the English cottage gardens they admired on Pinterest.

The Harris' transformation of their yard has been nothing short of magical. Their corner lot in Saint Clair Shores has become a local sensation, with neighbors often stopping by to admire the progress or ask for gardening tips. "We wanted our garden to be a place people would remember," Amanda shares. "Something fun and inviting, where people could walk by and feel a bit of joy."

Danny, ever the supportive partner, took on the challenge with gusto. This summer, he constructed a wooden rose trellis and began laying a brick walkway around their lot, creating a path for neighbors and passersby. Meanwhile, Amanda introduced a sunflower patch and a whimsical pumpkin arch — both of which became instant conversation starters.

Blooming into business

Their foray into the floral business was as organic as their garden's growth. The idea was born out of their wedding last fall, where they used their home-grown flowers to create a breathtakingly beautiful and personal celebration. "We wanted to make as much of our wedding decor as possible," Amanda explains. "Danny was up for the challenge, and I had this vision of using our own flowers for the big day."

The couple's wedding was a labor of love, from hand-making farmhouse tables to creating a book wall backdrop with donations from their community. Amanda spent countless hours cutting, bundling, and drying flowers, while Danny crafted wooden decor elements, including a floral installation and a vintage flower cart. The result was a wedding that felt deeply personal and creatively fulfilling.

With a surplus of flowers from their big day, Amanda and Danny decided to venture into the floral business. What began as a casual sale during a city-wide garage sale quickly blossomed into a full-fledged endeavor. "We were surprised by the response," Amanda admits. "People were eager to buy our bouquets, and that's when we realized we could turn this into something more."



Far left: A fresh bouquet awaits pickup. A sample of Abraham's stunning photography featuring her own floral subjects, left. The adorable cart created by Danny for his bride's booming business, top. A lovely arrangement that is just as pretty as a picture, above.

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Growing the dream

Since launching their bouquet business, dubbed DAbouquets, Amanda and Danny have been working tirelessly to expand their operation. They're exploring new flowers to grow, refining their bouquet designs, and even starting to plan for additional garden beds to accommodate their growing floral needs.

The couple's new business venture is more than just a side project; it's a reflection of their shared passions and creative spirits. "We've always loved making things and being hands-on," Danny says. "Whether it's building furniture or growing flowers, it's about creating something beautiful."

A team effort

Danny's support has been crucial to their success. From constructing garden beds and installing irrigation systems to creating a bloom bar cart for their bridal shower, his contributions have been invaluable. "Danny is always up for a challenge," Amanda offered. "He's the one who helps me bring my ideas to life, no matter how big or small."

Amanda's creativity extends beyond gardening. Her background as a photographer enriches their floral business, as she often incorporates flowers from their garden into her photo sessions. "I love bringing a bit of our garden into my work," she says. "It adds a personal touch that makes the photos even more special."

Goals and gardening tips

Looking ahead, Amanda and Danny are focused on growing their business and enhancing their garden. They plan to expand their flower beds, continue experimenting with new plant varieties, and hone their bouquet offerings. Amanda's brother has even set up an LLC for their business, officially branding their floral venture.

For aspiring gardeners, Amanda offers practical advice: "Just get your hands dirty. Plant something, learn from your mistakes, and keep trying. Gardening is all about experimentation and learning." She encourages others to join gardening groups, follow online tutorials, and connect with fellow enthusiasts.

A growing future

Amanda and Danny's garden and business are a testament to what can be achieved with passion, creativity, and hard work. Their home, once a blank canvas, is now a vibrant showcase of their talents and dreams. If you're ever in the Saint Clair Shores area, the Harris' garden is always open for a visit. "We're constantly working on new projects," Amanda says. "Feel free to stop by and see what we're up to. There's always something new and exciting happening!"

The couple's exciting journey from garden enthusiasts to business owners is a blooming success story, and their future looks just as bright and beautiful as their flourishing flowers.



Details from the wedding show the thoughtful care that went into the affair.



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The couple drove off into the sunset in a classic 1967 cherry red Mustang convertible, below, that belongs to the bride's dad. It was always the bride's dream for her dad to 'drive her down the aisle' in the sportscar — and he did that day, to the sounds of the song, "Pretty Woman."



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Fireworks, above, wrap the beautiful day.



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A glimpse into the couple's yard where all the floral magic happens, above.

A flower-filled vintage bike, right, helps set the mood.

Two-year-old nephew Brayden arrives to the wedding in style in a mini Mustang of his own, far right.



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OBITUARIES

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

William Pierce Huntington Sr.

William Pierce Huntington Sr., affectionately known as Bill, passed away Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, in Carmel, Ind., surrounded by loved ones. Formerly of Grosse Pointe, Bill touched many lives with his warmth, generosity, humor and unwavering spirit.

Bill was born Feb. 15, 1943, to John Treadwell Huntington Sr., and Anita Pierce Huntington, both now deceased. He spent his formative years in Grosse Pointe, where he developed a profound love for family and friends, cultivated his steadfast faith, expanded the family business and pursued his passion for sports, including basketball, golf and paddle tennis. Bill attended Austin Catholic Preparatory School and graduated from Regis College. After college, Bill served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Following his service, Bill embarked upon his career, beginning with the National Bank of Elkhart, Ind. In 1974, he returned to Grosse Pointe to join his mother, Anita, at Walton-Pierce, a clothing store founded by his grandmother in 1925. Bill, with his wife Mary Jo, then acquired E.J. Hickey Co., in 1986, which they operated together until retirement in 2009. Bill was a man of distinguished style with a talent for forging meaningful relationships with business partners and customers, which became a hallmark of the Hickey Walton-Pierce business.

Bill was an active member of the Grosse Pointe community, contributing his time and talents to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club and Grosse Pointe Village Association. His later years in Carmel were marked by his enthusiasm for his work at Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation and volunteering with Brookshire Golf Club, as well as the Terraces at Mohawk Crossing Homeowners Association.

A beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather, Bill will be dearly missed by his devoted wife of 55 years, Mary Jo (nee VanderPlas), and their children, Bill Huntington Jr. (Kristin), Jennifer Hillman (Jeff) and Jeff Huntington (Maggie). He was predeceased by his brother, John T. Huntington Jr. Bill took immense pride in his seven grandchildren: Ellie, Will, Andrew, Hollis, Griffin, Graham and Reese.

His most cherished pastimes were actively participating in his grandchildren's lives by supporting their academics, sports and extracurricular activities and providing teaching moments through Grandad's "life lessons."

Bill will be remembered not only as a respected businessman, but also for his infectious humor and the joy he found in a good joke, the kindness he shared to all he met and his deep love for his family and friends,

especially Mary Jo, who was the love of his life. His life was a testament to leadership, friendship and faith, living every day with health, happiness and gratitude.

A memorial service to celebrate Bill's life will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. He will lie in state from 9:30 a.m. until Mass at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, donate.cancer.org; or the American Diabetes Association, diabetes.org/ways-to-contribute.

Bill's legacy of compassion, laughter and love will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be dearly missed, but forever in the hearts of his loved ones.

Michael Kevin Lynch

Michael Kevin Lynch, 61, passed away Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, after a courageous battle with ALS. He was born April 25, 1963, in Detroit.

He is survived by his loving wife, Amy Lynch; cherished children, Lauren Tobin (Matthew), Kevin Lynch (Jessica) and Morgan Lynch (Ryan); mother of his children, Suzanne Lynch; dear sisters, Debbie Finch (David) and Kathy Lynch; and adored grandchildren, Ella, Emma, Oliver, Olivia and Emerson. He was predeceased by his parents, Denise Martin (Williams) and Harold A. Lynch Jr., and brother, Paul D. Lynch.

Those who knew Mike would say he was devoted to providing for his family, but he also never missed the special moments to cheer on his children through the years while growing up and playing sports. After working for Citizens Insurance, Comerica Bank and BDO Seidman, Mike dedicated almost 25 years of his life working for Owens-Illinois, driving every day from Grosse Pointe to Perrysburg, Ohio, but always making sure to make it back for hockey practice in Oak Park, or lacrosse and field hockey games in Grosse Pointe. In a world where it seemed impossible to make it all happen, Mike did it with a smile on his face, because his children brought so much joy to his life.

In the early days, Mike was an avid golfer until the symptoms of ALS made it difficult for him to make it onto the course and swing himself, but that didn't stop him from tagging along with his children just to make sure he could give them a few pointers and critique their golf swings. He was a passionate Lions, Tigers, Michigan hockey and football fan and found joy watching golf whenever the time would allow. Mike, who was a kind, selfless man, also was known for his infectious laugh and wise counsel. He was always

the one to call for sound advice. He will be profoundly missed by the ones who had the privilege of knowing him, and his extraordinary soul and spirit will forever shine brightly in the hearts of his family and friends.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The family also invites friends and family to join them Saturday, Sept. 28, for the Walk to Defeat ALS at the Detroit Zoo beginning at 9:30 a.m. Following the walk, the family will host a Celebration of Life at their home in Grosse Pointe Woods from 1 to 5 p.m. Those who would like more details regarding the walk and/or the Celebration of Life should email inmemory ofmikelynch@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates memorial contributions to the Michigan chapter of the ALS Foundation. Checks, indicating "LYNCH STRONG — Detroit Walk" in the memo line, may be mailed to The ALS Association Donor Services, Attn. Walk to Defeat ALS Detroit, 1919 University Ave W, Ste. 175, St. Paul, MN 55104.

Paul Burton Martin

Paul Burton Martin, 72, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, after having fought many health issues for several years. Paul was born Nov. 17, 1951, in Lakewood, Ohio. He was a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident who, as a teenager, was expelled from both Grosse Pointe North and South high schools for smoking and skipping school. Paul remained passionate and opinionated and loved to argue politics.

Paul was a lineman by trade for cable TV and, later, a self-employed contractor. An avid fisherman, Paul once caught a giant muskie at Pier Park and later was rescued by paramedics with hypothermia while trying to release the fish.

Paul loved his muscle cars, especially his 1969 Camaro Z-28, which would set off car alarms when he took it for a cruise. Paul considered himself a "shade tree mechanic," rebuilding his 1975 Corvette and several old MGBs. Paul's pastime was playing guitar and he had a deep love for dogs, being a loyal companion to 15 dogs during his lifetime.

Paul is survived by his wife, Corinne; stepchildren, Lashawn Farago (Scott) and Philip LaBarge (Kate); grandchildren, Alexandra and Grant DeVooght and Cora and Mina Farago; niece, Marcinia Harris (Dan), who was like a daughter to him; and sister, Cheryl Swarhout (Richard). Paul was predeceased by his parents, Fred Martin and Marion Cornwell; and siblings, Jacqueline Formeister, Gregg Martin and Jay Martin.



William P. Huntington Sr.



Michael Kevin Lynch



Paul Burton Martin



Janet Carol Nicol



Maureen Stevenson



Jack Tucker Landin

A remembrance gathering will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore. Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 296 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, gpaas.org/donate.

Janet Carol Nicol

Janet Carol Nicol, 89, passed away Friday, Aug. 23, 2024.

She was born Feb. 24, 1935, in Detroit.

Janet is survived by her husband of 62 years, Donald. She was the loving mother of Donald III (Rayelene) and a doting grandmother to Donald IV, Caroline and Darwin.

Janet graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and earned a teaching certificate from Michigan State University. She taught at Ferry Elementary School for a number of years.

Janet enjoyed skiing, tennis and traveling the world with the Nomad Club.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Maureen Stevenson

Maureen "Queen Mum" Stevenson succumbed to dementia Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024.

Born in London, England, Maureen had vivid childhood memories of sheltering in the underground railway, or the Tube, with her family in the evenings and overnight as air-raid sirens signaled incoming bombs during World War II.

Maureen married Donald "Nick" Stevenson when he was stationed in London while serving in the U.S. Navy. They moved to East Detroit for a short time before residing in Grosse Pointe Farms for more than 60 years. In addition to raising three boys, Queen Mum worked as a nail technician in several beauty salons, notably Tresses, for many years.

Maureen and Nick traveled extensively outside the United States until Nick's passing in February 1999. Maureen's leisure time was spent playing horrible golf, working in the backyard on her English garden or planning events with members of the English Club.

Maureen leaves

behind three sons, James, David (Ann Marie) and Kirk; her grandchildren, Adam, Nicholas and Hannah; and brother, Will Hinton (Tessa Wolpe) of Cape Town, South Africa.

Her family wishes to express their gratitude to the entire staff of Sunrise on Vernier for taking care of their mother the past two years.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date.

Jack Tucker Landin

Jack Tucker Landin, 87, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, in St. Clair Shores.

Born May 3, 1937, Jack was a gentle and kind soul who was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and dear friend to many. He is survived by his devoted wife, Noelle Decker Landin; sister, Nancy Heureman; daughters, Anna Durham (Michael), Jennifer Landin and Jacqueline Anderson; grandchildren, Brittany Thompson (Zach), Zachary Durham (Alyssa), Lauren Bracci, Megan Huyghe (Jake), Alexandra Bracci, Erik Anderson, Robbie Bracci and Jack Bracci; great-grandchildren, Harper and Sloane Thompson, and Mabel and Windsor Huyghe; and nieces, Sheryl Wiener (Jeff) and Judy Heureman (Ken). Jack was predeceased by his parents, Clifford and Mildred Tucker Landin.

