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Shores pool price tag \$11 million

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A new pool and community center could cost close to \$11 million according to initial plans at which city council got a first look during its September meeting.

"This is our first time getting this kind of detail so we have a lot of information to process," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said.

The impetus for the project is a gift of \$1.2 million the city received last year from the estate of a former resident. Carole Ann Williams passed away in May 2023 at age 84. She was a graduate of Grosse Pointe University School

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Fewer teachers leaving GPPSS

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTE — The number of teachers who have left the Grosse Pointe Public School System for reasons other than retirement has declined 35 percent compared to the year before the current board of education was seated.

"There has been some talk that we lose a lot of teachers in Grosse Pointe," Superintendent

Andrea Tuttle said while giving an update on the numbers at last month's board meeting.

During the 2021-22 school year, 55 teachers left the district for non-retirement reasons. That fell to 52 in 2022-23 and 36 last year (see chart, right).

"All this rhetoric we've heard of teachers bailing, this tells a different story," Vice President Ahmed Ismail said.

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Number of Teachers Leaving GPPSS

Year	Non-retirement reasons	Retirement	Total
2019-2020	9	29	38
2020-2021	14	23	37
2021-2022	55	28	83
2022-2023	52	18	70
2023-2024	36	23	59



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Letting go with love

Gregg and Brittany Russell, residents of Cloverly Road in Grosse Pointe Farms, recently — and reluctantly — bid farewell to their more than 100-year-old silver maple. "But she left us a final message of love we will carry with us," Gregg Russell noted.

Absentee voting begins on senior services millage proposal

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE AND HARPER WOODS — Absentee ballots for the November election beginning late last week were sent to Michigan voters who opted in.

In the Pointes, there are a number of local issues on the ballot, including the school board race, sinking fund millage and first-time proposal of a senior services millage.

The six-year, 0.35-mill levy proposal for senior services would bring in around \$1.3 million annually, if passed by all five Pointes and Harper Woods. It also is required to pass in four of the six

communities for it to take effect.

The millage would impact the average taxpayer to the tune of:

- ◆ \$16 annually in Harper Woods,
- ◆ \$42 annually in Grosse Pointe Woods,
- ◆ \$64.70 annually in the City of Grosse Pointe,
- ◆ \$65 annually in Grosse Pointe Park,
- ◆ \$82 annually in Grosse Pointe Farms
- ◆ and \$126 annually in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Though The Helm at the Boll Life Center brought forward the millage proposal and is the local provider of senior-focused socialization programs, evidence-

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Woods could sell vacant property

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council took the first steps toward selling unused land at its meeting Monday, Sept. 16, including one spot that could lead to new construction.

Council approved spending \$15,600 to have both spots surveyed, then will examine that

information before deciding next steps.

The more lucrative of the two is located on Sunningdale Park between Sunningdale and Lochmoor.

According to a memo from City Administrator Frank Schulte to council, the space previously was a dirt road the city abandoned in 1975 due to maintenance issues and the

unwillingness of surrounding residents to pay a special assessment to pave it.

McKenna Associates, the city's planning consultants, proposed a plan to subdivide the area into three buildable lots. One parcel each would face Sunningdale and Lochmoor, respectively, with the middle lot facing Sunningdale Park.

Eric Dunlap, the city's assessor, estimates each parcel could be worth up to \$250,000. City Attorney Deb Walling suggested the parcels be sold via a bid process with the contingent each buyer must build a home on their respective lot within two years.

Dunlap said based on the surrounding home values, houses built there would be in the price range of \$750,000 to \$1 million, with each netting the city about

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based programming around fitness and wellness, and public health essential services such as Meals on Wheels, Medicare assistance, medical escorts and medical equipment lending, it is not the guaranteed receiver of any senior millage funds.

The millage language notes the levy would be funneled through an Active Adult Commission, made up of one designee per city and an additional at-large member, like the structure of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board. The commission would serve as the policy-making body and have the power to direct funds to senior services elsewhere, if it so chose.

"We collect the money and contract The Helm to provide services through this governing board, which is a governmental entity," City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted when council approved the ballot language in June. "... Once that tax is passed, if it is, we're not required to contract with The Helm to provide those services. If we don't like what they're doing, we can contract with anybody. ... It doesn't make sense to go out and look for a different provider, but that's how it works."

"It's not The Helm millage," Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall said. "... We don't even know that we're going to get all this money. We're advocating for senior ser-

vices. We also are the experts, we feel, in the community at providing the senior services. We're the only one around doing all of these essential services. But, again, I believe in this 100 percent, so if there's another organization that's doing senior services and wants to come forth, then fine."

A telephone poll of 400 registered voters in the Pointes and Harper Woods by market researcher Epic/MRA last September, found 60 percent of respondents would support a 10-year, 0.5-mill senior services millage. Upon input from the city administrations and councils, the official ballot language settled at a six-year, 0.35-mill levy.

"To me this is tyranny by majority," said Dick Schroeder, a senior and Park resident in opposition of the millage. "... Just the idea that this can be thrust on us by a majority to force us to donate to a nonprofit, that's key. I'm not preventing the 60 percent from writing a check, but they're forcing me, a guy who's on a fixed income now."

The Helm is seeking the millage to expand its offerings, but also to ensure a revenue stream as it anticipates a growing aging population and faces decreasing philanthropy trends.

"Eighty percent of our budget is from sources we can't control," Siddall said. "People say, 'Keep doing what you're doing.' And I keep saying, 'That's OK, but you can't control grants, you can't control foundations, you can't

control philanthropy.' ... Philanthropy as a whole has dropped since 2020, about 2 percent a year, and we don't know what philanthropy's going to look like in five years. So I need to say, how do I protect the organization? How do I protect our seniors in the community by having some income that I know is coming in to pay for these services?"

In 10 years, 25 percent of residents in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods are set to be 65 or older, according to projections by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Currently, according to 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, as reported by the United States Census Bureau:

- ◆ 13.8 percent of Harper Woods residents are 65 and older,

- ◆ 18 percent of Park residents are 65 and older,

- ◆ 20.6 percent of Woods residents are 65 and older,

- ◆ 23.7 percent of Farms residents are 65 and older,

- ◆ 23.9 percent of City residents are 65 and older,

- ◆ and 28.8 percent of Shores residents are 65 and older.

"Taxes generally are for the broad benefit of the community," Park resident David Boll — of no relation to the Boll family after which The Helm is named — said in opposition. "As soon as you start getting into niche beneficiaries, where does it end? ...

You're burdening the entire community for a niche beneficiary."

In 2023, The Helm served 97 Shores residents, 264 City residents, 309 Harper Woods residents, 353 Park residents, 357 Farms residents and 579 Grosse Pointe Woods residents.

Its membership in the same year was made up of 26 Shores residents, 91 City residents, 29 Harper Woods residents, 95 Park residents, 181 Farms residents and 133 Grosse Pointe Woods residents.

If approved by the Active Adult Commission, The Helm intends to use the millage funds to cover essential services it currently provides — Meals on Wheels, which provided approximately 26,000 meals in 2023; senior outreach and assistance; and health and wellness education and enrichment — as well as increase its evidence-based programming, which require expensive licensing and follow-up. Currently these include Enhanced Fit, Matter of Balance and Share, a program where newly diagnosed Alzheimer's patients are led through care planning with their families.

The Helm also seeks to "meet people where they're at," Siddall said, by bringing programming into the community, such as offering Medicaid counseling a couple weeks at the Ewald Library in Grosse Pointe Park.

Finally, it would open an adult day program in an Active Adult Activity Center separate from its current building at 158 Ridge, which already is at capacity offering between 200 and 250 programs a month.

Concern among those not in favor of the millage includes verbiage in the interlocal agreement establishing the Active Adult Commission, which reads, "Should the parties wish to secure a facility to own and/or operate an Active Adult Activity Center, each governmental body shall, by resolution, confirm their commitment to this effort and its respective funding. Upon approval of the required funding necessary to secure and/or construct an Active Adult Activity Center, the commission may con-

tract, own, operate and manage a joint Active Adult Activity Center to provide activities and services for older persons in accordance with its purpose. Upon approval by the governmental bodies, the commission shall have the authority for the purpose of acquisition of a site and building or the acquisition of a site and construction of a building, as the parties hereto may agree in the future."

Siddall stated it is not The Helm's intention to purchase or construct a building either to replace The Helm's current headquarters or for the Active Adult Activity Center.

"That interlocal agreement came from examples of other interlocal agreements and the cities did a great job of putting that together and I think it allows for that, but we already have our building and we've put millions of dollars into this building," she said. "We're blessed that Henry Ford lets us lease it for \$1 every month, so it's \$12 a year."

"... More than likely we'll just be renting space (for the Active Adult Activity Center)," she added. "We've looked at three or four different spaces right now and we haven't made a commitment. ... We're in talks with a couple different health (systems). We'd like to work with the health system, ideally, because we think that would be the best fit."

For those opposing the millage, another main point of concern is the setting of a precedent for other special interest groups, such as the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, to propose their own millages.

"The question is where does it stop?" Boll said. "First of all, it's a 501(c)(3). Why not the arts? Grosse Pointe Theatre? GPSO (Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra)? Early childhood?"

Though Kent and Leelanau counties have early childhood millages and there are several county animal shelter/control millages in place around the state, these are specific to counties and it is Michigan Act 39 of 1976 that allows for local units of government — such as a city — to levy taxes for services to older

persons. "Not every nonprofit organization can request a millage," Siddall said. "In fact, most can't. In Michigan, Act 39 of Public Acts of 1976 authorizes local governments to levy a millage for senior service. This law is specific and does not open the door for any other organizations to receive millage funds."

"Currently, 72 of 83 counties in Michigan have used the senior services millage and other small municipalities as well. Wayne County has not. In the absence of a county millage, local municipalities have been asked and taken action. For example, Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township established this millage a long time ago."

While The Helm does currently receive \$14,000 from each Pointe and Harper Woods annually via a Community Development Block Grant, this is federal funding funneled through the municipalities and earmarked for senior services.

The total \$84,000 is 6 percent of The Helm's annual budget.

Though contrary figures have spread on social media, Siddall reported 81 percent of the revenue that comes into The Helm goes directly to programming and services.

The purpose of the millage is to achieve a sustainable stream of income, Siddall said, and The Helm will continue to seek local and state-wide grants, pursue donors and fundraise with its Meals on Wheels campaign, holiday appeal campaign, gala and other events.

"Our intention long term is not to have a millage," she said. "We'd like to have an endowment that would give us a sustainable stream of income. We do not right now. So our goal would be to get these things up and running, to be able to have that sustainable stream of income ... but also to think about moving forward, what does that endowment look like? How do we build that? What are we going to need to sustain this?"