As a youth, Jack participated in Boy Scouts and earned an Eagle Scout Award. He graduated from DeVilbiss High School in Toledo in 1955, and furthered his education at the University of Michigan, where he earned an undergraduate degree in engineering along with two master's degrees. His professional career included significant contributions as an engineer for Owens Illinois Inc., and Scott Paper/Kimberly Clark.

A man of deep faith, Jack was an active member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church since 1998. He served on the Staff Parish Committee, Finance Committee and was a cherished member of both the choir and bell choir. He also participated as a LOGOS table parent and represented his congregation at Methodist confer-

ences. Jack's hobbies and interests painted the picture of a well-rounded and passionate individual. He played trombone in the university marching band, was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity and also played piano. His love for travel took him and Noelle to numerous destinations around the world, including Russia, the Baltics, Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Belgium and the Holy Land. He also loved trips to visit his sister Nancy in Florida, family trips to Lake Cumberland, Ky., and excursions up north to Boyne. One of his and Noelle's most inspirational experiences was singing with the Methodist Choir at Carnegie Hall to celebrate Charles Wesley's 200th birthday.

A sports enthusiast, Jack supported U of M sports teams and Detroit's professional teams, particularly the Tigers and Lions. He enjoyed attending live concerts, theater and especially enjoyed Detroit Symphony Orchestra performances. He also was an avid reader of newspaper comics and a master solver of crossword puzzles.

His commitment to community and family was evident through his involvement in the Grosse Pointe Men's Club and cherished time spent teaching his grandchildren games, math, helping with homework and attending many of their athletic events. There also were many magical moments at the family cottage at Wampler's Lake, where he taught his daughters the joys of boating, water skiing and even fishing. He took immense joy mentoring his daughters on working hard, studying diligently and the importance of faith and family.

Services to celebrate Jack's life took place Monday, Sept. 23, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. Family and friends wore maize and blue attire to celebrate and honor Jack's life and love for the University Michigan. In lieu of flowers, contributions honoring Jack's legacy of faith and community service may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, gpumc.org/give/; or the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, parkinsonsmi.org.

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Kurt Eric Ladendorf

Kurt Eric Ladendorf, 69, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024. He was a beloved father, opa, brother and friend.

Born Feb. 26, 1955, in Grosse Pointe Farms, Kurt lived a life marked by unwavering kindness, generosity and a remarkable sense of humor.

Kurt grew up quickly after losing both of his parents at a young age. He found love early and became a devoted husband and father. A widower of 18 years, his deep love and admiration for Karen never wavered, and he honored her memory through his dedication to his children and grandchildren.

Known for his humor, Kurt had an exceptional ability to bring joy to those around him. Few things gave him more satisfaction than making people laugh — except perhaps opening his home to anyone in need. Kurt's home was a refuge and his selflessness was the cornerstone of his character. He consistently put others first, never asking for anything in return. His stubborn determination, strong convictions and loyalty made him a cherished mentor, friend and confidant.

Professionally, Kurt spent much of his career in the construction industry as a contractor and business owner. Kurt was an amateur pilot, an organ music enthusiast and a lover of classic TV shows. A man of many talents, he always was eager to share his knowl-

**Kurt Eric Ladendorf**

edge with others. His legacy as a mentor and teacher will live on through the countless lives he touched.

Kurt's greatest joy was his family. He is survived by his loving daughter, Taffany Van Rossen (Edward); son, Erik Ladendorf (Jessica); and adored grandchildren, Veronica and Graham Van Rossen. He also leaves behind his brother, Bob Ladendorf. Kurt was predeceased by his beloved wife, Karen; brother, John Ladendorf; and parents, Jack and Bernice Ladendorf.

Visitation takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. The viewing will follow at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, with a service at 11 a.m.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Kathleen Mary Wilk

Kathleen Mary Wilk (nee Roney), 75, passed away Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, from cancer and Parkinson's disease.

Kathleen was born Dec. 10, 1948, in Detroit, to Walter and Mary Joan Roney, both now deceased. She graduated from Academy of the Sacred Heart in West

**Louise L. Fromm**

Bloomfield and Dijon, France, earned a baccalaureate degree in liberal arts from Marygrove College and a master's degree in accountancy from Walsh College.

Kathleen loved her family and was strong in her spiritual beliefs. She often would discuss issues of faith and family. She helped her friends through difficult times and celebrated their good times. Kathleen lived life to the fullest and rejoiced in it every day. She never complained of her illnesses and always put her faith in the hands of God.

Kathleen loved board games, card games and puzzles. She appreciated humor, loved a good laugh and found joy and goodness in everything and everybody she met. Every day was a great day, no matter the weather or circumstance. Kathleen practiced ISHA yoga for many years and traveled to India, where she climbed the foothills of the Himalayas, came face to face with a bull elephant and avoided cobras and vipers during the rainy season.

Kathleen was a devoted wife to Mark for 50 years, a caring and loving mother to her two sons, Timothy and Thomas, and a proud grandmother to Nathan. She loved her children and took great

pride in their accomplishments.

Memorial services will take place Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Windmill Pointe Park Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park. The family will greet guests from 2 to 4 p.m., followed by remembrances and prayers from 4 to 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, helmlife.org/get-involved/donate/.

Louise L. Fromm

Born April 27, 1926, Louise L. Fromm passed away peacefully Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at age 98.

Louise was predeceased by her parents, Remy and Gabrielle Vander Roost; husband, Carl; son, Donald (Andrea); and daughter, Joann (Frank Mader.) She is survived by her sons, Richard (Sharon) of Grosse Pointe Woods and David (Julie) of Mission Hills, Kan.; 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life takes place Friday, Oct. 18, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The family will greet guests from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 10 a.m., which is followed by interment in the parish columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in her name to the Capuchins, who provide services for the poor and needy, at thecapuchins.org/donate.

See her detailed obituary and share a memory at verheyden.org.

Mike Rogers to headline Oct. 4 dinner

Richard T. Shetler Jr., chairman of the Eastside Republican Club-Political Action Committee, announced the group's annual fundraiser takes place at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The fundraising dinner will feature former Congressman Mike Rogers, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate.

"We are honored to host Mike Rogers at our event," Shetler said in a statement. "He has the background and perspective Michigan needs in the U.S. Senate."

Rogers was born and raised in Livingston County, is an Army veteran and former FBI agent. He served in Congress, where he was chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and among the first to sound the alarm on economic and national security dangers posed by China. He fought Chinese efforts to steal American intellectual property, particularly working to protect Michigan's auto industry.

Rogers is married to his wife, Kristi, who also has lived a life of service. She served in Iraq as a liaison

**Mike Rogers, candidate for U.S. Senate**

for the Department of Defense and worked to secure borders with the Customs and Border Protection Agency.

Service is instilled in his family. Rogers' daughter served in AmeriCorps after college, helping armed service members get access to needed care.

His son, the fourth generation of the Rogers family to serve in the U.S. military, is a Naval Academy graduate currently serving as a U.S. Navy officer.

Tickets for the dinner are \$70 per person, but, Shetler said, "Ask us about special rates for students."

For reservations or more information, visit tinyurl.com/ybr7zh2n. Further questions may be directed to Shetler at (313) 407-8774.

Archbishop Elias Chacour to visit Grosse Pointe

Internationally acclaimed peacemaker and longtime friend of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Father Elias Chacour, and former Memorial Church pastor, the Rev. Dr. Bruce Rigdon, will visit Memorial Church Sunday, Oct. 13, through Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Their visit will celebrate the history of peacemaking work that began when they met as young seminarians in the 1960s.

Chacour first visited Memorial in the 1990s following the publication of his biographical best-selling book, "Blood Brothers: The Dramatic Story of a Palestinian Christian Working for Peace in Israel." During his lengthy visit, he shared his vision

of building peace through a school in Ibillin, an area in northern Israel with a population of 14,000, all of whom are Muslim or Christian Arab Israelis. The school he dreamed of would be dedicated to opening minds to the dignity of all people.

Under Rigdon's leadership, Memorial responded with a mission team of youth helping build the new high school in Ibillin, forming the nonprofit Pilgrims of Ibillin. Memorial became a pillar of support for the school, now known as the Mar Elias Educational Institute, which is recognized throughout Israel for its educational excellence and peace-building work. Pilgrims of Ibillin continues to be a support

to the school.

Chacour will preach at Memorial Sunday, Oct. 13, and will teach in Bible studies and youth groups Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 15 and 16.

On Monday, Oct. 14, Memorial hosts a luncheon at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, that will feature a panel discussion with Chacour and Rigdon. The luncheon will be a fundraiser to benefit the scholarship fund at Mar Elias Educational Institution.

Tickets may be purchased through secure.qgiv.com/for/abunasvisitoct2024/event/gpmc1014/

Deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Whistle Stop celebrates anniversary with mural unveiling

In celebration of Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy's 54th anniversary, the store will unveil a custom mural created by local artist Melanie Craik. The unveiling event takes place at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, and all are welcome.

The event will be held at the store, with media and city officials invited for a first look at the mural, which highlights the unique charm of the toy store and the local community it serves.

"We're thrilled to celebrate this milestone by bringing something truly special to the community," said Julie Everitt, of Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy. "This mural perfectly captures the fun and wonder we aim to inspire in children and families who visit us. Melanie's artistic

vision has brought a fresh and vibrant energy to our space."

Craik, a 24-year-old artist from St. Clair Shores, is passionate about colorful, playful design. A graduate of the College for Creative Studies, she is known for her work in illustration and character design, drawing inspiration from the bold, nostalgic aesthetics of late '90s and early 2000s video games.

"Working on this mural has been an exciting experience," Craik said. "I grew up loving art that was fun and whimsical, and Whistle Stop has always embodied that feeling. It's an honor to contribute something lasting and meaningful to a place that has been such a staple of creativity in our community."

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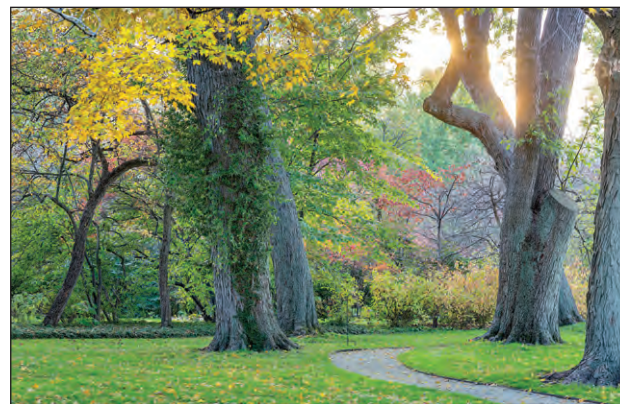
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Ford House reveals best-kept secrets, autumn splendor

Ford House, a National Historic Landmark and former home of Eleanor and Edsel Ford, recently announced two guided tours that invite visitors to explore the estate like never before.

First, the Autumn Landscape Guided Tour, available Tuesdays through Sundays, through Nov. 10, invites guests to experience Ford House's gardens and grounds as they transform into a breathtaking palette of fall colors. Visitors are welcome to enjoy a leisurely walk while expert guides share stories about the estate's landscaping and seasonal beauty. The guides will share insights into the seasonal changes, history of the estate's gardens and architectural marvels that define Ford House. The tour offers a unique opportunity to experience the estate's natural beauty during one of the most picturesque times of the year.

For those who have ever wondered about the hidden corners of Ford House, the Nooks & Crannies Guided Tour, available Tuesdays through Sundays, through Dec. 31, is the perfect choice. This fan-favorite tour takes guests beyond the usual visitor areas to explore the estate's lesser-known yet equally fascinating parts. Visitors will discover spaces typically off limits to the public —



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FORD HOUSE

Above and left, guests to Ford House during its Autumn Landscape Guided Tour will be treated to changing fall colors throughout the grounds.

like the third-floor infirmary, expansive basement and underground tunnel — as well as architectural details and historical artifacts often overlooked. Led by expert guides, this tour provides a deeper understanding of the estate's rich history and intriguing stories behind its hidden gems.

"We're thrilled to offer these unique tours, as they provide a rare glimpse into Ford House that's only available during specific times of the year," Ford House Tour Manager Loren Stevens said. "Both the Autumn Landscape and Nooks & Crannies tours offer exclusive experiences

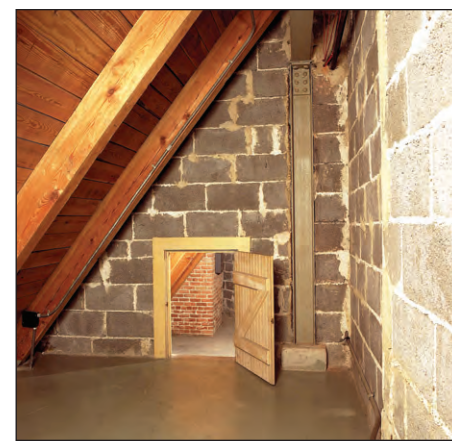
that quickly capture the imagination of our visitors. Due to their popularity, tickets tend to sell out fast, so we encourage everyone to secure their spots early to avoid missing out on these exceptional opportunities."

Both tours are designed to offer unique perspectives on Ford House, whether a longtime admirer or first-time visitor. Availability for guided tours is limited. Purchasing tickets early is highly recommended.

Tickets are \$20 per adult, \$18 per senior age 65 and older, \$10 per child ages 4 to 12.

Friends of Ford House, the estate's affinity group, enjoy discounted tickets

at \$10 per adult and \$5 per child ages 4 to 12. To learn how to become a Friend of Ford House, visit fordhouse.org/friends.



The Nooks & Crannies Guided Tour takes guests to lesser-known, off-limits to the public spaces within Ford House.

ASK THE EXPERTS By GPPSS Transition Services

Transition planning as a child with special needs becomes an adult

Q: My child with special needs is turning 18. Now what?

A: Turning 18 is a major milestone for any teenager, but for parents of a child with special needs, it brings unique challenges and considerations. In Michigan, as in many states, this age marks the transition to legal adulthood, meaning your child's rights fully transfer to them. Although this transition can be overwhelming, understanding the necessary steps can help ensure your child's continued well-being and success.

Transition planning involves a coordinated process with the child, family, school district and other support team members. Together, they prepare your child for adulthood, addressing education, employment and independent living. During high school, the Individualized Education Plan Team will create a transition plan focusing on life skills, vocational training and post-secondary education opportunities. This plan should be customized to your child's strengths, needs and interests, providing a roadmap for their future.

At 18, your child gains the legal capacity to make their own decisions. If they are not capable of managing their affairs independently, you might need to explore options like establishing a power of attorney or legal guardianship. An attorney specializing in special needs or disability law can guide you through these options while respecting your child's rights. Alternatively, a supported decision-making agreement can be drafted, allowing individuals with disabilities to retain decision-making capacity with the help of chosen supporters.

Financial planning is crucial as your child reaches adulthood. Social Security Income, or SSI, can provide monthly support if your child cannot sustain gainful employment, helping with essentials like food, clothing and

shelter. SSI recipients also can work and make money; more information is available at choosework.ssa.gov.

Ensuring your child has appropriate health insurance coverage also is important. In Michigan, SSI recipients automatically qualify for Medicaid, but they also may have private insurance. Consider setting up a special needs trust or a MiAble account to manage your child's finances and preserve eligibility for public assistance programs. Consulting with a financial advisor experienced in special needs planning can help navigate these areas.

Finally, support your child's development of life skills. Encourage independence through managing finances, cooking and using public transportation. Resources and programs from organizations like Michigan Rehabilitation Services offer valuable support and training for young adults with disabilities.

While this transition period can be challenging, careful planning and support can help your child successfully shift into adulthood. Addressing legal, educational, financial and personal development needs will set the stage for a more independent and fulfilling life.

For more information on transition planning, visit tinyurl.com/224ja424

GPPSS Transition Services' mission is to help families connect with resources to build independence and transition to life after public school. For more information, follow it on Facebook at facebook.com/GPPSSTransitionServices or contact Transition Services Coordinator Kimberly King M.A., CCC-SLP, at kingk@gpschools.org.

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When your teenager says it is true love

Dear Gabby: My teenage son is convinced his new girlfriend is “the one,” and they are already talking about marriage and kids. They’re only 16!

How can I bring him back to reality without being the bad guy?

— Worried in the Woods

Dear Worried,
Strongly suggest that they get matching tattoos.

That is a sure way to end a relationship. Just kidding! Please do not do that!

Sounds like your son is enjoying teenage love, or a huge crush, or lust. In any case, most of us survived and lived to tell about our first loves. As you can probably guess, the vast majority of people don’t end up with their first boyfriend or girlfriend.

Let him live his life. The

relationship likely will take its course and hopefully it’s a relatively smooth one, but you never know — some of the happiest couples around were high school sweethearts!

— Gabby

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



My husband won’t respect my privacy

DEAR ANNIE: I have had a few health issues recently. During tests, my doctor incidentally found a mass on my spleen. I asked my husband not to tell anyone, except our kids who are 24 and 33.

I found out he told the neighbor down the street. I am upset.

I haven’t said anything yet to the rest of my family or friends. He argued (yes, argued) that I didn’t say that and that I had said not to tell the family. I explained to him that he betrayed my trust. It was my story to tell when I was ready. He became belligerent and argued with me some more. I

was still keeping my composure and said, “Even if I said I don’t want you saying anything to our families about it, wouldn’t it be implied that I certainly didn’t want my neighbors knowing?”

At this point, we are in a big argument. I told him I was going to remove him from my next of kin and anything else that would allow him to know my business since he has some issues with keeping my business out of his mouth (and I did, by the way). He told me I was the untrustworthy one. Again, still trying to have an adult conversation, I asked him

to give me examples. He couldn’t and was deflecting.

We’ve had similar issues in the past where I think, “Gee, we are having an adult conversation — a give-and-take, compromising, coming-to-agreement conversation” — only to find out I was the only one present in the adult conversation and he’s gone against everything we agreed to. I am married to a man-child. He literally argues, “I know you are, but what am I?”

As of now, I have decided to keep my health issues to myself. Apparently, I am in this by myself, and his intentions are to seek sympathy for himself (I have suspected for some time he has narcissistic tendencies).

I have so much going on, on top of everyday life. I just don’t have it in me to include him anymore. I get that he may have been frustrated and needed to vent. I offered to ask my doctor for a support group he could attend if he needed to vent. We are not speaking, and I am OK with that. It’s less to deal with.

I think for the time being, I need to take care of myself and just let the chips fall where they may with him. Any advice? — Husband Has a Big Mouth



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

DEAR BIG MOUTH: Your frustration with your husband is completely valid.

Patterns of behavior like his — being careless with information, argumentative and immature — are exhausting and unacceptable.

Your decision to protect your peace and maintain your boundaries was the right one. But you two clearly need to put some serious work into your marriage if anything is to improve (after all,

what does it say about your relationship that you can’t lean on your own husband while you’re battling health issues?).

Couples therapy should be your next step, both to work through this incident and to tackle the underlying issue of feeling like you can’t trust your husband.

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

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



As someone with fine, color-treated hair, I’ve been a loyal fan of the Ouai Fine Hair Shampoo and Conditioner a while now. The shampoo is light and gentle, giving my hair that fresh, clean feeling without weighing it down, while the conditioner nourishes my strands without making them limp. Together, they’ve done wonders for my hair, keeping it manageable and soft, even with highlights that tend to dry out my ends.

So, when I recently found myself in Sephora with a bunch of 9-year-old girls armed with birthday money, I couldn’t resist browsing for myself while they shopped.

That’s when I stumbled upon the 50 percent off section and there it was: the Ouai Leave-In Conditioner. I’d seen it before but hadn’t felt the need to try it, considering my fine hair already seemed to respond well to my regular shampoo

and conditioner routine. But at half price? I had to give it a shot.

After my next hair-washing session, I decided to put the Ouai Leave-In Conditioner to the test.

I towel-dried my hair as usual and then sprayed the conditioner on the mid-lengths and ends of my hair. No



particular fuss, just a few spritzes, and I moved on to blow-drying my hair like I always do.

The results? Seriously, the softest my hair has ever been. No joke.

My color-treated, highlighted hair, which can sometimes be prone to breakage and dryness, suddenly looked and

felt silky smooth. The leave-in conditioner worked its magic, smoothing out my strands and making them feel healthier than they had in ages. It didn’t weigh down my fine hair either, which is a huge win in my book.

This product is so good, I’ll definitely be repurchasing, even at full price.

For anyone with color-treated hair or anyone looking for an extra boost of hydration and smoothness,

this is a must-try. I am giving this product 5 out of 5 alligators.

We LOVE testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at media@grossepointenews.com.

5 Out Of 5



Grosse Pointe Farms, ‘Come Play with Us’

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation’s third annual fundraiser, “Come Play with Us,” took place Thursday, Sept 19, on the beach and pool deck at Pier Park. This is the first of a two-year campaign to raise money for a new pool complex at Pier Park. The sold-out event was a margarita beach party. The event’s 200 guests sipped on the signature drink, “St. Clare Margarita,” while listening to Mr. Brown & ME. T&M Catering’s passed out hors d’oeuvres. “We got to hold onto the last bit of summer with such a beautiful night to gather as a community and it was a successful event for a place that is so special for all of us,” said Bridget Christian, co-chair of the event. Funds raised will be gifted to the city of Grosse Pointe Farms to help offset the cost of the project. The event raised \$175,000 through sponsors, ticket sales and a silent auction. Donations will continue to be accepted and more information may be found at grossepointefarmsfoundation.org



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Co-chairs of the event Bridget Christian and Margi Whittingham.

Uncle Brown and ME entertained the crowd poolside at the fundraiser. The band includes Matt Eszes, left, and Pat Brown.



Kevin Killebrew and Cathy Champion bid on an auction item for a three-course dinner for six.



Rob and Anna Cardoze, part owners of the company Craft Standard Cocktails on Draft, donated margaritas on tap and loaned the fundraiser their giant pink flamingo, which they usually have on the lake when out on their boat.

San Bei Ji (3 cup chicken)

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

In my mind, the heart of the home is always in the kitchen. It's a place where people gather, talk about what's on their mind and most importantly ask what's cooking. The kitchen draws in curious noses and hungry stomachs.

A home-cooked meal can mean so many different things to so many different people. But they all have the same criteria, however. Home-cooked meals are prepared with love and made mostly from scratch.

They are meals people look forward to with familiar smells and tastes that bring them back to their childhood. A big part of that for me is creating those familiar tastes and smells for my kids.

I love when they ask for certain dinners and each one has a favorite. But the best is when I make a new recipe and they all ask that it be added into weekly rotation. This is one of those recipes.

Three Cup Chicken or San Bei Ji, is a traditional Taiwanese home-cooked meal. It gets its name from its three key ingredients, soy sauce, sesame oil and Chinese cooking wine. They are used in equal ratios to create the most delicious savory sauce.

Three cups of each of the ingredients is too

much so this recipe pairs it all down but still uses equal amounts of each.

This is a one pot dish that is perfect for a hungry and busy family. Chicken thighs are browned in sesame oil and then lots of thinly sliced garlic and ginger are added.

Soy sauce and mirin are added along with brown sugar and some chili paste for a touch of spice. Mirin is a Japanese cooking wine that can be found in most Asian sections of the grocery store. If you can't find it, you can substitute rice wine vinegar.

Scallions and fresh basil then get added for some freshness and slight anise flavor.

I'm happy to bring new home-cooked recipes into our home and make them a staple. And I guarantee the kids will be asking me to make it for them 20 years down the road.

Cheers, Mombeau

3 Cup Chicken

6-8 chicken thighs

10 cloves garlic

1 inch piece of ginger

½ cup fresh basil leaves

6 scallions, washed

and cut into 1 inch pieces

⅓ cup sesame oil

⅓ cup dark soy sauce or tamari

⅓ cup mirin or rice wine vinegar

3 tbsp brown sugar

2 tsp chili garlic paste

Salt and pepper

Pat the chicken thighs dry with a paper towel.

Use a large saute pan or stock pot and place on your burner turned to medium heat. Add the sesame oil and heat until you can start to smell the oil.

Season both sides of the chicken with salt and pepper. Brown the chicken on both sides, about five to seven minutes per side. While the chicken is browning, peel and thinly slice the garlic and ginger.

Remove the chicken to a plate and set aside.

Next, add the garlic, ginger and scallions to the pan for a few seconds while moving it around so it doesn't burn. Add in the soy sauce, mirin, chili paste and brown sugar.

Scrape up the brown chicken bits on the bottom and stir until the sugar is dissolved and it comes to a low boil.



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Place the chicken back in the pan and flip it around so both sides get coated with the sauce. Bring it down to a simmer and cover for 10 minutes.

Uncover the chicken, add the whole basil leaves and flip it around again in the sauce. Cook for another 10 minutes uncovered or until the internal temperature of

the chicken reaches 165 degrees.

Serve over a big pile of white rice and spoon the sauce over the top. Garnish with any extra sliced scallions.

Great obscure wines

In the coming two decades, American wine lovers surely will face dozens of interesting wines made from grape varieties they've never heard of before, mainly as a result of climate change.

This is not a surprise to people who today are harvesting cabernet, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. These people know climate change is forcing them to rethink which grapes will make the best wines in their regions.

Increasing temperatures globally are altering many of the wines we made decades ago. And adventurous wine lovers are slowly seeing that the most interesting wines may be from grapes with which they are unfamiliar.