"Those have been conversations that have been happening the last five years and we are working hard on that behind the scenes, too. I'm hoping that in six years, we don't have to ask for a

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Racing For Kids honors three at annual Courageous Kid Awards

Racing For Kids honored three outstanding young people with its Racing For Kids Courageous Kid Awards at the 18th annual Racing For Kids to the Hill event Aug. 28. RFK created its Courageous Kid Awards in 2017, to recognize youngsters in the community who are dealing with serious medical conditions and challenges with inspirational strength, resolve and determination.

This year's award recipients are Adam Fisher and Louisa Pietrowsky of Grosse Pointe and Nicholas Gudenau of St. Clair Shores.

Fisher, 13, was born with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (thickened heart muscles). From birth, he was treated with cardiac medication, which he takes every day. He is under the care of pediatric cardiologists at the University of Michigan. He sees his doctors at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor once a year; undergoes an echocardiogram yearly and sometimes a cardiac MRI



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE HATHAWAY

The 2024 Racing For Kids Courageous Kids hold the trophies they received during the Racing For Kids to the Hill event. From left are Nicholas Gudenau, Louisa Pietrowsky and Adam Fisher.

to monitor his heart. He has an automatic external defibrillator with him at all times in his red backpack.

Fisher is a smart, witty, brave and active young man, who works hard in school and participates in sports. He is in seventh grade at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School; made the honor roll last year; and excels in math and science. He recently

became a member of the National Junior Honor Society. He was a member of the Student Leadership Team last year as well.

Through Kids On The Go, Fisher has been able to play some of his favorite sports, including flag football. He is the son of Debbie and Jeff Fisher; has an older brother, Colin; and two cats, Guinness and Stella. His

strong will and positive attitude, despite his limitations, continue to inspire those around him.

Pietrowsky, 10, faces every challenge with an indomitable spirit. She is fiercely determined and has an incredible sense of humor. She loves spending time outdoors, swimming and singing Taylor Swift songs. She and her brother, Sam, 13,

both enjoy gaming, playing with their dog, Dolly, and going on big and small adventures with their parents, Tom and Andrea.

Diagnosed prenatally with a severe heart condition, Pietrowsky was born at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital where she began a series of open-heart surgeries and a continuous 232-day hospitalization. During that time she underwent many complications and dozens of life-saving procedures and surgeries, teaching her family patience, perseverance and gratitude. Once home, she was able to slowly wean off ventilator support by age 3.

With complex health and disabilities, surgeries, medications and therapies have been a big part of her childhood. She is a hard worker and takes on everything with enthusiasm.

From a very young age, Pietrowsky has helped advocate for other children with complex medical needs and disabilities by participating with the nonprofit Little Lobbyists. Last summer she was a guest at the White House celebrating the 34th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Locally, she participates in and helps promote the annual Grosse Pointe

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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety open house, noon.

MONDAY, OCT. 7

◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7:15 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods 75th Anniversary Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Pension Commission meeting, 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

◆ Hob Nobbin' with the Goblins, all day at Lake Front Park.

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— now University Liggett School — and her father, Jack Williams, was Shores mayor from 1954 to 1964. He is the second-longest serving mayor behind Kedzierski.

The gift came with the stipulation that the money be spent on improvements to Osius Park. The current pool is 60 years old. The Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation will lead the effort to raise the rest of the money.

"We looked at a review that was done 25 years ago that said the pool had lived its life," Nick Palizzi of Baruzzini Aquatics told the council. "We can tell you 25 years later it has still lived its life."

Brighton-based Baruzzini Aquatics is designing the pool and has done projects for municipalities, high schools and colleges. Partners in Architecture

is designing the community center.

"We had several on-site meetings and talked to the staff about the current facility's shortcomings and functional limitations," said Lauren Lee of PIA. "The layout now is not optimized for the staff's view."

Lee said the team approached the project with five points in mind:

- ◆ Accommodating leisure and competitive activities;
- ◆ Having a modern community center with a flexible layout;
- ◆ Improving safety and accessibility in and around the pool;
- ◆ Optimizing staff functionality and safety and;
- ◆ Administering funds with a value-driven focus.

Plans presented last month include an eight-lane, 8,000-square-foot pool with a lazy river and a zero-entry children's pool that includes elements similar to a splash pad.

A new, two-story community center would

include offices, equipment storage, restrooms, showers and a concession stand on the lower level, with a second floor that can seat 96 people and be reserved for events.

City Manager Steve Poloni said the second floor would include a food warming area, refrigerator and freezer, but no stove.

"It's going to be a prep area for food that's brought in, rather than an actual kitchen to cook in," he said.

A breakdown of the cost shows \$1.3 million for demolition; \$3.4 million for the pool; and

\$5.2 million for the community center for a total of almost \$10 million. A 10 percent contingency adds another \$1 million. A one-story community center would cut about \$2.6 million from the cost.

Palizzi said, however, the layout of the new pool would not allow for keeping the current clubhouse.

Lee said a timeline for the overall project, which could start a year from now, would include demolition in the fall, construction of the pool the following spring and construction of the community center that fall.

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millage."

As the election gets underway, some questions surrounding the proposed millage remain, including who specifically would be appointed to serve on the Active Adults Commission or how it will equitably work if one or two cities don't pass it. Likely, those residents would be charged a higher, compensatory rate for use of The Helm's services, but ultimately the decision would be up to the commission, which isn't created until and unless the millage passes.

"The commission itself is such a fuzzy idea,"

Boll's wife, Kelly, said. "And the way this is structured, it's almost like the voters have to pass the millage in order to really know what's inside it."

For those with further questions, the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters will host a panel discussion on the senior services millage from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Wayne County Community College auditorium, 19503 Vernier, Harper Woods.

Panelists will be Siddall; Prudence Cole-Klimisch, president emeritus of The Helm; and Thomas H. Jankowski, interim director of Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology.

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It's family first for lifelong Pointer, businessman

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

There's a good chance Jim Brosnan and his wife made eye contact during childhood.

"I grew up on the corner of Devonshire and Charlevoix in the Park," Brosnan said. "She's from Bloomfield, but while growing up, she spent a lot of time at her grandparents' house at the corner of Charlevoix and Three Mile."

That's only two blocks' distance.

"We may have ridden bikes past each other back when we were kids," Brosnan said.

Now they have two children of their own. But that's getting ahead of the story. There are a lot of steps in between.

Brosnan owns a design-and-build home and commercial construction business. So did his father. The lineage seems straightforward, yet isn't.

Brosnan took a belated and circuitous route to

upholding the family tradition while establishing those of his own.

"My summers starting at 14 years old were spent working with my father," Brosnan said. "It wasn't really an option. When I was 20 years old, I didn't think I'd be doing it."

He's glad he did.

"I was working for a painter and decided to go back to college and have some kind of career in an office downtown," Brosnan said.

So it was off to the career-focused Wayne State University's business school where the average undergrad is 25 years old and likely juggling studies with a full-time job.

"I had work, responsibilities and bills, but I wanted to obtain a degree," Brosnan said.

For income, he started picking up small construction-type jobs.

"It snowballed to where I got a business license, insurance and started hiring people,"

he said.

Like father like son, whether fateful or unintentional.

"I'll put it this way," Brosnan said, "by the time I graduated with a degree in management, I was in my 30s and already knew this is what I was going to be doing. I was in college as an adult. It made sense to take business classes while running a business. It started small and took on work."

Brosnan Builders now has six employees.

Work goes beyond construction and modernizing.

"We work on problem solving," Brosnan said.

Many houses in the Grosse Pointes are architecturally and historically significant, which implies the obvious: they're old, built decades ago to meet the wants of prior generations.

"One of the problems that needs to be solved is upgrading houses to make them compatible with today's lifestyle," Brosnan said. "People want open spaces, larger kitchens and bathrooms, leisure space, even mud rooms. We work with designers and craftsmen to meet the customer and fulfill their desires. Our main thing is to bring a new look to existing spaces or to create new spaces with additions."

He credited his commercial success to his father, John.

"I've learned most everything from him," Brosnan said.

His dad is supposedly retired.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Brosnan family consists of, clockwise, Katie, Jim, Joey and Emily.

"But he shows up to work with us almost every day," Brosnan said. "It's a privilege that I get to work with my father and brother, Paul. I'm the owner, but my father and brother are a big part of it."

The company expanded recently into a larger building on Charlevoix, a remodeling project of its own. Forthcoming is a showroom with vignettes, samples and displays for

customers to consider: cabinets, countertops, hardware, plumbing supplies and a space for customers to meet with designers and get a feel for what they want to do with their projects.

"Everyone has individual needs," Brosnan said. "People put a lot of thought into these projects and are trusting me to make sure they go smoothly in a fluid process with everything done in the right

sequence. They're letting us into their home. That's why you want to make sure you do everything you can to be honorable, trustworthy and make sure everyone's comfortable and knowing they're in good hands."

Although Brosnan doesn't have childhood memories of his future wife, Katie, riding a bicycle, he remembers almost everything about the first time they met as adults.

"We met at a mutual friend's house for dinner back in 2011," Brosnan said. "She was wearing a blue blouse. She has really beautiful red hair. Green eyes. She's good looking. I thought, 'I like this.'"

He admitted looking at her more than listening to what she was saying.

"I guess I don't exactly remember what the conversation was about," Brosnan said.

Chatting, dating, marriage and children. First, a son, Joey, six years ago.

Three years later came a daughter, Emily, an anomaly among Brosnans.

"I have four brothers, three nephews and only one niece," Brosnan said, "It's what Brosnans do; they have boys."

Heading a family has been life-changing.

"When we were first married people would ask if we were going to have kids," Brosnan said. "My wife always said, 'Of course.' I would say, 'Well, I'd be fine

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By Joel Fishbain, M.D.

'Tis the season to be COUGHING. Yes, we are fast approaching the season of highly contagious and eternally annoying respiratory virus infections. As we close our windows, return to school, have parties and travel for holidays, we are continuously and unmercifully bombarded by these microscopic parasites. Many viruses cause infection, but influenza (the flu), COVID-19 and RSV are usually the most worrisome.


The common theme among these nasty germs: They are most often spread by droplets -- those often visible and large wet particles you produce with coughing and sneezing that can travel as far as 6 feet and are numerous. Some of the viruses will even last long enough on surfaces to cause infection through contact and ingestion.

How can you protect yourself? Get vaccinated if a shot is available. Talk to your doctor and discuss any questions or concerns you have. "The flu vaccine gave me the flu!" This is not possible. You got the flu days before or while standing in line at the pharmacy or doctor's office where others have the flu.

AVOID going to work or school when you are sick so you don't expose others. AVOID any gatherings or exposure to others when you are sick. AVOID exposure by wearing a surgical mask in close quarters.

If you get sick, what should you do? If you are otherwise healthy without any significant respiratory illness, many of the over-the-counter symptom remedies, such as pain relievers and decongestants work well. You could also consider an anti-viral, but remember that antibiotics do not work against viruses such as flu, COVID, RSV and colds. Always call your doctor or go to an urgent care if you have concerns. It is important to enjoy the season and family but also to protect yourself and others. Be safe and have fun!