This subject came to mind last week when I

tasted a sensational red wine made from a grape variety I had never heard of and which came from an area of the world that I never thought could make world-class wine.

The grape is called Areni, the brand is Khachen, and the country it came from is Armenia!

Armenia may sound like a remote location for fine wine. It is. Located in a mountainous enclave in western Asia, Armenia was for decades under the Soviet sphere of influence but gained its independence just over 30 years ago.

It is home to one of the planet's oldest civilizations and may be where wine was born.

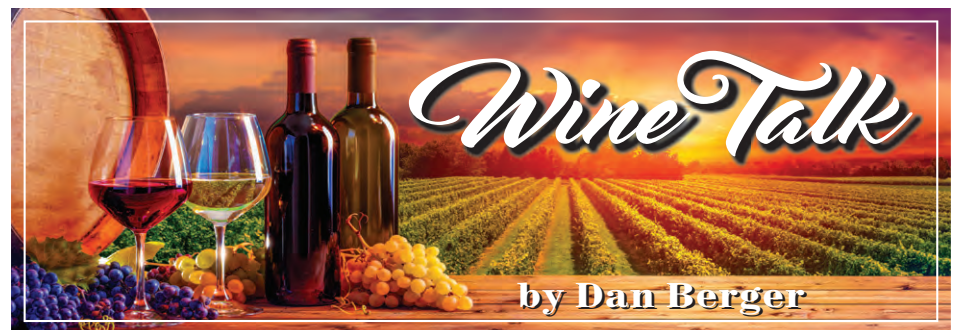
Archaeologists have unearthed a thriving wine culture dating back 4000 B.C.! It is located in what is called the Areni-1 cave, and artifacts found

there tell a fascinating tale of a nascent culture.

The Areni I tasted was a medium-weight red wine. It had a fascinating aroma of violets and black pepper and was impeccable. It is not, alas, available in the United States yet. Los Angeles resident Alek Harounian owns Khachen and is seeking someone to import the wine.

He told me he is also planning on making a rose and a white wine from the obscure Voskehat grape. His project, which started in 2021, is now 18 acres of grapes, 70 percent of them Areni, the main grape in Armenia.

This is only one of the amazing stories about recent developments in wine alternatives that may be essential as global climate change wreaks havoc on more



traditional varieties.

For example, in Bordeaux, several districts are experimenting with at least four different grape varieties — arinarnoa, touriga nacional (a Portuguese variety), castets and marselan.

Two other grape varieties have been approved for experimentation in Bordeaux. And other ancient Bordeaux varieties are also coming back from obscurity, like bouchales, tarney, mancin and Saint-Macaire.

Several other red grape varieties that once were considered in decline have come back from obscurity. Included are pinot meunier, carignane, St. Laurent and Norton (which is best known in Virginia and in Missouri).

There are also a few new dry white wines being produced around the United States from chenin blanc, colombar, petit manseng, gruner veltliner, picpoul, vermentino, arneis, tocai friulano, sylvaner, fiano, pecorino and Ribolla Gialla.

The above list numbers 12 white wines, and this does not include chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and several others that are popular in California today.

This article is not intended to confuse. It is intended to alert readers to the fact that excellent wine today is being produced around the world from regions and grapes

that almost no one has ever heard of.

My suggestion is that wine lovers become more adventuresome. Avoid sameness, embrace exploration.

Wine of the Week:

2023 Bonny Doon Vin Gris (van gree) de Cigare, Central Coast (\$16) — Bonny Doon Vineyard's dry rose wine every year is this stellar example that always exhibits strawberry, peach, guava and rhubarb. Here the blend

starts with grenache and that adds a note of pomegranate. Although it is dry, the aftertaste leaves you with a succulence that invites another sip. Terrific chilled for the last hot months of summer.

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Once considered in decline the red grape variety of Norton wines continue to flourish in Missouri, accounting for nearly 21 percent of all the grapes grown in the state. Norton wines from across Missouri and Virginia win numerous accolades at national and international competitions every year.

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Left, Diane Kruger as Tatiyana Volkova and Talia Ryder as Joy Womack in the 2023 movie "The American," written and directed by James Napier Robertson.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "The American"
 2023 - Not Rated
 1 hr 50 min
 ★★★★★

If you're looking for two hours of riveting, supercharged entertainment, I highly recommend this new biopic. It's based on the career of Joy Womack, the first American to graduate from the Bolshoi Ballet Company's training program and the second person to sign a contract to dance with the prestigious organization.

It focuses primarily on the time she spent in Russia. The film was penned and directed by James Napier Robertson, and is an honest and at times, brutal depiction of Joy's experiences.

The film was originally released as "Joika," the Russian diminutive of the protagonist's name.

There's a scene early in the film that shows a ballerina against a blood-red background. She does a seemingly endless series of pirouettes, in slow motion, as the camera moves steadily towards her. It's a mesmerizing and magical scene, captured perfectly by Polish cinematographer Tomasz Naumiuk. And it's a hint that the movie you are about to witness will be a visual feast, which in fact, it turns out to be.

There's hardly a scene in the entire film that is presented in a pedestrian manner. You could almost turn the sound off and just enjoy the cine-

matography alone.

This film tells the story of Joy Womack (Talia Ryder), who dreamed of becoming a prima ballerina since she was a young girl. A series of flashbacks shows us the progression of her career path.

She eventually is invited to train at the Bolshoi Ballet's Academy in Moscow. There she encounters a number of obstacles — her classmates despise her for the sheer audacity of being an American trying out for the world's most revered ballet company.

Joy is faced with a daily dose of antagonism from the other girls. She's spat at, cursed, someone steals her alarm clock, and one day she even discovers glass shards in

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



her dancing shoes.

She's competing with a bunch of cherub-faced thugs. As if that wasn't enough to discourage her, her instructor Tatiyana (Diane Kruger), is about as strict as they come. You know it's because she wants her pupils to succeed, but the cruelty she exudes is almost over the top.

Invariably, comparisons will be made to the character J.K. Simmons played in the 2014 film "Whiplash." And for good reason. They both push their students with a drive that borders on maniacal. Both mentors mean the best for their protégées and as heartless as they appear, they'd actually do anything in their quest to help their underlings rise to the top.

In the case of Joy, it's almost painful at times to witness just how hard she pushes herself. She pirouettes to the point of bleeding toes. She sustains an injury that is potentially career ending, and yet she keeps on.

It's interesting that an art form as beautiful as ballet ultimately is, is the end product of such grueling behind-the-scenes preparations. For the moviegoer, it's a bit like driving by an accident on the freeway — you know it potentially could

be a grizzly sight, but you can't stop yourself from peeking.

Joy's career path with the Bolshoi faced some inevitable hurdles. Not only were there roadblocks from her fellow students, she also met a great deal of resistance from the powers that be.

As much as Tatiyana wanted Joy to dance with the company, there was plenty of opposition as a result of post Cold-War tensions. She wasn't just a foreigner potentially taking a Russian's spot, she was an American. Her promotion, however justified, could have jeopardized Tatiyana's career. Unfortunately, that mistrust and fear is something that might never be resolved in our lifetime.

I always enjoy a good biopic, especially when it's as well made as this one. I thought both Ryder and Kruger turned in amazing performances. Naturally, the soundtrack was filled with beautiful classical music. And as mentioned previously, the cinematography is some of the finest I've seen in a long, long time.

Note to parents: The film is not rated but I'd probably give it a PG-13 for some salty language.

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy and Hoopla. Also on Hula,

Max, and to rent on Apple TV, Amazon Prime and 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.

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

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

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



Tatiyana (Kruger) keeps a close eye on her pupils.



Joy and her partner Nikolay (Oleg Ivenko).



Joy (Ryder) takes the stage.



A dramatic shot of Joy (Ryder).



Tatiyana (Kruger) and Joy (Ryder).

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. EDT today (3 p.m. to 4 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Cancer into Leo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, September 26, 2024: You are tenacious and disciplined. You demand excellence of yourself. This is a year of learning and teaching. Take time to renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies that will give you a better idea of who you are.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
Discussions with family members will be warm and supportive today. Someone might want to confide in you. They might want your help in some way. Or possibly you are the one who wants assistance. Although this conversation might be unexpected, someone will listen. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
Because your imagination is heightened today, you can visualize things and dream up all kinds of possibilities. This is an excellent influence for writers, especially fantasy and sci-fi writers. However, today also holds surprises. Pay attention to everything you say and do to avoid an accident. Tonight: Cocoon.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
Be smart and guard your possessions and money today to avoid loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, you will be tempted to spend money on luxurious, fanciful items. You might discover something new that you never saw before, but you wanted it all your life. Tonight: Discussions.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
This is a restless day for you. Surprising news or unexpected events might catch you off guard. In turn, you might feel impulsive. However, you will also feel concern for those who are suffering in another country. The welfare of children matters to you. Tonight: Check your belongings.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Your sensitivity to other people and different situations is finely tuned today. This is why you might be concerned for the welfare of a family member or anyone who is less fortunate. You might speak up on their behalf or try to call the attention of others to their plight. Tonight: You win!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You feel tenderhearted today, especially toward a friend or a member of a group. If someone needs your help today, you will respond. You also might meet someone who is unusual. Or perhaps someone you know will do something that surprises you. Tonight: Privacy.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
A boss, parent or someone in a position of authority might surprise you today. They might have unexpected news or they might do something you least expect. In turn, you have sympathy for this person. You will help co-workers today if you can. Tonight: Friendships.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today your idealism is aroused, along with your appreciation of beauty. Which means because your senses are so finely tuned, you will enjoy museums, art galleries and

seeing the beautiful creations of others. You also might be attracted to a philosophy or a religion. Tonight: You're admired.

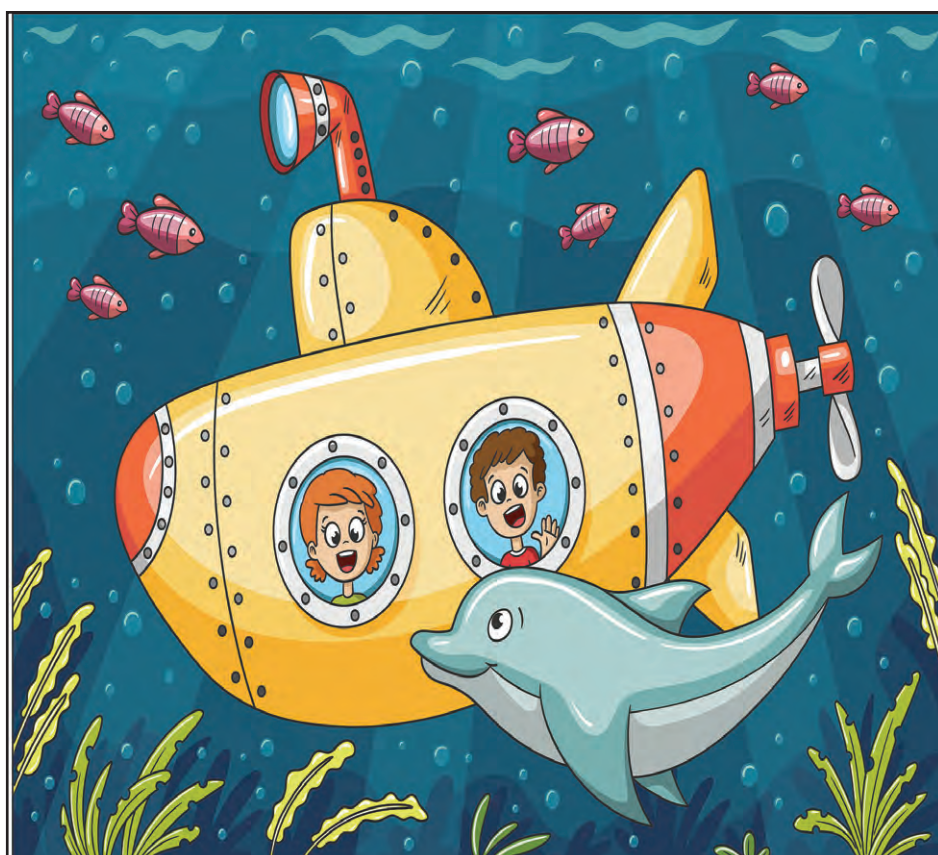
SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Check banking details and anything to do with shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt. Something unexpected could impact these areas. Meanwhile, you might be generous to someone because you feel sympathetic. Generosity is a good thing, but don't give away the farm. Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A partner or close friend might surprise you today. Nevertheless, you will have a meeting of the minds, because it's easy to have a mutually sympathetic understanding with someone. You have a sense that this person has your back and you have theirs. That's reassuring. Tonight: Check your finances.