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City of Grosse Pointe

Lump sum

A Grosse Pointe woman reported her American Express card was fraudulently charged \$12,000 Wednesday, July 31, by a speciality company she once used.

Stalking

A 41-year-old Grosse Pointe man confessed to putting a tracking device on his soon-to-be ex-wife's car Monday, Sept. 23.

Lululemon

While attempting to steal clothes concealed under his outer garments from Lululemon in The Village at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, a male juvenile was arrested as he walked away from the location.

Debit card

After losing his debit card earlier in the month, a Grosse Pointe man reported Tuesday, Sept. 24, that someone withdrew \$3,000 from his account.

Scam

A Grosse Pointer received an email at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, threatening to release personal videos if the emailer was not given \$2,000 in Bitcoin.

Diversion

After telling the staff of a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval someone collapsed in the rear of the store at 10:04 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, two men ran out with a cart full of various non-alcoholic beverages.

Theft

Two women pushed a cart full of various items out of a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval without paying at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. They were confronted by employees in the parking lot, where they abandoned the cart and fled.

Drunken speeder

A 50-year-old Kalamazoo man was stopped for speeding 51 mph on Jefferson at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, and arrested for driving while intoxicated.

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Stolen car

A 2010 Ford Edge was stolen from the Corewell Health emergency room parking lot while its owner was delivering a baby Sunday, Sept. 29. The vehicle was locked.

Out of sight

A 23-year-old Detroit woman was found hiding under a car in a nearby parking lot after stealing \$500 worth of clothing from Lululemon at 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29.

The woman came into the location with two other suspects.

Missing gun

A Glock 19 handgun was stolen from a Neff basement between the end of May and Saturday, Sept. 28. The owner left the gun at his dad's house when he moved out. He went back to retrieve it and discovered it gone.

—Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

No license

A 26-year-old Venezuelan citizen was cited for not having an operator's license and for disobeying a traffic signal at Mack and Kerby at 8:13 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24.

The man has a court date set next year for illegally entering the country.

No insurance

A 27-year-old Woods man was cited for an unregistered vehicle and not having insurance when he was pulled over at Mack and Bournemouth for an expired plate at 9:08 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Car fire

Officers successfully extinguished a car fire inside a garage in the 100 block of Lakeview at 7:26 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

DWLS

A number of motorists

were cited for driving with a suspended license last weekend.

◆ a 52-year-old Detroit man was cited for a suspended license and no proof of insurance after being pulled over for his vehicle's loud exhaust at Mack and McKinley at 8:56 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28.

◆ A 22-year-old Van Buren Township man was cited for a suspended license, expired plate and defective equipment after being pulled over at Mack and Moross for an expired plate at 4:09 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29.

◆ For driving through a red light at Mack and Moross at 9:38 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, a 39-year-old Detroit woman earned citations for disobeying a traffic control device and driving with a suspended license.

◆ After turning into the oncoming traffic lane on Mack at 12:11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 30, a 48-year-old Warren man was pulled over and cited for driving the wrong way on a one-way street, driving with a suspended license and driving an unregistered vehicle.

—Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Trimmer taken

A Kawasaki gasoline-powered hedge trimmer was reported stolen last week from an unlocked shed in the backyard of a house in the 800 block of Bedford.

The theft occurred between 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, and 8:35 p.m.

the next day.

B&E, jewelry

An unknown male, described as Hispanic, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and baseball cap, appears on home surveillance video at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, breaking into a house in the 1300 block of Maryland, according to police.

“(He was) seen on video casing the home for 20 to 30 minutes,” police said. “(He) eventually enters through a basement window and steals a jewelry box full of jewelry. (He) arrived and fled on foot.”

Double theft

Two blue RoyalBaby children's bicycles parked at racks on the campus of Defer Elementary School were stolen during a 24-hour period starting shortly before 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Smash and grab

A vehicle's owner told officers someone smashed the driver's side window while it was

parked behind his place of employment in the 19200 block of Mack sometime before 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24.

His wallet containing credit cards and identification was taken from the center console.

Stolen gun

A .45 caliber pistol was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 20200 block of Mack around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25.

The owner told officers he did not know if the

vehicle was locked.

They were thirsty

Two black males in their early 30s stole \$1,000 worth of energy drinks from a store in the 20400 block of Mack around 9:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. They were seen leaving in a black, four-door sedan.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Exchange plants Saturday

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Participation in the Fall Plant Exchange is open to anyone, anywhere, anytime as long as it's 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Tomkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park.

The exchange is free, open to the public and takes place rain or shine.

All healthy, non-invasive plants that are wrapped, potted and labeled with as much detail as possible are eligible for exchange, from *Derbesia* to *sequoia-dendron giganteum*.

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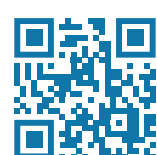


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OUR VIEW

The roar of 24

It still doesn't seem real, does it? In the nine years since the Detroit Tigers last made the playoffs, all we've heard is, "It's a rebuilding year."

Unlike their next door neighbors, the Detroit Lions, the success of the Tigers over the last two months of the season seems to have come out of left field, pun intended.

With the Lions, you could tell there was some momentum building. Coach Dan Campbell may have had a woeful first season, but the 2022 team was in playoff contention until the last day of the regular season. Then came last year and, well, everyone knows about that success.

We hope it is not the case, but by the time you read this the Tigers may already be done with their season. They were scheduled to play at the Houston Astros Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in a best-of-three series.

As playoff fever sweeps southeast Michigan, it's hard to believe it was 40 years ago when the Tigers won it all at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull. That team did not need any late-season heroics as they started off 35-5 through the first 40 games and never looked back.

This season's turnaround started in late August. Maybe some of the grittiness and can-do attitude of Campbell and the Lions drifted across Brush Street from Ford Field into Comerica Park.

The team was 62-66 on Aug. 22, 9.5 games out of the wildcard race. The Tigers went 24-10 to finish the regular season. Oddsmakers at the time gave the team a 0.2 percent chance of making the playoffs. That rose to 91 percent last week and as of last Friday that became 100 percent.

We would have preferred to see Detroit take at least two games, if not all three, from the league-worst Chicago White Sox, but the Tigers only needed one win to lock up the third American League wildcard.

The Aug. 22 date is significant because that was the last day shortstop Javier Baez played for the Tigers before going on the injured list with back problems. We're not saying one player can make or break a team, but there does seem to be some type of correlation there.

We feel badly for Baez that he was unable to replicate his success from his days with the Chicago Cubs, where he was a two-time All-Star and World Series winner. But it's likely he won't wear the Old English D again. He was hitting .189 on the season, which in baseball terms is known as "hitting below the Mendoza Line," meaning an everyday player hitting below .200. It's named for Mario Mendoza, a Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop who finished batting below .200 five times in his nine seasons.

We also need to point out that the Grosse Pointe News team took in a Tigers game to celebrate being named "Newspaper of the Year" by the Michigan Press Association for a third consecutive year. It was a 7-2 win over the Washington Nationals on June 13. We're not saying we had anything to do with the Tigers' success, but it must be pointed out that we did not attend any games over the last nine years the team did not make the playoffs.

Looking back over the last decade, the sad realization is that maybe it did not have to be that way. The Tigers fired General Manager Dave Dombrowski in August 2015 en route to a 74-87 record. All he had done was lead the team to four consecutive playoff appearances the previous four years, including the 2012 World Series, plus the 2006 World Series.

Dombrowski went on to lead the Boston Red Sox to the 2018 World Series title and put together a Philadelphia Phillies team that reached the 2022 World Series.

The Tigers also let top-notch players slip away, including pitchers Justin Verlander and Max



PHOTO COURTESY OF DICK RUZZIN

Pure GP

Grosse Pointe Park resident Dick Ruzzin drove by the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club a little after 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, and was mesmerized by the spectacular sunrise. "I don't know if the hurricane in the gulf has had any effect on our weather yet, but the streak of light that was behind the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club was amazing," he wrote. "I tried to capture the lighting as it existed, which was absolutely amazing. Many cars were pulling over, I'm sure to take pictures. The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club again was the star of the show."

GUEST VIEW By Noah Hauswirth, AAMS

What lower interest rates mean for the market

More than two years after taking steps to contain swelling inflation, the Federal Reserve has taken a step back, suggesting monetary policy decision-makers have confidence inflation will continue to move closer to the Fed's target, allowing them to turn some attention to economic growth.

At its September meeting, the bank's Federal Open Market Committee trimmed the target range of the federal funds rate — effectively the baseline interest rate across the U.S. economy — a half percentage point to 4.75 to 5 percent. The Fed is expected to make additional reductions in time, with decisions informed by data on inflation, unemployment, consumer spending and labor productivity.

The Fed is charged with two distinct and often competing mandates: to support price stability — understood as a steady, low rate of inflation — and full employment. After roughly two years trying to slow the economy with higher interest rates to dampen inflation, this action is expected to bolster the economy and prevent a further slowdown.

Consumers may expect changes to: **Retail credit:** Interest rates on new loans are likely to come down, including rates on mortgages, auto loans, securities-based lending and home equity loans. Interest rates on existing variable rate loans may also decrease.

For those who took on a new, traditional loan during this period of elevated interest rates, it probably won't be worth the cost in fees to refinance, at least not yet, but the cur-

rent consensus is that the Fed will continue lowering rates. However, don't expect the near-zero interest rates of the early 2010s or 2020-21 to return.

Stocks: Lower interest rates are understood to support economic activity, so one would expect stock prices to increase, but since this rate cut has been long expected, the potential gains from it may already be represented in current stock pricing.

What will likely be more evident is how lower interest rates help parts of the stock market bounce back from challenging conditions. Small- and medium-sized companies are seen as more reliant on cheap credit than large companies, so their stock prices have struggled compared to the mega-performant, mega-sized stocks at the top.

Bonds: Similar to interest rates in the retail credit market, bond yields will likely go down, but the slide may already be priced into the forward-looking market. Lower interest rates are a boon to institutional borrowers, but also to those who own bonds issued when yields were higher.

The economy: Post-pandemic, the economy has been unparalleled in its strength and resilience in the developed world. However, by the middle of this year, economic data started showing signs of a slowdown. Concurrently, the inflation rate continued to decrease after a first-quarter hiccup.

By lowering interest rates now, the Fed is saying it's confident inflation will continue to

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Scherzer and outfielder J.D. Martinez. Verlander and Scherzer each have won two Cy Young Awards since leaving, with Verlander getting two World Series titles in Houston. Martinez was on the Red Sox team that won it all six years ago.

But that Cy Young Award should be coming back to Detroit in the left hand of Tarik Skubal. He led the American League in wins and strikeouts and had the lowest ERA. If he doesn't win it, that would be almost as criminal as the fact Lou Whitaker isn't in the baseball Hall of Fame.

And kudos to the Lions, who now stand at 3-1 after Monday night's 42-29 win against the previously unbeaten Seattle Seahawks. FYI, the Super Bowl is in New Orleans.

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Put away divisive 'GPPSS Teachers Last' signs

To the Editor: While I was really encouraged by the recent 97 percent approval vote of the new teachers contract, it's discouraging to still see so many of the old pink and green lawn signs suggesting that Grosse Pointe is "Putting Teachers Last." This outdated, victimhood messaging no longer reflects current realities and sends the wrong message throughout our community and to anyone now looking to move their family into Grosse Pointe.

Enough, already. The current Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of

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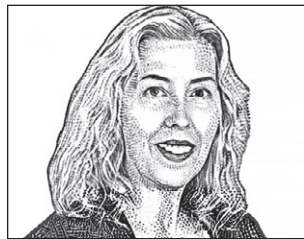


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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

First time at the Big House



I made it to the Big House. The one in Ann Arbor. I fulfilled a bucket list item I didn't even know I had. I can't believe it took me so long to go, but I'd never had tickets before so I usually watched the games on TV. But on Saturday, Sept. 7, that all changed. I went to the Big House and not just to the Big House, but I was on the sidelines and at the end zone to photograph the game. And I was ecstatic.

When I finally figured out where I was going, once I got to a gravel parking lot reserved for the media, which was not easy to find, I hung out and had something to eat because I left home very early that morning in order to avoid the crowds. It didn't work because there were people everywhere — 111,170 in attendance that day — and it was a long wait at some lights for the sea of people to cross. I sat in line on State Street for a good half hour to go a quarter mile to turn left. Once I was parked, I thought, this had better be worth it. Well, it was and it was so much more. I was like a kid at Christmas. I was cracking myself up with how excited I kept getting at each new thing I was experiencing.

I went through security and through the media door, through the rooms the media uses before and after the game, then I came to "the tunnel." When I started walking down the tunnel, I heard a man's voice call out, "Everyone to the side of the wall, along the wall please, football players coming through." I turned around and looked up and there was a wall of giant Texas players coming through the tunnel. These guys were tall and bulky and big. It was a bit intimidating to see this coming at you in a V formation. Even though it

was the opposing team, it was still pretty exciting. Once they were gone, the Michigan marching band walked through. I looked for the two sisters I know from Grosse Pointe North High School who are in the band, but unfortunately didn't see them.

Then I walked onto the sidelines. I stood in awe taking it all in — the colors, the sights, the sounds. Wow, I breathed. I'm in the Big House! The roar of the crowd in person. The sea of maize because it was maize out day. The excitement of the fans. It was thrilling.

I walked around to the side where the Michigan players would be once they came out of the tunnel and waited. The announcement came and there they were, waiting to run onto the field and touch the banner that hangs halfway across. The Michigan marching band starts playing and the team runs out, jumping high to touch the banner with anticipation and excitement. They are determined to do their best and win the game. You can see it in their faces, in their attitudes. I was so excited to be watching this in person.

As the teams did the coin toss, I stood on the sidelines checking camera settings, trying a few shots then readjusting the settings. While I was looking down at my camera, I saw a guy's shoes next to me that were blue with a bit of yellow on them and I thought, "Cool shoes." As the quarterback warmed up and I figured out the camera settings I wanted, I noticed the shoes again so I looked to my left and my eyes went all the way up to the guy's face standing next to me (he is 6 foot, 4 inches) and I said, "Cool shoes." My eyes lingered on his face for about three seconds as my brain clicked on the fact he looked familiar and when it dawned on me who it was I said, "Oh, hey. How's it going?" He chuckled as he watched recognition cross my face and responded, "Pretty good." It was Michael

Phelps.

As we stood next to each other on the sidelines, we chatted off and on during the 10 or so minutes in between people constantly coming up to him and asking to take a photo with him. Phelps was very gracious about the interruptions and kind to everyone who asked. Of course, I got a few photos of Phelps, but they were strictly for work — no selfies — and a few photos others asked me to take of them and Phelps.

A similar thing happened at halftime when I walked over to the Texas side and I saw a long desk with sportscasters talking about the game at halftime and a number of TV people working. I looked through the crowd and I saw a guy in the middle of the table, but it was a bit of a distance away. I asked the couple next to me, "Why does the guy in the middle look like Matthew McConaughey?" They laughed and said, "Because it is Matthew McConaughey." That was all I needed to hear to make my way through all the people like a cocktail server in a crowded bar. I wanted to get a photo, but as soon as I got to the front they all stood up because they were done with the live halftime report. I waited around a bit and finally managed to get a few shots of M c C o n a u g h e y . Apparently, he's a big Texas fan.

Despite the fact that he was rooting for the wrong team, he also had people coming up to him asking if they could have their photo taken with him. Both of them, McConaughey and Phelps, seemed pretty down to earth and were nice to everyone. I heard Derek Jeter was there, too, but I didn't see him.

What a great time I had. I met new friends, saw a few people I knew, people at the stadium were gracious and what a bonus it was to be able to talk with Michael Phelps. I can't wait to go to the Michigan vs. Michigan State game later this month.

GUEST:

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subside and they will attempt to cushion the slowdown in economic activity. This is meant to mitigate effects like slower job creation, slower wage growth and a loss in consumer confidence.

Despite the boost from lower interest rates, it's likely the economy will continue to slow down, as monetary policy

works with long and variable lags. A dip into recession — a period of shrinking economic output — only seems like a narrow possibility.

If it's been a while since you've checked in, now might be a good time to sit down with your financial advisor and review your financial plan, particularly where it pertains to debt, risk and retirement.

Noah Hauswirth, AAMS, is a financial advisor at Raymond James & Associates in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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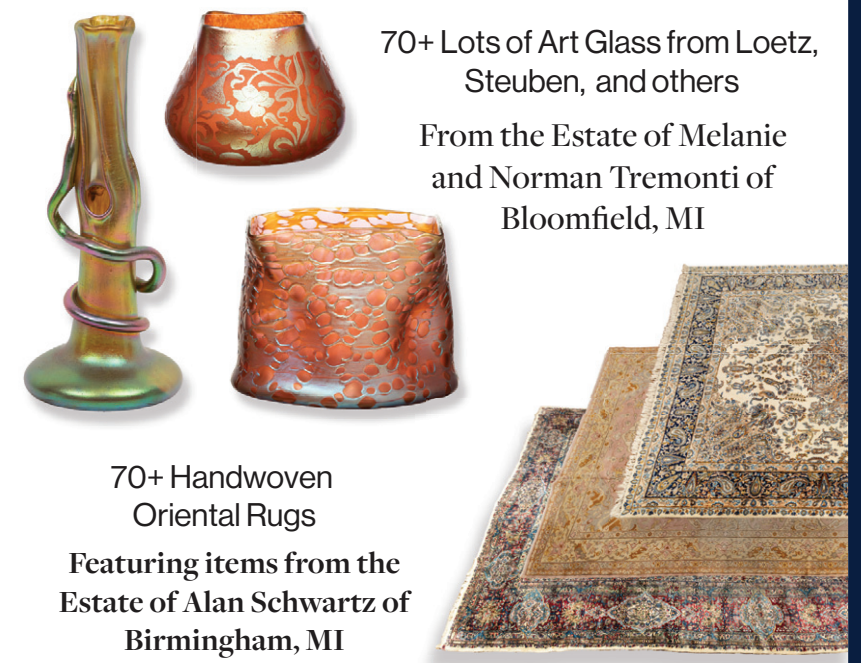
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Education has made tremendous strides and we should all celebrate the recent improvements, growing student enrollments and improved teacher retention. Hasn't been like this in years.

MICHAEL K. DOYLE
Grosse Pointe Farms

Questioning supervision policy

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to learn that the Grosse Pointe public high schools would be continuing their overreaching policy of disallowing non-high school students and possibly non-Grosse Pointe public high school students to attend sporting events without a parent/guardian (four kids per adult, not very generous as many families in Grosse Pointe have 2.5).

I thought back to a summer full of Little League baseball, watching my son cheer and be cheered on by friends and former teammates. Kids flocked to Defer, Elworthy, Ghesquiere and Kerby every night, and biked across town for districts; hanging on until the final out, gorging themselves full of concessions and showing exemplary behavior and sportsmanship (see Grosse Pointe News Our View Sept. 12, 2024).

I see no reason why the magic of youth athletics shouldn't be allowed to continue past Little League season. As Grosse Pointers, most of us live here for the charm, safety and walkability that a small town affords, and as parents, we should collectively rally around our children's ability to root for the home team, whether supervised or not.

AMY MUZINGO
Grosse Pointe Park

Get the facts

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to learn a few misinformed folks are trying to mount opposition to the millage that would support senior services in our community.

Every voter has a right to their opinion, but I would ask folks to dig deeper, learn the facts and not base your vote on misrepresentations and falsehoods.

FACT: The Helm annual payroll is \$629,000. This is not excessive. We employ 17 talented, dedicated people who have the education and experience to professionally run our organization and provide services and guidance to senior citizens, including an experienced executive director, licensed master social workers, resource navigators, Medicare/Medicaid experts and programming specialists. We are blessed with nearly 400 volunteers vital to the delivery of in-house and outreach services.

FACTS: In 2023, we
 ♦ delivered 25,919 meals to homebound seniors;
 ♦ scheduled 16,660 rides on PAATS buses to medical appointments and grocery shopping;
 ♦ conducted 2,337 sessions of classes, presentations and workshops attended by nearly 1,300 individuals;

♦ responded to 5,000 requests about various aging-related topics;

♦ distributed 1,880 pieces of medical equipment, hygiene products and liquid nutritional supplements to more than 440 people;

♦ saved 748 seniors more than \$300,000 on their drug plans through free Medicare counseling.

FACT: We have over 50 in-house programs monthly, including exercise classes, blood pressure screenings, movies, support groups and computer tutoring.

FACT: 81 percent of our revenue — not the misreported 70 percent — goes directly to essential services and programs for seniors. We are a Platinum nonprofit provider with full transparency on GuideStar.

FACT: Our demographics are rapidly changing. According to SEMCOG, in 2020, adults 65 and older slightly outnumbered school-age children. By 2030, 25 percent of all residents will be 65 and older and by 2050, those 65 and older will be nearly double those 5 to 17.

I have served on six for-profit and seven nonprofit boards. Not one is better or more effectively run than The Helm. We are fortunate to have successful professionals from many disciplines, as well as doctors, lawyers and other commu-

nity advocates who provide valuable input, guidance and are generous and active volunteers.

I have lived in this community 70 years and can attest it is a great place to grow up. I strongly believe it should be a great place to grow old.

DOUG BLATT
Grosse Pointe Farms

Hook, line and sinker

To the Editor:

I've been meaning to call and thank you for the Grosse Pointe News fishing contest.

Three of my grandsons have won \$50 and one gift certificate from Fishbone's over the past two to three years. And all have had pictures in

your paper and each has had a savings account because of the wins.