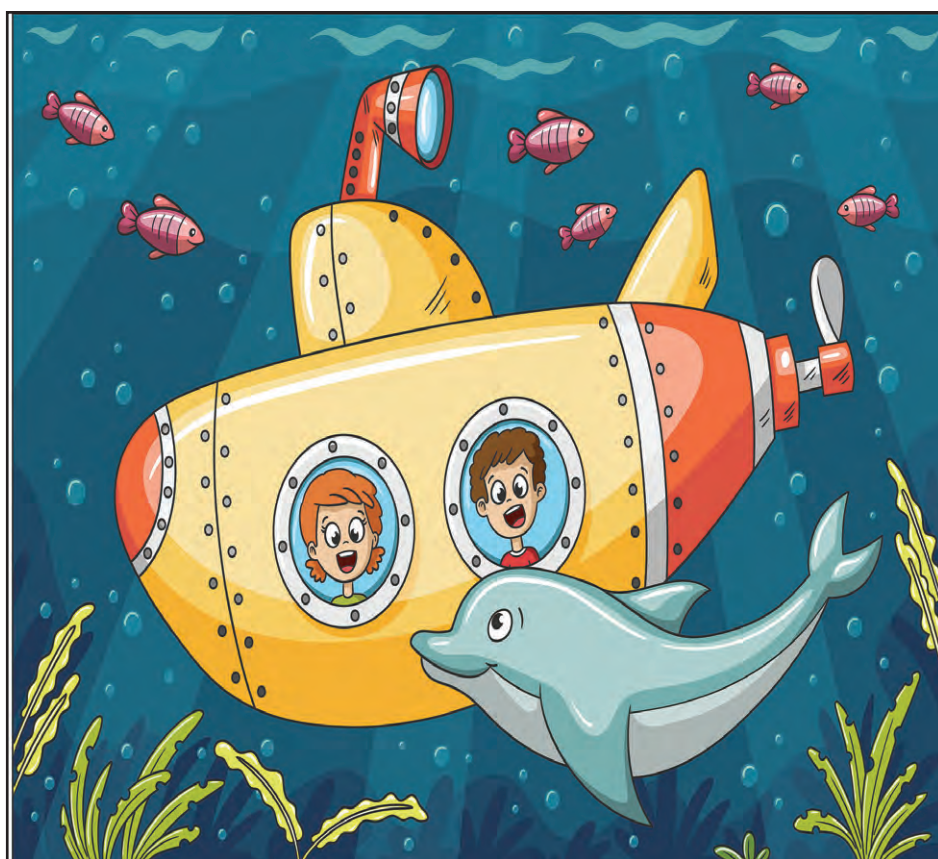
AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your work routine might be interrupted today. Whatever happens, you will feel sympathetic to anyone who needs your help. Possibly, you are the one who needs help from someone. Either way, people are caring and supportive today, which is gratifying. Tonight: Cooperate.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Parents should keep their eyes open today because this is an accident-prone day for their kids. Meanwhile, this is a great day for artists and creative projects. You are in touch with your imagination today. Trust your dreams. Tonight: Play!

BORN TODAY
Tennis champ Serena Williams (1981), actress Zoe Perry (1983), hockey player Henrik Sedin (1980).



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South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 10 6 3
♥ A K 9 8 5
♦ A 3 2
♣ J 6

WEST

♠ 5
♥ 10
♦ K J 8 7 6 4
♣ K Q 10 8 2

EAST

♠ Q J 9 8
♥ Q J 6 3 2
♦ 10
♣ 9 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A K 7 4 2
♥ 7 4
♦ Q 9 5
♣ A 5 3

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠ | 2NT* | 3♥ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 4♠ | |

*at least 5-5 in the minors.

Opening lead — king of clubs.

It might seem that if the number of losers declarer has is added to the number of winners he has, they ought to add up to 13. However, sometimes they don't.

Consider this case where South is in four spades. West leads the king of clubs, which is allowed to hold, and then the queen of clubs, taken by South with the ace.

Declarer counts his likely losers, and they appear to be one club, two diamonds and one or two trump

tricks, so it seems he will go down one or two depending on how the trumps are divided. But South's prospects are actually much better than that.

After winning the second club lead, declarer plays the A-K of trump, learning that the opposing trumps are divided 4-1, which is not surprising in view of West's bid. This development confirms that South has five losers, but it does not necessarily mean that he can't make the contract.

Declarer continues by cashing the A-K of hearts and ruffing a heart. He then proceeds merrily along, trumping a club in dummy, ruffing another heart, leading a diamond to the ace and ruffing dummy's last heart.

The upshot of all this is that South has accumulated 10 tricks consisting of the A-K of spades, A-K of hearts, ace of diamonds and ace of clubs, plus three heart ruffs in his own hand and a club ruff in dummy.

So, despite starting with five losers, South finishes with 10 tricks. The explanation of this anomaly is that, after 11 tricks have been played, South's Q-9 of diamonds simultaneously succumb to West's K-J of diamonds and East's Q-J of trump on the last two tricks. Four of his apparent losers are thus compressed into two actual losers, which allows South to get home safely with his contract.

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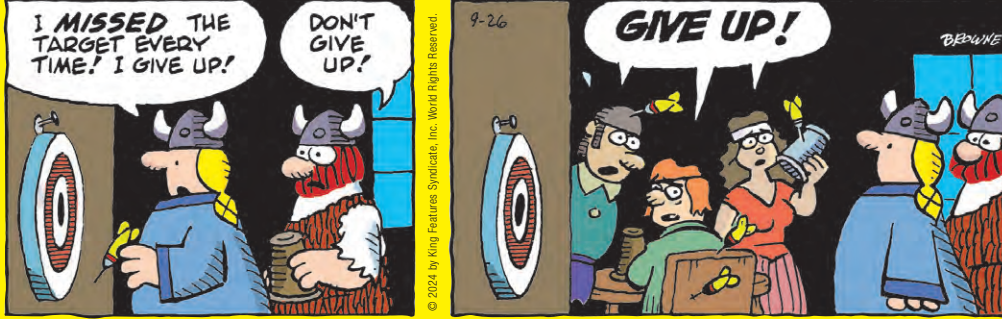
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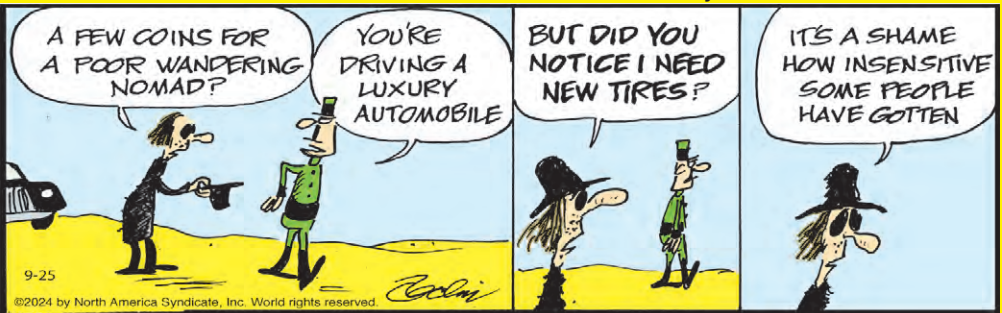
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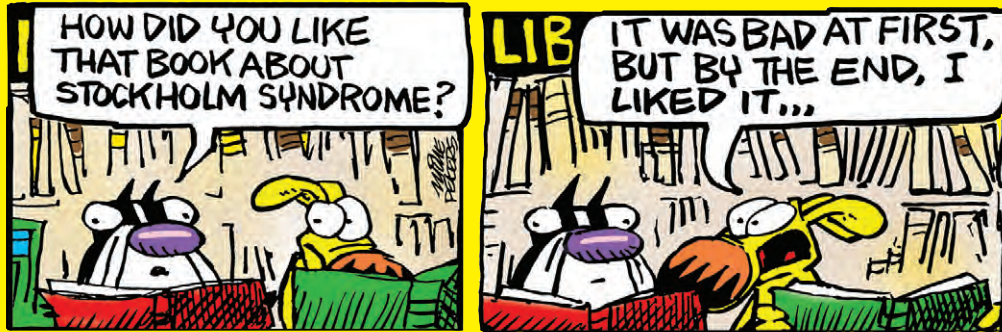
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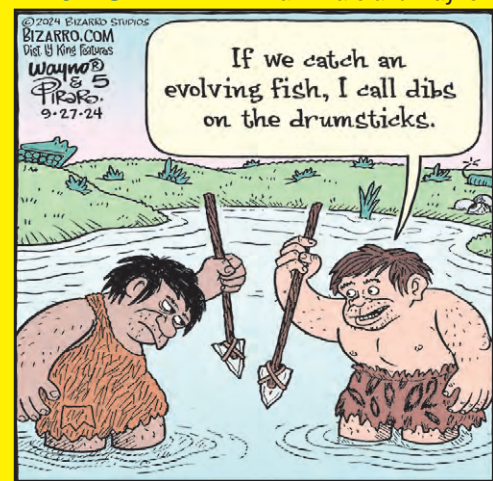
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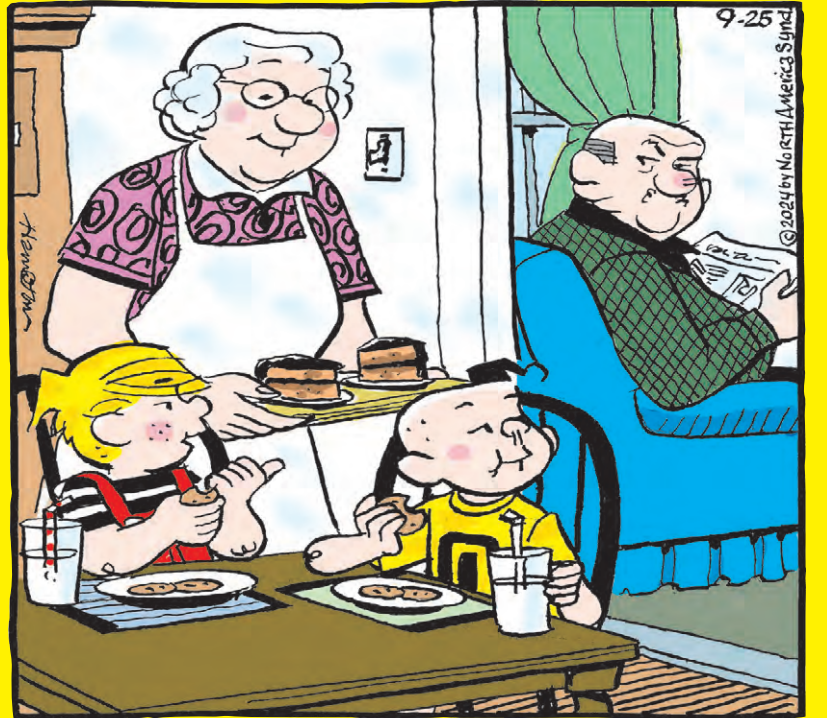
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"MRS. WILSON IS THE BEST. MR. WILSON TOO... JUST NOT AS MUCH."

The Lockhorns

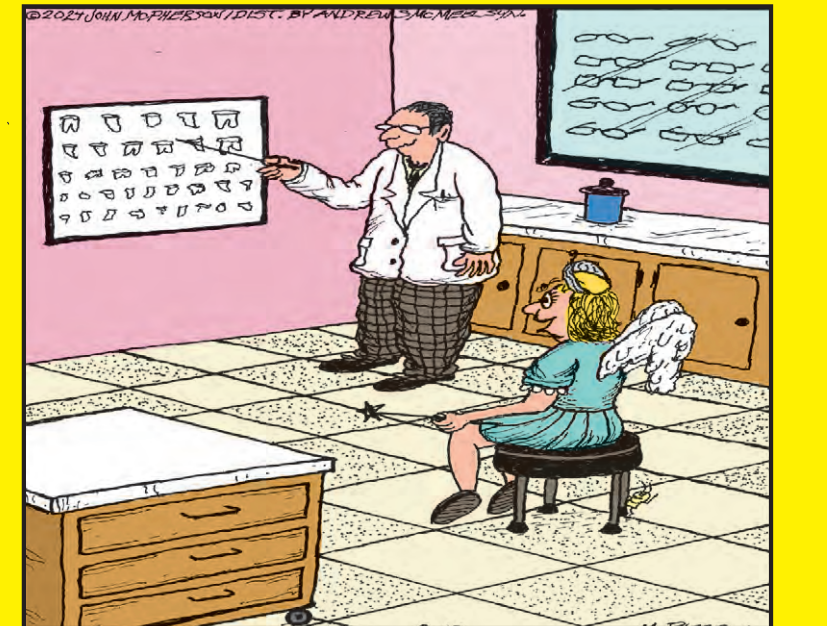
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"LEROY'S UPSET... HE JUST HEARD 'OUR SONG' USED IN A DENTURE COMMERCIAL."