The picture (below) is of my grandson, David Fikany, age 11. He won the Grosse Pointe Farms kids fishing rodeo by catching a 40-inch muskie. He was fishing with a cast on his arm from a fractured elbow. In spite of that, he really caught the fish and it took two of us with two nets to land it. He had an audience of at least 150 kids and parents.

He also won the largest smallmouth caught from a boat this year one week.

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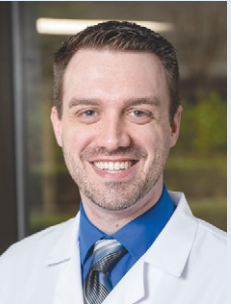
Michael Gifford, MD is an Internal Medicine physician with Ascension Medical Group located in The Village of Grosse Pointe on Kercheval Avenue.

Dr. Parveen Siddiqui and Dr. Julia Tesch are honored to welcome Dr. Michael Gifford to join their well known practice in The Village.

- Dr. Gifford is board certified in Internal Medicine.
- Graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed his residency at Saint John Hospital, Detroit, MI.
- Provides Internal Medicine care to adults of all ages and focuses on preventative care and practicing individualized medicine with a personal approach.
- 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.
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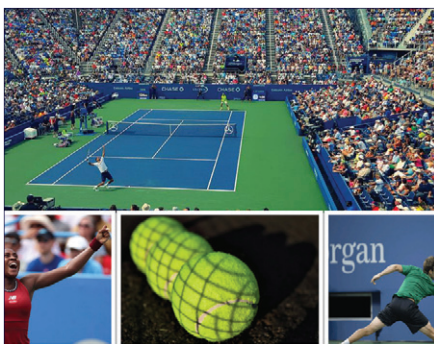


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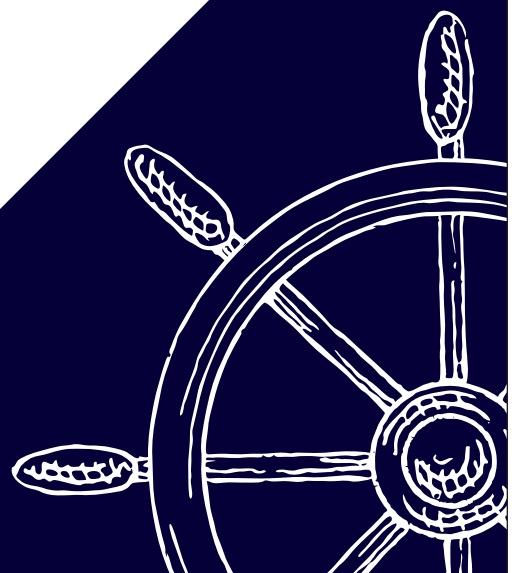




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Progress report

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary President Sandra Cobb stands with Kevin Drotos of the Ford Cove Restoration Project during the club's Aug. 27 meeting at Ford House. Drotos updated the club on the current and future state of restoration being performed in conjunction with the Great Lakes Commission and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The goal is to restore disappearing wildlife habitats along the shoreline of Ford Cove on Lake St. Clair and to transform Ford House's lakeshore back to its natural state. Grosse Pointe Rotary Sunrise Club members extend an open invitation to residents to join their Tuesday presentations at 7 a.m. at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information, email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com.

Detroit twins arrested as part of landscape equipment theft crew

METRO DETROIT — Leon Lindsey and Levi Lindsey, 25-year-old twin brothers from Detroit, last week were arrested and charged with 23 felonies in connection with numerous thefts of landscape equipment following a several-months-long multi-jurisdictional investigation. The brothers are suspected to be responsible for at least 40 thefts since May, according to City of Grosse Pointe Detective Mike Narduzzi, including from the City, Farms, Park and Woods.

"The suspects would wait until the workers were in rear yards or out of sight (and) then steal as much lawn equipment as they could from the landscape trucks and/or trailers," according to a release by the Harper Woods Public Safety Department, which served as the lead investigative body. "In numerous incidents, the suspects would steal the entire landscape truck and trailer when the keys were left in the vehicle. The suspects had buyers for the stolen equipment lined up

and would sell the stolen equipment for profit." The Lindseys were arraigned Monday, Sept. 23, in Harper Woods and face a charge of conducting a criminal enterprise, which alone holds a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Leon Lindsey was given a \$150,000 cash bond and Levi Lindsey a \$100,000 cash bond. "After the arrests of Leon and Levi Lindsey, a search warrant was executed at their residence in Detroit," the release stated.

"Approximately 50 items of lawn equipment, all believed to be stolen property, were recovered. Detectives are in the process of identifying ownership of the suspected stolen items. Several additional suspects have been identified and additional arrests and charges are anticipated." The Lindseys' preliminary examinations are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, in Harper Woods 32-A District Court.

— Laurel Kraus

VACANT:

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\$10,000 in taxes. In response to a question from Councilman Kenn Gafa, Walling said council could waive the construction requirement if an adjacent property owner wanted to buy a lot. Councilman Michael Koester also asked Walling to think about potential arguments from nearby neighbors, citing legal issues that

delayed construction on the Deeplands property in Grosse Pointe Shores. "I'm not sure what standing they would have to stop the city from selling land properly zoned for single-family housing when they live in single-family housing in the same area," she said. "Hopefully it doesn't get to that, but we should be prepared for the stink when it does come up," Koester said. The second parcel is a public easement off

Bournemouth near Raymond. "It was intended to be a roadway leading to Ascension St. John Hospital, but they never expressed any interest in opening it," said Brigitte Smith Wolf of McKenna. "The surrounding property owners have since encroached on it by moving their fences back." One option would be to sell sections of the surrounding property owners for \$1,000 each

plus fees to cover closing costs and the survey, making the parcel unbuildable. Or the city could sell it as one parcel for between \$60,000 and \$70,000. Koester suggested the city also consider turning it into a pocket park. "The south side of our city is really lacking in parks," he said. "Putting some playground equipment there would be more beneficial." Council will revisit the matter after the survey is complete.

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FAMILY:

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either way.' For us, the most fulfilling event by far in our lives is raising

a family." They pal around together. "My son and I watch football, go to movies and roughhouse," Brosnan said. "And, yet, he's mom's little boy, so my wife has a lot of special time with him. He's helpful. He's curious and motivated to learn." Brosnan said it's wonderful having a daughter. "She so sweet and caring," he said. "It's a whole new world for me because I grew up with brothers. It's easy to make her laugh. She's very happy. We are happy with our family." He gives due credit. "It comes from Katie all the way," Brosnan said. "She's done a wonderful job raising them. She tries to foster a way of living whereby they want to learn and experience new things. Katie and I are raising our boy and girl to be close. I know as they grow they're going to start going off with their own friends, but now, at the

young ages they're at, I couldn't ask for anything more." For Brosnan, it's all about family; the one in which he was raised, the one he's helping raise and the families for whom he is hired to improve their homes. Another focus is a nonprofit organization he co-founded with a friend a few years ago called the Sober Support Coalition based in St. Clair Shores. "We own houses that men live in who are just getting into recovery from alcohol and drug addiction," Brosnan said. There's a difference between the coalition and other nonprofits fighting addiction. "The Sober Support Coalition is getting people who have gone through treatment and are in the early stages of their recovery," Brosnan said. "They are looking for employment; they need to get a driver's license; they need to deal, maybe, with medical or legal issues. Maybe

they want to get back into college." The coalition has transitional coordinators that remove obstacles from recovering addicts trying to merge back into society. "Coordinators work with these men and women to kind of put together road maps showing how to fulfill some of these obligations or achieve some of these goals," Brosnan said. "The data we've compiled is showing that if we can help people with these issues, they can focus and be more successful. If they are more successful, our community as a whole is more successful." Goals include ending the cycle of substance abuse, recovery and relapse. "We want to see people focus on making sure they maintain their sobriety," Brosnan said. "Then, we can help them with some of these other issues so they can become contributing members of society."

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RACING:

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Run, Walk n Roll, to support the C.S. Mott Palliative Care Program. She also enjoys participating in Kids on the Go programs throughout the year.

Gudenau, 6, was diagnosed with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia the day before Thanksgiving 2019, when he was 17 months old. He had been a spunky baby, walking before his first birthday and talking extremely well. One day, he stopped walking, started saying "ouch," then began developing fevers and finally received the diagnosis.

Gudenau had surgery two days after diagnosis to place a mediport in his chest and then began cancer treatment. Dec. 31, 2019, after intensive treatment, chemotherapy, countless lumbar

punctures, blood and platelet transfusions, he had no evidence of disease.

Although there was no evidence of the leukemia, treatment went for several more months. Gudenau fared well through it all with minimal side effects. The worst part was going through cancer treatment during a pandemic. The year 2020 was the start of two years of treatment and was challenging for a toddler who was neutropenic and not able to fight infections in the midst of a pandemic. He was in and out of the hospital for treatments that often lasted weeks at a time. Only one parent was allowed in the hospital and when he did get to come home, Gudenau was forced to talk to loved ones on Facetime or through the glass on the front door. It was hard on him not getting to socialize like a normal



Louisa Pietrowsky is all smiles with her brother, Sam, and mom, Andrea.

toddler and led to some anxieties he has had to overcome, but he works hard to manage and conquer his fears.

In September 2021, Gudenau was able to start 3-year-old preschool while working around his treatment schedule; now he is in first grade. He loves kids and even talks daily about how many children he wants to have and of one day becoming a "surgery surgeon for kids." He has been off treatment since March 31, 2022. He enjoys playing flag football, karate and video games with his older half brother and sister. He lives with his parents, Erica and Leonard.

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the Racing For Kids to the Hill events."

Racing For Kids will make \$500 donations to charities of choice to honor each of this year's award recipients. Past recipients who attended this year's ceremony and assisted with the trophy presentation were Matthew Nyenhuis and Griffin Wright.



Adam, Jeff and Debbie Fisher are pictured with Kristy Schena, founder and president of Kids on the Go. Adam Fisher plays flag football with KOTG.



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Nicholas Gudenau poses with his parents, Erica and Leonard.

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Margaret Bird, Susana Jarboe and Tyler James

Head of Grosse Pointe Park and Claire Cameron of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean's List for the winter 2024 semester at Saginaw Valley State University.

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Grosse Pointe Woods

student-athlete **Dylan Cardinale**, a member of Albion College's softball team, was named to the 2023-24 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic Honor Roll. Cardinale is majoring in biology with

a minor in communication studies.

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Grosse Pointe Woods student-athlete **Katherine Flynn**, who was a member of Albion College's women's lacrosse team, was named to the 2023-24 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic Honor Roll. Flynn recently graduated from Albion College with a degree in psychology.

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Grosse Pointe student-athlete **Nicholas Miller**, a member of Albion College's men's soccer team, was named to the 2023-24 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic



Nicholas Miller



Nicholas Fannon

Honor Roll. Miller is majoring in mathematics and biochemistry and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program.

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Grosse Pointe Farms student-athlete **Nicholas Fannon**, who was a member of Albion College's football team, was named to the 2023-24 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic

Association Academic Honor Roll. Fannon recently graduated from Albion College with a degree in combined engineering/physics and a minor in mathematics.