Close To Home

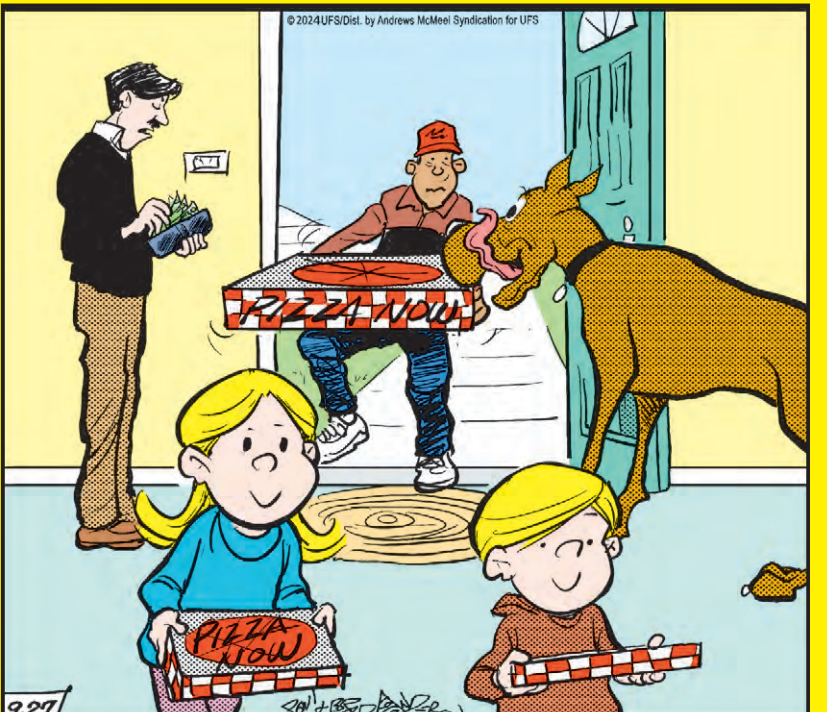
John McPherson



"Bicuspid ... molar ... incisor ... canine ... molar with a filling ... incisor ..."

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"and the super-duper-mega-gigantic supremo goes to the big guy."



The First Seat Belt

The first lap belt that resembles the modern seat belt was a _____ strap used on a U.S. Army airplane in 1910. For the next 25 _____, seat belts were used mostly in airplanes.

In the 1940s, studies showed that injuries in _____ accidents were less when a seat belt was worn. Even so, many people did not choose to _____ up.

The government started passing _____ requiring automakers to put seat belts in all _____ cars. By the 1970s, seat belts were used commonly.

A car accident happens almost every minute. Do you think it is a good idea to buckle up?



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **HAZARD**
The noun **hazard** means danger or risk.

Watch out for **hazards** in play areas.

Try to use the word **hazard** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Safe on the Playground!

Kabir and Aisha want kids in their neighborhood to be safe. They are going to take a look at their local playground, the Hometown Playground, to see if it is a safe place to play.

Yikes! They've found many ways in which their playground is not safe. Use the Hazard Hunt checklist to find the hazards in their playground.



How many things on this page can you find that start with the letter S?

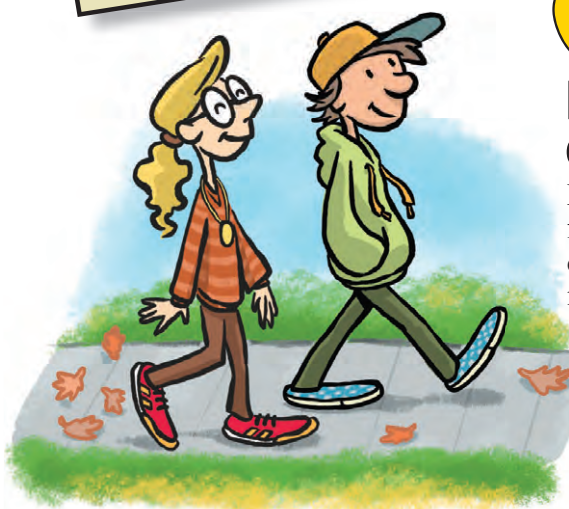
Standards Link: Identify initial graphemes and phonemes.

Standards Link: Follow multiple step directions; recognize safe features of recreational activities; connect information in texts to life experiences.

Hazard Hunt Checklist

Circle each hazard you find on the Hometown Playground.

- Trash on the ground
- Things you could trip over
- Broken parts
- Missing parts
- Splintered wood
- Chipped or peeling paint
- Holes or cracks in plastic
- Sharp corners or edges
- Nails or bolts sticking out
- Open S-hooks or chain links



Dress Safely on Playgrounds

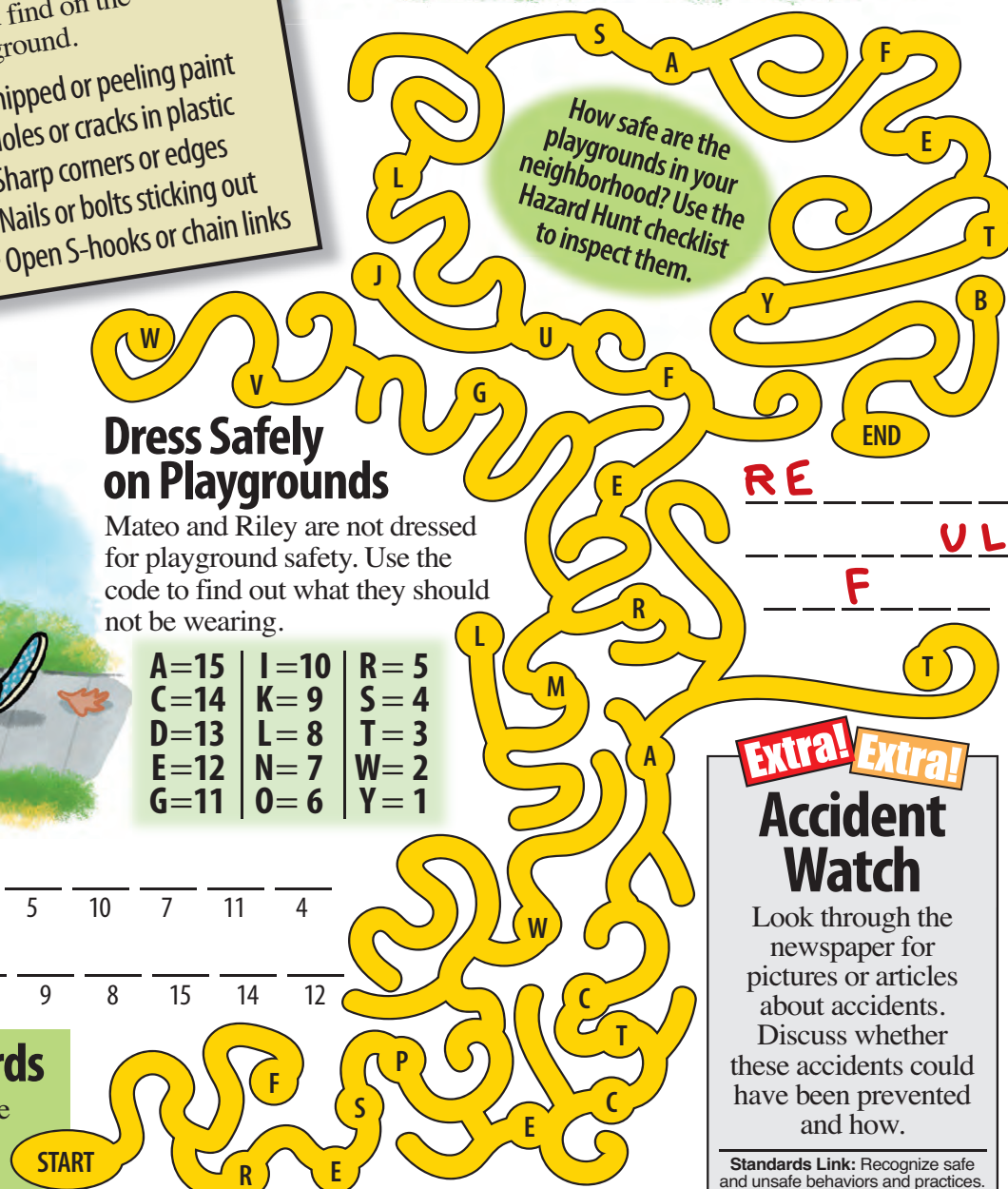
Mateo and Riley are not dressed for playground safety. Use the code to find out what they should not be wearing.

| | | |
|------|------|-----|
| A=15 | I=10 | R=5 |
| C=14 | K=9 | S=4 |
| D=13 | L=8 | T=3 |
| E=12 | N=7 | W=2 |
| G=11 | O=6 | Y=1 |

13 5 15 2 4 3 5 10 7 11 4
15 7 13 7 12 14 9 8 15 14 12

Playground Safety Words

Find three important words along the correct path through this maze that are the keys to a great playground.



How safe are the playgrounds in your neighborhood? Use the Hazard Hunt checklist to inspect them.

Extra! Extra! Accident Watch

Look through the newspaper for pictures or articles about accidents. Discuss whether these accidents could have been prevented and how.

Standards Link: Recognize safe and unsafe behaviors and practices.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What's something you should wear every time you play outside?



Circle every third letter to reveal the answer!

T Y S J F U Y T N V W S E L
C I B R H R E V C E P A N
S

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- BOLTS
- CHAIN
- DRESS
- HAZARD
- INSPECT
- KIDS
- PAINT
- PARTS
- PATH
- PLAYGROUND
- SAFETY
- SHARP
- TRIP
- WEAR
- WOOD

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

W O O D N I A H C E
D N U O R G Y A L P
P A T H O K T Z H D
F E J C S I E A S R
P S Z V E H F R T E
I A T K W P A D R S
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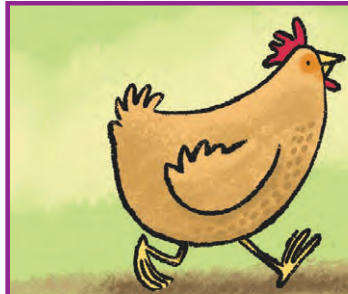
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Norsemen rout Sterling Heights, get much-needed win on homecoming

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The 2024 season had been a bit of tough sledding so far for the Grosse Pointe North varsity football team heading into its homecoming game Friday, Sept. 20. The Norsemen entered the game 0-3 through their first three games. They hosted Sterling Heights, another winless team, and the Norsemen took advantage of an opportunity to win by taking down the Stallions 42-0.

“Our goal was to try and get everything perfected,” North football head coach Joe Drouin said. “We wanted to run what we had. We didn’t install anything new. We didn’t change things around too much. We just wanted to go in and make sure the plays we ran we knew we were running.”

The Norsemen took the lead last Friday night before most fans in the large homecoming crowd had even found their seats. North received the opening

kickoff and Ethan Hamilton took the return to the end zone to give his team a 7-0 lead just 10 seconds into the game. The Norsemen then made it a two-possession game before taking a snap on offense, as the defense forced Sterling Heights to punt on its first drive, with Leo Perettie returning the punt for a touchdown.

Already up 14-0, North continued to add to the scoreboard before the opening quarter was finished. Jacob Sahadi con-

nected with Philip Prost in the end zone for his first touchdown pass of the evening to make it 21-0 in favor of the Norsemen after just 12 minutes.

Sahadi tossed his second touchdown of the night early in the second quarter, this time caught by Perettie as the Norsemen continued to build on the lead. Caleb Rivera added a rushing touchdown to North’s dominant first half to help send the game into halftime firmly in the Norsemen’s favor, 35-0.

The only movement on the scoreboard in the second half came in the third quarter when Deon



North senior Leo Perettie had a big night with a punt return for a touchdown and a receiving touchdown in the team’s win over Sterling Heights last Friday, Sept. 20.

Doe rushed for a touchdown to

put North ahead 42-0. Sterling Heights did receive a kickoff that it returned for a touchdown, but the play was called back due to a penalty. North’s defense held strong in the second half and preserved the shut-out.

Last Friday’s victory marked the first of the

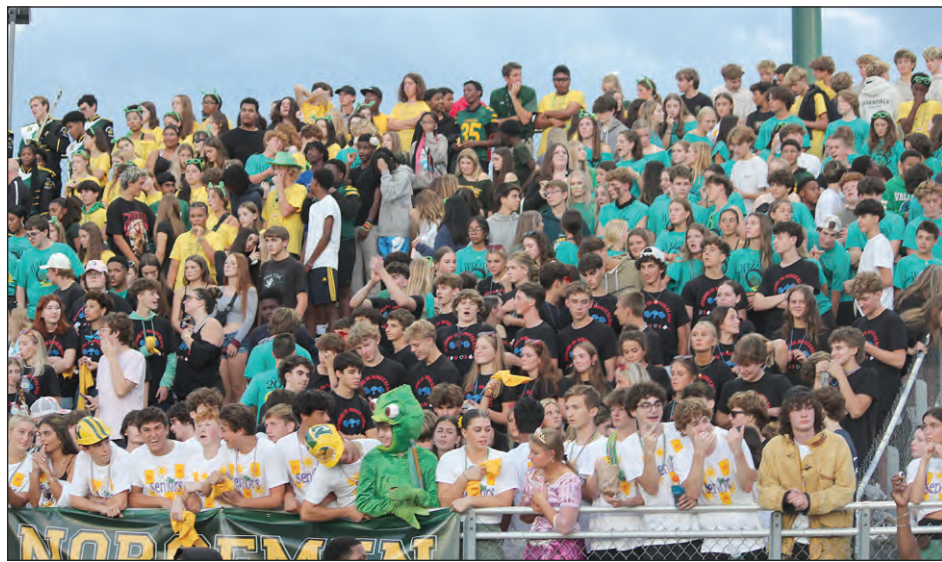
1-1 in MAC Gold Division play.