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Ian Leszczynski of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the summer 2024 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

FEWER:

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Tuttle said a lot of the movement comes down to supply and demand. "I've been in education almost 30 years and early in my career teachers typically stayed in one district their entire career," she said. "That was for several reasons, including loyalty, but also education was unlike other professions where experience mattered. If you left for another district after five or 10 years, you had to start back at step one (on the pay scale)."

Now, however, Tuttle explained, because there aren't enough teachers

to fill all vacant positions, districts are engaging in what she called "salary wars" to attract new teachers.

"Teachers are getting the recognition they deserve," she said. "We're seeing a lot more transition."

Of the 27 new teachers in GPPSS this year, for example, just three are in their first year, while 12 come to the district with double-digit years of experience, including six with 20 or more years in the classroom.

"You can't help the retirements because they earned that," Tuttle added. "But as for those leaving for non-retirement reasons, we're seeing a positive trend since

2021-22."

Board Secretary Lisa Papas, a music teacher in Hamtramck Public Schools, said she saw a "great exodus" of teachers that year.

"COVID drove a lot of people out of the profession," she said. "I also know a lot of people who will retire and go to work in a different district."

Papas added she also knows teachers who leave the profession before retirement and go to work in the private sector.

"They'll leave education and go into a training position because they have the ability to teach," she said. "They are prized employees."

The Family Center visits Lakeshore Optimist Club

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe recently welcomed Jen Bingaman, executive director, and Mary Jo Harris, director of programs and administration of The Family Center. For more than 24 years, The Family Center has provided programming and resources to empower families and enrich lives. Bingaman and Harris gave an update of the programming The Family Center creates, including a range of programs and resources for families, youth, men and women targeting current issues and needs within the communities of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Programs are free and often hosted in partnership with community-minded establishments. For more information, visit familycenterhelps.org.

The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome to attend. Visit gpointimists.com for locations, dates and times.



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From left, Mary Jo Harris and Jen Bingaman stand with David Franks of the Lakeshore Optimist Club.



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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.

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Schools celebrate Neighbor Day

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School and The Grosse Pointe Academy teamed up for Celebrate Neighbor Day for Project Lunchbox. Students from both schools gathered in the cafeteria at St. Paul the morning of Friday, Sept. 27, to bag lunches for several organizations, including a soup kitchen. The Academy sent third- and sixth-grade buddies to the partner project to work with St. Paul students. Together they packed more than 200 lunches. The sandwiches were donated to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen and Franciscan Ministries.



Above left, Victoria Wortman holds bags of condiment packets to be added to the lunch bags. Above right, Finnegan Merkel holds two sandwiches ready to be bagged. Below left, Bruno Bendzinski holds a packed lunch bag and is ready to add cookies and put it in the box for donation. Below right, Tate Muzingo and Paul Dwaihy show off the lunch bags they decorated to cheer up a lunch recipient.



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Liam Hindelang and Tommy Juip helped load the cars with the boxes of packed lunch bags. They said it feels good knowing they're helping people.

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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.

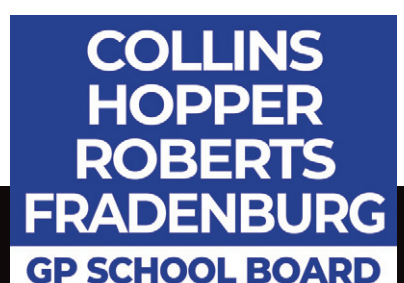
But for Melissa, it's not just about balancing a budget; it's about making sure our kids have every opportunity to succeed. She will work tirelessly to ensure we achieve that goal through mutual respect and collaboration.

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Water studies urge bigger pipes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Guideposts for conducting the city's upcoming water reliability study are all over the state.

Reliability studies are required by Michigan environmental officials. A handful of completed studies that are posted on their respective municipal websites contain recommendations for water system improvements to which Park Manager Nick Sizeland looks forward.

"We're hoping to see recommendations to up-size pipes in a couple areas of the city and/or adding a new water main,

maybe down a major street." Sizeland said. "I imagine recommendations for looping will be included."

Recommendations of those types would confirm work Park officials already are doing.

The first new water main replacement project since the 1980s concluded last year on upper Mack Avenue. This year, larger mains are being installed under portions of Beaconsfield and Maumee.

Members of the public works and public safety firefighting departments also are partnering with the city's consulting engineers to develop a risk

mitigation plan to be based on an analysis of the water distribution and fire hydrant network.

When the city council contracted its consulting engineers, OHM Advisors, earlier this summer to conduct a water reliability study, company principal Patrick Droze foresaw some of the results.

He anticipated hydraulic models and real-world measurements of water flow would support a recommendation to increase the quality of water service by adding another connection on Mack to the regional supplier, the Great Lakes Water Authority.

The study will consist of measuring the city's current water capacity in comparison with anticipated future demand.

"Capacity is the ability of a water supply to plan for, achieve and maintain compliance with drinking water standards," according to the state environmental department website, michigan.gov/egle. "A supply must achieve and maintain all three (plan, achieve and maintain) to be considered to have adequate capacity."

In Berkley, a suburb similar in age to the Park, the most recent water reliability study found deficiencies due to old and

undersized pipes, just as Park officials have been talking about in their own jurisdiction.

The Berkley study also recommended looping the system, a conclusion Sizeland expects from OHM.

Looping means to open the sealed-off part of a dead-end water main and link it with the rest of the network. Doing so increases circulation, flow

and pressure. By increasing pressure, looping has firefighting advantages, something Park officials want to accomplish.

In Traverse City, the authors of a water reliability study recommended building bigger mains.

In Marine City, installing bigger mains and looping dead ends were primary recommendations to increase water pressure and flow.



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Focus on Ford

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sandra Cobb stands with Mark Campbell, COO of The Henry Ford Heritage Association, during the club's Sept. 10 meeting. Campbell gave attendees an insider's look into the early challenges and successes of Henry Ford, as well as his life-changing inventions of the moving assembly line and the Model T automobile. Ford's creativity resulted in the \$5 a day worker wage and an eight-hour work shift, with a Model T coming off the assembly line every 24 seconds. Grosse Pointe Rotary Sunrise Club members extend an open invitation to residents to join their Tuesday morning presentations at 7 a.m. at Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com for more information.

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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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SideStreet resumes weekday breakfast hours

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following its 14th anniversary in The Village Sept. 1, SideStreet Diner this week reopened for breakfast on weekdays.

“Pre-pandemic hours are what we’re going back to,” said Meghan Spicer Josefosky, who owns the business with

her cousin, Sheila Taylor-Frunek. “It has literally taken us four years to get back to our regular hours, just based on trying to hire staff and trying to get back to normal.”

Hours now are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

“We finally got enough staff,” Josefosky said.

“It’s been very difficult to hire staff and now we think we have enough staff that’s trained and experienced enough that we can resume business as usual.”

Post-pandemic staffing shortages have remained an ongoing struggle across the restaurant industry, but with the ability to reopen for breakfast, Josefosky said the trend may be shifting.

“I feel a little change in it, yes, absolutely,” she added. “I feel a little uptick in applications and experienced applicants.”

Since the pandemic, weekday hours at SideStreet have been 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“Breakfast people, they have very specific patterns and schedules and habits,” Josefosky said.

“We just couldn’t put the staff through those kind of grueling hours — with the staff we had, we couldn’t cover all the hours — so I know our breakfast people had to find another place to go and I’m hoping that we’ll get some of them back.”

“I think everybody is still trying to get back to normal, including consumers.”

SideStreet Diner is located at 630 St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe.

“We’re a women-owned, women-run business,” Josefosky said. “We made it through the pandemic and we made it through our parking lot closure last summer, so we’re feeling good about this. This is a trend toward a really great 2025.”

Hightower joins Cotton Collection hotel, restaurant group in Northern MI

Hotel Investment Services recently welcomed Adam Hightower as its corporate executive chef overseeing the Cotton Collection of hotels and restaurants in Northern Michigan. These include Pier Restaurant in Harbor Springs, Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix and Perry Hotel and Bay View Inn in Petoskey.

Hightower is a highly skilled chef with strengths developed and honed under three certified master chefs spanning 25 years in various and distinct venues, ranging from luxury hotels and private country clubs to fine and casual dining restaurants, casinos and properties with vast banquet facilities.

Hightower began his career on the north shore of one of Long Island’s prestigious country clubs, where he was immediately given the opportunity, as executive chef, to interact daily with members, cultivating a consistent pattern of leadership which was practiced and nurtured over the next two decades. At country clubs, luxury hotels and



Adam Hightower

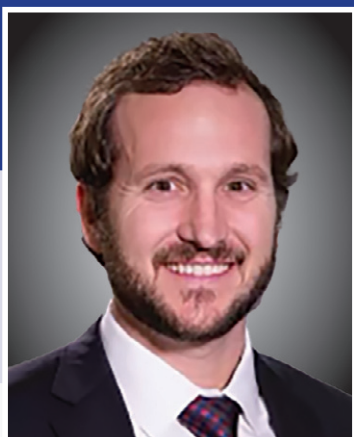
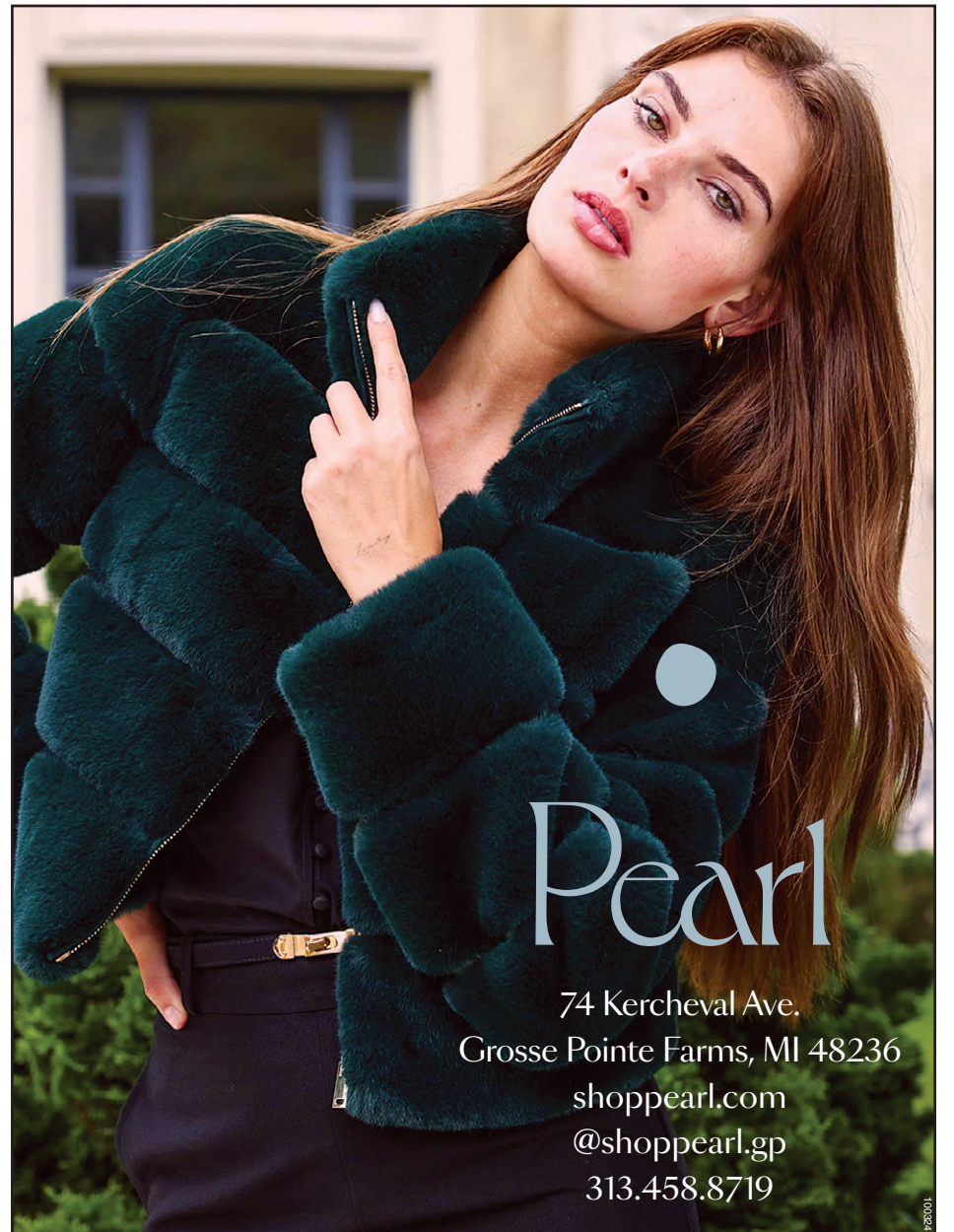
award-winning restaurants, he has established a proven and distinctive blend of creativity and passion for food that guests value.

Team culinary competitions have been one of his most unique experiences, during which he had to be meticulously detailed and adaptable to rapidly changing circumstances. The high-pressure competitions provided him with the experience of

how to perform with consistent results, which translates to exceptional dining experiences for members and guests.

Creating a memorable dining experience for guests and keeping guests’ needs at the forefront are paramount, he said.

“My goal is to combine my extensive experience and passion for culinary arts to elevate the dining experience of every guest, ensuring each visit is unique and unforgettable,” Hightower said. “I look forward to bringing my approach of combining innovative culinary techniques with locally sourced ingredients to the Cotton Collection.”



HEATH ROBERTS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Heath is a family man. He and his wife Lindsay, along with their three kids, have called Grosse Pointe Park home for the last five years. Like their Dad before them, the Roberts’ kids go to public schools.

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
- 2) Budget accountability
- 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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Moross Greenway updated with new art

New sculptures dot islands between Mack and I-94

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Though newly installed, there's already been quite a buzz about some of the new sculptures gracing the greenspace along Moross, from I-94 to Mack Avenue.

Members of the Moross Greenway Project — a nonprofit whose volunteers not only care about the aesthetics of the community, but also its ecology — said the bear and dog sculptures that recently joined the horses and other sculptures are attracting attention from passersby.

In recent weeks, 13 new sculptures have been added to the islands, with a 14th to be installed later this month, bringing the total number of public art pieces to 25.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, "Three Bears" by Robert Onnes. Right, "Unfolding Gate" by Russell Thayer.

"The object is every year to rotate out about half the art," said Roger

Garrett, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and arts committee chairman, who oversees the installation. "It's getting more and more attention, which makes it easier to get in contact with more artists."

Twice a year, sculptor Ken Thompson of the Midwest Sculpture Initiative solicits images from hundreds of artists for consideration.

"We looked at 165 images last year," Garrett said. "With 100-foot-wide islands and traffic going by at 40 mph, there's a limit to the size of pieces. Nothing less than 6 feet would even show on the island. So we start with 165 and eliminate more than half immediately."

"... This year, it's a virtual who's who of Michigan sculptors," he added. "It's a broad spectrum of artists, from notable artists as far back as the early days of the Cass Corridor to current times."

Among them are Robert Sestok, "quite a well-known character and a teacher of sculpture from way back," Garrett said.

A piece by award-winning sculptor Russell Thayer has been installed, while award-winner Ray Katz's work "has been with us from day one," Garrett noted. "We go all the way to current artists, including the latest and greatest, which is Scott Hocking, the darling of the sculpting world," he added.

Each piece typically graces the islands two years, Garrett said, though "a couple have been up since the very beginning. John Piet's sculpture is permanent and we're probably going to purchase a couple more."

All of the sculptures are rented for the duration of the exhibition. Apart from Piet's "Full Swing," all of the sculptures are for sale; the organization receives 20 percent of the sale price.

"It's been a fun project," Garrett noted. "It's been encouraging to see it look better and more finished every year. Support is growing slowly; it grows a bit every year. And it's promoting the whole idea of public art."



How it started

The Moross Greenway Project was conceived in 2004, by Sheila O'Hara. "She got off on 94 one day and was appalled at seeing the islands overgrown and covered with trash," Garrett said.

"From the beginning, it always was about taking care of the landscaping and the community so it looks well-cared-for, so it looks loved," O'Hara said in a 2022 interview. "It's for the environment. We planted trees on the island and up and down Moross in front of houses. It's to clean the air, to shelter a house from the heat, to filter water — it all made sense. We had a vision. People told us, 'You're crazy. It's never going to happen.' But we didn't lose our faith or tenacity."

After the look of the land was improved, O'Hara felt it was time to add something more.

"Five years ago, Sheila called me up and said, 'We're ready for art,'" Garrett said. "We started with 10 pieces."

Though still involved with the organization, O'Hara recently stepped down as president, making way for Ed Godfredson to fill her shoes.

"Moross Greenway Project is seven of us," Garrett said. "It's grass-

roots. It's all because Sheila couldn't stand looking at trash. We look a little better every year with more art, better art and better maintenance."

Keeping it clean

The small but mighty board of the Moross Greenway Project relies on outside help to keep the islands in pristine condition. The organization pays Backer Landscaping to cut the grass on the islands 25 times a year.

Additionally, since August, board members have begun meeting at 5:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month to "spend an hour or so picking up trash," Garrett said.

"Though the amount of trash is definitely down, it doesn't take much to make it look messy," he added. "But there's definitely less trash, just due to the fact the islands are mowed and landscaped and there's art."

"Wayne County just took down, thanks to (Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager) Shane Reeside, eight or 10 dead trees and ground down the stumps. That's a huge help."

Help is always welcome — and recruited during spring and fall

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"Dream Machine" by Robert Sestok.



Left, "Pi" by John Aducci. Above, "Three Dogs" by Mark Chatterley.

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A stair lift chair is a great way for seniors to continue to enjoy a home on multiple floors.

Holding on to independence

Mobility-friendly interior renovations provide precious autonomy

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

A space of one's own is a major part of a long and happy life. Maintaining a cherished independent living space contributes to well-being and provides motivation to stay young for many couples and singles. Yet the time may come for everyone when they must decide if living on their own continues to be safe and feasible.

Mobility issues often make it hard for seniors to traverse their own homes — but a few small ingenious renovations to make a home safer and more accessible can make all the difference.

Red Baron Enterprises, in St. Clair Shores, is one local source that provides many of the construction and handyman services needed to help keep aging seniors in their homes. Installations like accessibility ramps and grab bars, along with bathroom and other renovations, can mean freedom. Chris Redziniak, an owner at Red Baron, said he and his team are happy to help people transform their home spaces to be more usable. Remodeling bathrooms and kitchens are some of his favorite projects.

If you or someone you love is in need of increased home safety, here are a few ideas we've compiled that can provide a positive impact.

- **Install lever door knobs.** Verywell Health notes that nearly half of all people age 65 and older have arthritis or another rheumatic condition that can make it difficult to grip and turn door knobs. Lever-style door knobs or door knob extensions make it easier to open doors. Extensions are roughly five-inch levers that can be installed over an existing door knob, making it easier to grab and pull down. Installing a different entry door knob is a simple job for a handyman service and can make everyday life much easier.



- **Raise the outlets throughout the home.** They're easily overlooked, but outlets, particularly those outside the kitchen, tend to be close to the floor. AARP notes that's no accident, as outlets are generally placed at a height equal to the length of a hammer to save time with measuring when buildings are being constructed. Outlets close to the floor can be difficult for seniors with mobility issues to reach. Relocating the outlets a little higher off the floor can make a home more accessible for seniors who have difficulty bending or getting down on one knee.



- **Renovate the bathroom.** Seniors with mobility issues should know that bathrooms can pose a particularly dangerous threat. The Centers for Disease Control note that roughly 3 million older adults are treated for fall injuries in emergency departments each year. Replacing a step-over shower with a ze-ro-step alternative can reduce the risk for falls, as can walk-in tubs. Grab bars along shower or bath walls and a chair inside the shower can make it easier to bathe and towel off safely.

Redziniak has consulted with homeowners over countless bathroom remodels of all kinds. Discussing needs and objectives is the first step.

On the do-it-yourself side, easy adjustments like no-slip safety mats inside and outside of tubs and showers can ensure safe footing when bathing. Be cautious of decorative rugs that can be trip hazards and look for any floor coverings that provide slip-free top surfaces and undersides.



- **Safety-proof the kitchen space.** A lot of time may be spent in the kitchen. The fact that water is used in food preparation and cleanup can mean spills that lead to falls. A well-adhered slip free sink mat or full-floor rug can absorb the occasional water droplets and protect seniors from slipping on slick flooring. Be sure all edges and corners are securely attached to the floor with carpet tape or velcro.



Seniors with memory issues should refrain from using ovens and burners. It's best to get some help with meals if there is any danger present for an elderly person to use sharp tools or heat sources.

There are many more options for prepared meal delivery than ever before — from Meals on Wheels to Door Dash, Uber Eats and meal plans like Home Chef or Hello Fresh — and they are well worth the price for seniors who have the means and wish to remain independently in their homes.

- **Revamp entryways and staircases.** Many seniors struggle with activities like walking up stairs. A recent study by Total Fitness found that 14 percent of men and women over 65 who regularly engage in moderate exercise still find it challenging to climb up and down a flight of stairs. Seniors facing similar challenges can install a ramp at their home's outdoor entryway so they can comfortably go in and out, whether walking upright or in a wheelchair.

Inside, a chair lift can ensure seniors are not struggling to move from one floor to another in homes graced with stairs. There are many types to choose from — and lifts can be customized to ensure that it blends nicely with the existing architecture and decor, from various levels to winding staircases. Forbes recommends Handicare chairs from Lifetime Mobility.