Up next for North is another MAC Gold Division game against Warren Woods-Tower.

The Titans also enter the matchup with a 1-3 record. While the Norsemen cannot look too far into the future, they still know they control their own destiny when it comes to contending for the playoffs. Another league win in Week 5 can bring them closer to that goal.

“If we can take care of the Gold, we have a good shot at making the playoffs,” Drouin said. “... We just want to run the Gold and still get that championship. ... We can’t look at it as a trap game. Woods-Tower is a bit down from where they’ve been in the past, so it’s another chance for us to work on things and make sure we’re in a good situation for the rest of the season.”

Kickoff between the Norsemen and Titans is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Warren Woods-Tower High School.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

The Norsemen Tide student section showed up in full force for homecoming night as North took on Sterling Heights.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Knights’ Harthorn shows leadership, tenacity on and off the field

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

University Liggett School senior Bobby Harthorn has been a

standout athlete in multiple sports most of his life, but truly is embracing the role of a leader this year. This fall, Harthorn is playing his

final season with the Knights’ varsity boys soccer team, a team he has been a part of his entire high school career, but now with the added honor of being a senior captain.

“It’s been a new challenge to be one of the vocal leaders on the team,” he said. “I’ve had playing time in the past, but I’m still adjusting to having that role. ... Me, Alex (Wysocki) and Caden (Martin) have been playing travel soccer since we were about 11 years old, so we’ve known each other for a very long time and I think that helps a lot with communication.”

Harthorn has been playing soccer since he was around 4 years old. A couple of years later, he started playing basketball, getting involved in both sports after being inspired by his older brother. When he started high school, he also started playing

lacrosse and now is a varsity athlete in all three sports for Liggett.

When it comes to soccer, Harthorn is the Knights’ leader in the midfield and has done an exceptional job in his role so far this season. Through Liggett’s first 11 games of 2024, he has tallied seven goals and six assists.

Liggett has a record of 8-1-2 through those first 11 games, with Harthorn playing a key role on both sides of the ball. He

and playing whatever

style is needed to help the team win has made him one of the most impactful leaders Liggett has.

“Coach (David) Dwyer gives me the freedom to play however I feel is right based

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University Liggett senior Bobby Harthorn has been a part of the Knights’ varsity boys soccer team in all four years of his high school career.

The Best of Bobby

- Has 7 goals and 6 assists through 11 games for ULS varsity boys soccer
- Named a senior captain for ULS varsity boys soccer in 2024
- Varsity athlete in soccer, basketball and lacrosse

enjoys contributing on offense with goals and assists, but also knows how to defend when needed. Perhaps being wherever he needs to be

on the situation,” Harthorn said. “Whether that’s dropping back on defense or playing more like a second striker is how I think about it. Just

whatever our team needs in the moment.”

Harthorn is a selfless teammate — it shows in the amount of assists he has this soccer season — and his focus is on doing what is best for the team. The goals he had in mind coming into his senior season were about what the team can accomplish, not just him individually, and what he can do to help get them there.

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South soccer continues strong September

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Heading into its game against Fraser Wednesday, Sept. 18, the Grosse Pointe South varsity boys soccer team may have started to forget what losing feels like. The team's last loss

came Sept. 3, to Royal Oak. The Blue Devils now have five wins and one draw in six games since, including their 6-1 victory over the Ramblers on the road last Wednesday.

"The guys are playing really well right now," South boys soccer coach

Chris Bolio said. "They were able to take that Royal Oak game and really flip the page after a rough loss. I'm proud of the group already, but we still have work to do."

Senior Onction Zape started the scoring early last Wednesday to give



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

South senior Onction Zape starts his run to the ball on a penalty kick attempt in the second half against Fraser. Zape finished the game with a hat trick in a 6-1 victory for the Blue Devils.



Joshua Bowman for South races against a Fraser defender for a loose ball along the sidelines.

South an advantage. In the 15th minute, Joseph Reid added to that advantage by finding the back of the net and making it 2-0 Blue Devils. Fraser finally got on the board in the 36th minute to make it a one-goal game once again, with the score favoring South 2-1 going into halftime.

While Fraser's goal late in the first half made it seem like the game could be set up for a close finish, South put any ideas of that to bed quickly after halftime. The Blue Devils were awarded a penalty kick in the 48th minute, which was converted successfully by Zape to

make it 3-1.

Zape's penalty kick opened the doors for South to fully take control of the game in the second half. Joshua Bowman made it a three-goal lead for the Blue Devils in the 51st minute and Zape completed his hat trick a couple minutes later.

"Onction is absolutely our biggest threat offensively," Bolio said. "With him being a senior this year, he's started to handle the slumps a little bit better. It's weird saying slump, because he averages better than a goal per game, but at times he's struggled one-on-one with keepers. At Fraser,

he missed a breakaway. I pulled him off to chat with him and he dug deep and proceeded to go out and bury the next two opportunities."

A final goal by Jonah Bukovec finished off the 6-1 win for South. The win marked a fourth victory in MAC White Division play for the Blue Devils, who currently sit atop the standings.

The Blue Devils earned a win at home on Monday, Sept. 23, beating Ford II 1-0. Zape scored the lone goal for the Blue Devils in the win. South is back at home Monday, Sept. 30, hosting Warren Cousino at 7:30 p.m.

Blue Devils run to dominance at Monroe Jefferson Invitational

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The boys and girls varsity cross-country teams from Grosse Pointe South have looked nearly unstoppable so far this fall and they continued that trend last week. Both Blue Devil teams traveled to Sterling State Park Saturday, Sept. 21, to race in the 40th annual Monroe Jefferson Invitational, and both the boys and girls teams both emerged in first place in their respective divisions.

South's girls team took first place in the girls Division 1 race while having six runners finish in the top 10. Three of

those runners were Sarah Koval, Adelina Parikh and Paige Garbo, who finished the race in second, third and fourth place, respectively.

"These three set a strong, early tone in the race and never let up," South girls cross-country head coach Steve Zaranek said. "Their race consistency continues to set a high level of expectation for all our girls."

Senior Chloe Caulfield finished in seventh place for South. Sophomores Morgan Costello and Calisse Budek rounded out the top 10 in ninth and 10th place. The Blue Devils had a couple more runners finish just outside the top 10, with Erin

Korsak earning 13th place and Rylee Piornack finishing 15th. Viviana Ostrowski rounded out the group of South's varsity runners making the top 25 in 23rd place, helping the Blue Devils finish the day with every varsity runner earning a medal.

The boys team for South also had a banner day, finishing first in the boys Division 1 race. Senior Jack Martin earned first place overall in a stacked field of runners and was one of four Blue Devils to finish inside the top 10.

Those other top-10 finishers included Tethyan McKenzie, who finished fourth, and Edmund Shall in seventh place.



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The Blue Devils' boys cross country team stands proudly after its first-place finish in the Monroe Jefferson Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 21. South finished first in the team standings in Division 1 while senior Jack Martin also took first place overall in the race.

Fellow senior Josh Sonnenberg also made the top 10 with an eighth-place finish.

All of South's runners made it into the top 25 and earned medals. Freshman Everett Wood finished 13th, while

senior Ian Bowman was 17th. Rounding out the field for South was freshman Liam Gilmour in 24th place.

South's boys and girls teams both raced in the second MAC White Jamboree of the season

after press time Tuesday, Sept. 24. The runners will be in action again Saturday, Sept. 28, participating in the Grosse Pointe South Athletic Booster Club's annual Run the Pointe fundraiser.

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South's varsity girls cross country runners receive their trophy after finishing first in the Division 1 race at the Monroe Jefferson Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 21.

South football cruises to another victory over Lancers

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

If the mantra that defense wins championships is true, then the Grosse Pointe South varsity football team might need to make some room in the school's trophy case. One of the championships the Blue Devils have their eyes on is another MAC White Division title and their case for that was helped Friday, Sept. 20, with a 33-0 win on the road over L'Anse Creuse.

"This game was fun," South football head coach Chad Hepner said. "We love getting the shutout and getting that goose egg. In addition to the starters shutting them down, I was proud of some of the backups who came in in the second half and were still able to keep L'Anse Creuse out of the end zone. It was a really good day for our offense as a whole."

South's defense came up big early on, with an interception by Josh

Lemanski in L'Anse Creuse territory, setting the Blue Devils up with great field position to strike first. The Blue Devils capitalized immediately, with Jack Lupo throwing his first of three touchdown passes of the day and connecting with Vince Vachon in the end zone to make it 6-0.

The Blue Devils built on the lead later in the first quarter with Sam Rouleau catching a quick touch-pass from Lupo on a sweep motion and taking it 40 yards to the end zone. Up 12-0, South struck again early in the second quarter with Lupo hitting James Michelotti on a 38-yard touchdown pass.

The first-half frenzy for South was not over yet. Lex Willson forced his way into the end zone later in the second quarter to make it 26-0 for the Blue Devils. A Rouleau quarterback sneak into the end zone before halftime capped off the scoring, with the scoreboard at 33-0 at halftime and later to end the game.

Willson had 20 yards on three carries, including the touchdown, while also leading South's defense with 13 tackles and a forced fumble. Lemanski had his interception and 10 tackles, while Charlie Michelotti also came up with an interception as well.

Lupo completed 13 of 16 passing attempts for 200 yards with three touchdowns. James Michelotti was the leading receiver in the game with 68 yards on three catches, while Rouleau led things on the ground with 64 yards.

Up next for South is a matchup that could likely decide who emerges as champion of the MAC White Division this season. The Blue Devils host Roseville in Week 5, a team they beat in the regular season last year but lost to in the postseason, making the upcoming matchup with the Panthers one that South's players and fans have been highly anticipating.

"A lot of people had



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The Blue Devils players and coaches gather to celebrate another win in the 2024 season, defeating L'Anse Creuse 33-0 on Friday, Sept. 20.

this one circled on their calendars," Hepner said. "... This is one that we know is going to take our best effort. We have our routine in practice and that won't change too much. I do expect the

intensity level to be picked up in practice this week. ... We know they're going to be big and strong up front and have a lot of speed at the skill positions. We know it's going to be physical

and we know we just have to pay attention to detail."

South's kickoff against Roseville is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Knights handle Cranbrook 30-14, get second straight win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A shutout loss to Detroit Country Day two weeks ago might be starting to feel like a distant memory for the University Liggett School varsity football team. The Knights bounced back from that loss by dismantling Hamtramck and continued rolling Friday, Sept. 20, with a 30-14 win at home over Cranbrook.

Liggett took the lead first when Gary Stacy got the first of his three rushing touchdowns of the day. That came with just over four minutes to go in the opening quarter, giving Liggett a 7-0 lead.

"It's like the San Francisco 49ers missing (Christian) McCaffrey," University Liggett football head coach Andre Rison said about Stacy's

return to the lineup after being sidelined due to injury. "...If you take him out of it, because he does so much and is so dynamic and can move the chains and also can hit a home run on any given play, that's what you miss when you don't have a guy like him."

Cranbrook was quick to answer Stacy's first touchdown. The Cranes returned the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown to tie the game at 7-7.

The Knights managed to take back the lead before the first quarter was over when Stacy again found the end zone from 25 yards out. The only points of the second quarter came on an 11-yard rush by quarterback Nikkos Davis for Liggett, making it 21-7 in favor of the Knights going into halftime.

Liggett built on its lead

in the third quarter, with Stacy getting his third and final touchdown run. In the final minute of the quarter, Alex Gould nailed a field goal for the Knights to put them ahead 30-7 going into the final quarter.

Cranbrook's only offensive touchdown came in the final minute of the game when it was too little and too late. The Cranes found the end zone with just over 30 seconds to go on the clock, but the Knights had the win well in hand by then.

"Communication, trust and having fun and being relentless," Rison said about what has helped the team's defense perform at a high level in recent games. "You're going to get knocked down, but it's about how fast you get up and get going again...What they

have to be is football players and believing in one another and trusting in one another."

The victory helped

Liggett improve to 3-1 this fall. After one game at home, the Knights go on the road again in Week 5 for another

Catholic League showdown. Liggett visits Lutheran North Friday, Sept. 27, with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.



Senior running back Gary Stacy powers through a Cranbrook tackler. Stacy had three rushing touchdowns for the Knights in the victory.



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After a shutout win over Hamtramck in Week 3, Liggett's defense allowed the Cranbrook offense to score only a single touchdown in its Week 4 victory on Friday, Sept. 20.

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“The goal (for soccer) is always to win the state championship and we’re going to give it our best,” he said. “For basketball, I think the Catholic League championship is in reach for us this year. ... Also in lacrosse, I think the Catholic League is a big goal. I need to work on my jump shot and for lacrosse I’m really working on my offensive ability.”

With the regular season just past the halfway point, Harthorn is cherishing

every chance he gets to play and practice with the teammates he has helped lead. He still has his senior seasons of basketball and lacrosse coming up in the winter and spring and hopes to have just as much of an impact in those sports as he has on the soccer pitch.

Dwaihy has been one of Harthorn’s biggest supporters and mentors over the years as his varsity soccer coach. Not only does Harthorn’s performance on the field speak for itself, but his growth as a leader over the years gave Dwaihy and the fel-

low Liggett players the confidence to elect Harthorn as a captain. The result has been some of the best team chemistry and leadership the Knights have seen.

“He’s been an incredible leader on and off the field and has had a profound impact on what I would consider an extremely healthy locker room,” Dwaihy said. “He leads by example with his unrelenting work ethic and willingness to play with courage on both sides of the ball, and he has been instrumental in our on-field success.”



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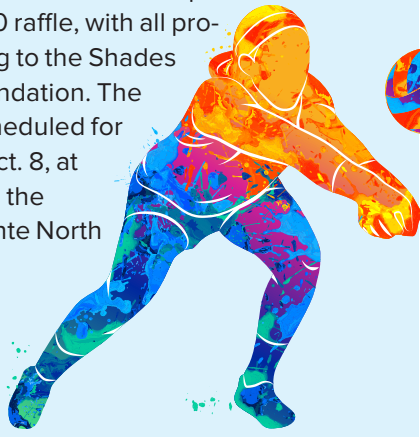
Along with being a senior captain of Liggett’s boys soccer team, Harthorn is also a member of the varsity boys basketball and lacrosse squads for the Knights.

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SOUTH GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

The Grosse Pointe South varsity girls swim and dive team dominated in a dual meet against Dakota last Tuesday, Sept. 17, winning 138-48. Top swimmers for South included Mischa Eng, who took first place in four different events including the 100 free and 200 IM, and Caroline Bryan who also earned four first-place finishes.



LIGGETT FIELD HOCKEY

University Liggett School varsity field hockey earned a 3-0 victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills at home last Friday, Sept. 20. The Knights were led by Ally Orlick, who scored twice, with Avery Welsh adding the third goal and goalie Elizabeth Dickey earning the shutout in net. Liggett visits Detroit Country Day on Thursday, Sept. 26, for a game starting at 6 p.m.



SOUTH GIRLS GOLF

Grosse Pointe South girls golf earned a big MAC Red Division win over Stevenson last Friday, Sept. 20, at Lochmoor Club. The Blue Devils won the match 186-247. Junior Lyla Hampton led the way for South, shooting 43 in the nine-hole match. Senior Murphy Russell finished at 45 and fellow senior Tenley Stiery had 47.



South was in action again on Monday, Sept. 23, finishing in eighth out of 20 teams at the Dow Invitational at Midland Country Club.

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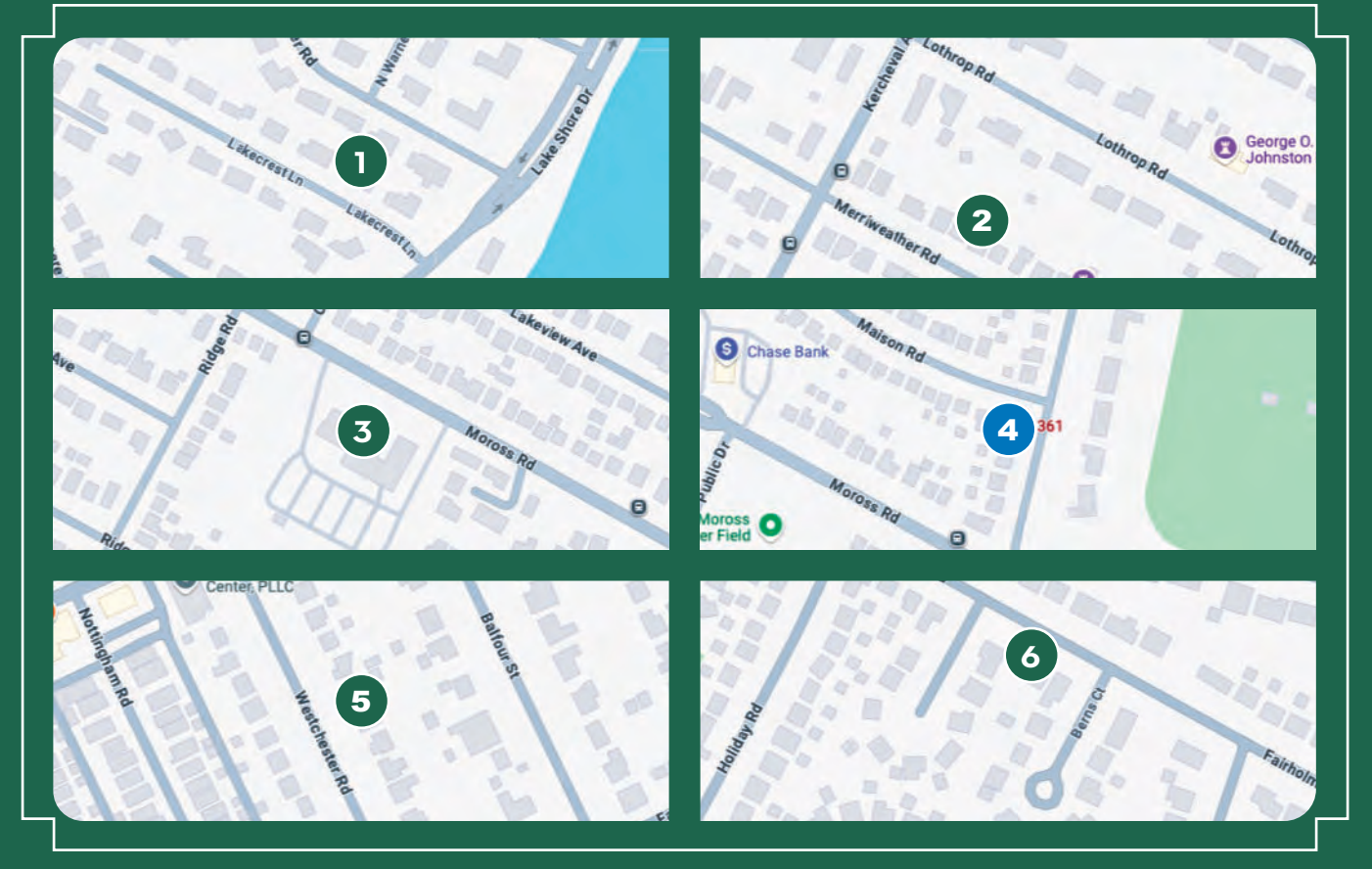
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Johnson's pick-six helps Michigan secure thrilling win over Trojans

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University of Michigan facing the University of Southern California in football is usually an idea that inspires thoughts of New Year's Day and the Rose Bowl game. However, on Saturday, Sept. 21, the Wolverines and Trojans went head-to-head in Ann Arbor for their first non-Rose Bowl showdown since 1958, and USC's first conference game as a member of the Big Ten. The ensuing game was a cold welcome to the conference for the Trojans, who seemed to be out-muscled when it meant the most as Michigan escaped with a 27-24 victory in the final moments.

"It was insane. It was fun," Michigan head coach Sherrone Moore said after the win. "... The best thing about our team is we have a team. Whether you run it or throw it ... we won and we beat a good team, so



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Will Johnson steps into the end zone for a touchdown after intercepting USC QB Miller Moss.

for us that's what it's all about." The game came down to what Michigan does best, running the foot-

ball, winning battles in the trenches and playing tough defense. The Wolverines amassed 290 yards on the ground last

Saturday compared to just 32 passing yards in the entire game.

One hundred fifty-nine of those 290 rushing yards came on 17 carries by Kalel Mullings, the game's breakout star. He put the first points on the board late in the first quarter with a 53-yard touchdown run to give the Wolverines a 7-0 lead.

Another big run of 41 yards to the end zone by Donovan Edwards in the second quarter put Michigan in front by two touchdowns. The Trojans only managed a field goal in the first half, making the game 14-3 Michigan going into halftime.

USC began to take control in the second half after a quiet first half on offense. The Trojans pulled closer with a methodical, 12-play drive to open the third quarter that was capped off with a touchdown pass from Miller Moss to Duce Robinson, making the deficit just four points.

However, momentum shifted again later in the third quarter and it was a Grosse Pointer who made it happen. Michigan junior defensive back and former Grosse Pointe South

Blue Devil Will Johnson intercepted Moss and returned it 42 yards to the end zone for a pick-six that put the Wolverines back up by double digits at 20-10.

"All I saw was Will like a missile shooting to pick it off and then he was gone," Moore said after the game about Johnson's big play. "He's an incredible player. He's the same every day and works his tail off and wants to be the best. He just did what he did and it partly won us the game, so I'm very proud of him."

The play was Johnson's second interception return for a touchdown of the season and third of his career, making him Michigan's all-time leader in the category. Johnson later left the game due to an injury, but Moore stated after the game the team does not expect it to be anything serious and Johnson returned to Michigan's sideline and could have played if needed.

The pick-six seemed to put the momentum firmly in the Wolverines' favor, but USC was determined to flip things around again. With the Trojans driving down the field, Michigan was able to force a fumble recovered by Kenneth Grant, but the ball was stripped from Grant by USC's Woody Marks to give the ball back to the

Trojans. Just two plays later, Moss found receiver Jay Fair wide open in the end zone to make it a one-score game again.

Trailing 20-17 in the fourth quarter, USC capitalized on another turnover. Michigan fumbled in its own territory and the Trojans took advantage and took the lead on Moss' third touchdown pass of the day, with the catch by Ja'Kobi Lane putting USC up 24-20.

Michigan's methodical play came up big when it was needed the most. The Wolverines took over for their final drive with just over four minutes remaining and needed a 63-yard rush by Mullings on third down to really break things open.

Mullings had his name called in four of the next five plays in USC territory, including the one that sealed the victory for the Wolverines. On fourth down and goal on the two-yard line, Mullings muscled his way into the end zone for the game-winning score, as the Trojans were unable to mount a comeback in the final 37 seconds.

The win helped the Wolverines improve to 3-1 so far this season and 1-0 in Big Ten play. However, there still seems to be some questions surrounding the team, mainly when it comes to the offense.

Junior Alex Orji started the game at quarterback and completed seven of his 12 passing attempts for 32 yards. He did not throw any touchdowns, but did not throw any interceptions either. While many think Michigan's quarterback play could be improved, there is still the attitude that nobody should ever apologize for winning.

"If we threw for a million yards and lost, I'd be sitting here crying," Orji said.

It is likely that Orji will be the starter again in Week 5, when Michigan hosts one of its oldest rivals. The Wolverines welcome Minnesota to the Big House Saturday, Sept. 28, as the teams battle for the Little Brown Jug trophy. Kickoff is scheduled for noon with the game broadcast on Fox.

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Mayor Pro tem Regina Williams

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) to excuse Mayor Pro tem Williams from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 4, 2024 and the Special City Council meeting held on August 19, 2024, and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission meetings held on April 22, 2024 and May 20, 2024.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 130788 through 130859 in the amount of \$513,577.78 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$33,953.75 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of August 2024. (3) approve payment to Core and Main in the amount of \$6,040.66 for the purchase of water main and water system repair parts. (4) approve the request to repair the leaf-vac machine and purchase a new engine from Monster Power in the amount of \$8,979.41. (5) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$46,800.39 for professional services during the month of September 2024 for the following projects: Temp Water Operator, #180-303; Pavement Striping, #180-342; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-338; Miss Digs, #180-255; Comcast, #180-353; Joint/Crack Seal, #180-341; CDBG Sidewalk, #180-350; Harper VanAntwerp Dev. #180-313; 20330 Harper Marijuana App, #180-336; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-337; DWSD Sewage Dischg #180-347; San. Sewer Cleaning, #180-340; DWRP Lead Water Repl. #180-331; Emerg. Water/Sewer Rep, #180-351; MDOT Stormwater Pump #180-326; Vernier Water Main, #180-308; Beaconsfield Resurf, #180-253; Eastland Commerce Ctr, #180-244; Mr. C's ROW, #180-352; Salter Park Comm Ctr, #180-348 and Distrib. System Material, #180-357.
- 2) to adopt the attached resolution approving the request from Robertson Brothers Homes to vacate a public road easement, adjacent to 20655 and 20642 Lennon.
- 3) to accept the low bid submitted by Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC of Waterford, MI in the amount of \$259,970.00 for the 2024 CDBG Sidewalk Replacement Program.
- 4) to approve payment to Michigan Joint Sealing in the amount of \$8,988.00 for the crack sealing of Beaconsfield from Kingsville to Woodland..

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Published: GPN, September 26, 2024

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Traffic Safety Section

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