A lot of hard work and love goes into home ownership, and people who have lived in the same space for a while undoubtedly have countless memories within the walls of their homes. Seniors with mobility issues can make their homes more accommodating through an assortment of simple, yet effective renovations so they can enjoy their beloved homes for years to come.

For your accessibility needs, Red Baron Enterprises is experienced in customizing homes, including performing improvements for those with mobility issues. For more information, contact Red Baron Enterprises at (313) 408-1166 or visit redbaronenterprises.com.



A zero-step walk-in shower, above, provides easy access for seniors who have difficulty with knees or hips. The flat entry and seating accommodate mobility issues.



An enclosed shower area with toilet or bidet seating is another option for seniors who have difficulty standing throughout a shower.

STOCK PHOTOS

Senior Expo returns to Assumption Oct. 17

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The 2024 Senior Expo, hosted by Assumption Cultural Center, promises a wealth of information for older adults, including 55 vendors representing all service areas of interest to the aging population.

Seniors are invited to learn about the latest and greatest in healthcare, finances, fitness and more during the expo, which takes place 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Assumption, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

"It's an amazing event — a well-attended, amazing day for the seniors, the vendors and the speakers," said Terri Murphy, chairwoman of the Senior Expo Committee. "It's always a huge success — lots of energy, lots of happy seniors, vendors and nonprofits. Everybody gets a lot out of it."

"We are always honored to host Senior Expo," said Joan De Ronne, Assumption Cultural Center administrator. "It is an annual gathering of every sector of the community to honor and focus on our extraordinary senior population. It is a celebration with so many exciting offerings and exhibits going on. And our special guests take time to make the day even more memorable."

Among this year's special guests is keynote speaker WDIV-TV anchor Devin Scillian.

"Devin Scillian has shared his career with us at previous expos and is back by demand with his great group, Arizona Son," De Ronne said.

Added Murphy, "He was so popular last year. He's so enthusiastic about coming and speaking. He brings so much



WDIV-TV anchor Devin Scillian will give the keynote address at the 2024 Senior Expo.

enthusiasm and energy to the event."

After his keynote address, Scillian will perform with Arizona Son, during a luncheon sponsored by Henry Ford Health. The concert is sponsored by A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

"This is one of the few expos that gives a free lunch," Murphy said. "Henry Ford graciously for the last few years has stepped up and sponsored it. And there's lots of giveaways in the vendor room. Our vendors are very generous."

The Senior Expo Committee has been working out the details since the start of the year. Those details include a variety of exhibitors offering giveaways and information about healthcare, recreation, self-improvement, retail products, managed care, physical training, financial and legal advice.

Workshops include "Food is Medicine," "Ask the Elder Law Attorney," "Medicare Counseling," "Ask the Physician" and more.

Onsite health screenings include spine evaluations,

blood pressure checks, knee pain/arthritis/physical therapy screenings, mini chair massages and other screenings.

"The health screenings are really good," Murphy noted. "People may not always check these things, so this is a good spot to check on your health through screenings."

A community resource center includes useful information about the VA, Medicare and other organizations.

The Courtyard Senior Super Tent, sponsored by The Rivers, includes exercise and fitness evaluations, balance and fall risk assessments, recumbent bikes and other activities.

"There will be an arts-and-crafts person passing out crafts for seniors, too," Murphy said. "The day goes quickly, because there's so much to offer in that period of time."

Attendees are presented a "passport," which explains the itinerary for the day, she added.

"It allows them to see what's going on, at what times. There's a map, because it's a big venue. It will help people navigate the venue and know what's going on."

Attendees also will receive a resource guide, which serves as a valuable reference of services available throughout the metro area.

"You may not need it today, or your loved one might not need it today, but you will walk away with a resource guide that has not only our current vendors, but it's a guide that people go back to all year to look for services — home care, assisted living, hospitals, nonprofit organizations, support groups," Murphy said. "The resources you'll pick up from the vendors through the event are great, but we also send you home with this guide."



COURTESY PHOTOS

Scillian's band, Arizona Son, will give an afternoon performance during the expo.

The guide was developed by the Senior Expo Committee and is available at hospitals, city offices, libraries and committee facilities.

Though the event officially kicks off at 8:30 a.m., Murphy said doors will open around 8:15 a.m.

"People line up early, but they don't need to," she said. "There's plenty of room."

However, she added, as more than 1,500 seniors are expected to attend, the parking lot at Assumption does get full, so she suggested people take advantage of free shuttle service courtesy of Cranberry Park/ShorePointe Village.

"I encourage people to park at the Grosse Pointe Woods (Lake Front) Park," Murphy said. "They'll shuttle you right to the front door."

Murphy, who has owned Hope Senior Home Care the past 20 years, has been on the Senior Expo Committee 20 years and has chaired it the last 10. She said the expo not only is a great opportunity for

seniors, but a place where people who work with the aging population can network and learn from each other.

The committee includes representatives from Assumption Cultural Center, The Helm at the Boll Life Center, Macomb County Chamber of Commerce, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, Henry Ford Health, A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Cranberry Park/ShorePointe Village, Hope Senior Home Care, Corewell Health, Harper Chiropractic Center and American House Lakeshore.

"We bring in new members from time to time to get fresh ideas," Murphy said. "It's a great committee — they work hard. Everybody puts so much time and effort in."

"... It's a fabulous day of fun and resources to use now or just to know about for the future."

Added De Ronne, "Don't miss it."

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The Holley Institute

St. Nicholas Christmas


EVENT

Disbelief is a common emotion felt by parents as they are told their newborn has failed their hearing screening. As 95% of deaf children are born to hearing parents, many parents struggle at first with the unknown of what the future may bring for their child.

Rounding out its thirty-first year of serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and families, the Holley Institute at St. John Hospital is well equipped to help parents who feel this way. The Holley Institute is a nonprofit whose mission is to provide life-enhancing programs for those experiencing hearing loss, vision loss or deafness.

The St. Nicholas Christmas Event will be hosted on Saturday, November 30th at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and we are counting on your support to raise critical funds for children and families who need the high-quality programs offered by the Holley Institute. We hope to see you at the event as we come together as a community to show our support to those who need it most. We assure you, your gift large or small, will make a tremendous impact in the lives of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children in a world that all too often forgets their unique needs.

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Deaf children at the 2023 St. Nicholas Christmas Event

"If it wasn't for the Holley Institute's ongoing support, advocacy, and resources they offer Grace and other Deaf and Hard of Hearing kids, she wouldn't be where she is today."
— Grace's Mom

"Our family was in disbelief when we were told she 'failed' her newborn hearing screening.

We are grateful to be part of The Holley Institute's Community Health and Literacy Program. This program matched our family with a Deaf adult who comes to our home every week. She teaches reading, writing, ASL and Deaf culture to the entire family. Having a Deaf mentor is an invaluable asset for Elizabeth and our whole family. As Elizabeth grows up, Deaf mentorship programs like this, will help her find her identity as Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind.

The educational opportunities provided to parents during the program helped us begin to understand Deaf advocacy, education and mental health.

— Dr. Erin Zimny-Lewinski,
Holley Institute Board Member

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Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

Hanging out with Tom

A couple of years ago, while we were deep into that seemingly endless COVID quarantine, I questioned myself.

“Self,” I asked, “if I were quarantined for several months, but could choose one person, living or dead, to be with me in the quarantine, who would I choose? Family members excluded.”

My first choice would be Thomas Jefferson. Second choice: Steve Allen. Third choice: Orson Bean.

I’d want to be sequestered with Thomas Jefferson or Steve Allen because they were polymaths.

“Wait a minute,” you say. “Who the heck is Orson Bean?”

First, the polymaths: A polymath is a person who is interested in an infinite range of topics and wants to learn more about everything. Leonardo Da Vinci was one. Benjamin Franklin was another one.

Jefferson studied astronomy, mathematics, architecture, music, horticulture, anatomy, civil engineering, physics, botany, French cuisine, wine-making and paleontology (before the term was even invented) and more. He could read and write Greek, Latin, French,

Spanish and Italian.

He invented things. He conceived a new kind of plow that could be used on hills. He invented the dumbwaiter, a calendar clock and a polygraph that could make copies of documents. He played the violin. He was one of the first farmers to practice crop rotation. He collected books and was up to 6,487 volumes by 1814, when the Library of Congress purchased the whole shebang.

He grew 330 different kinds of vegetables and 170 different species of fruit in his gardens at Monticello. He was the author of the Declaration

of Independence and the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. He designed Monticello, his beloved home; the Virginia State capitol; and the University of Virginia’s rotunda.

Besides all these topics to talk about and learn about while sequestered with Tom (surely, we’d be on a first name basis if we were quarantined for such a stretch) ... from what I’ve seen of the portraits painted during his lifetime, I think he was a pretty good-looking dude as well. That would be a plus.

Steve Allen also was a polymath. Not only was he a well-known comedian, he pioneered a new idea for television programming — the late-

night talk show. He hosted “The Tonight Show” beginning in 1956. The concept caught on and is still going strong in a dozen variations more than six decades later.

He was known for ad-libbed off-the-cuff humorous banter with his guests and for recurring comedy skits. Remember the man-on-the-street interviews with Don Knotts and Louis Nye?

Allen played the piano and composed some 8,500 songs, including “The Gravy Waltz,” “This Could be the Start of Something Big” and the theme music from the movie “Picnic.”

He acted. He played Benny in “The Benny Goodman Story.” He wrote 50 books on topics ranging from politics to who-done-it mysteries to a cookbook for cats. He also had a highly infectious laugh. I would like to be stuck in a long quarantine with Steve Allen. Laughing myself silly.

I’d like to be sequestered with Orson Bean because he was witty and

funny and interesting and a terrific storyteller. He was a comedian; an actor on TV and on the stage in the ’60s, ’70s and ’80s; a writer and producer; a game show participant and host; a raconteur; and probably the wittiest TV personality I can think of. Some may remember his long stint as a panelist on “To Tell the Truth.”

Orson Bean had a witty answer, a humorous story or an original anecdote for just about any topic that came up. He was refreshing. Original. If I were stuck with him for six weeks, I’d have a constant cramp in my side from laughing.

Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, is still my favorite, however. John F. Kennedy once invited a group of Nobel laureates to a dinner at the White House.

“This is probably the greatest gathering of intellect here in the White House,” Kennedy said, “— since Thomas Jefferson dined here, alone.”



COURTESY PHOTOS

Dr. L. Carl Sultzman with his children, from left, Nancy Sutton, David Sultzman, Betsy Veillon, Marjorie Sultzman and Carl Sultzman.

Farms orthopedic surgeon celebrates 100

Longtime Farms resident Dr. L. Carl Sultzman celebrated his 100th birthday Saturday, Sept. 7, with 65 of his closest family and friends.

“He smiled the whole time, from before the party until after the party,” his daughter, Marjorie Sultzman, said. “He said he intends to be here for 10 more years.”

Carl Sultzman was born in Hannibal, Mo., in 1924, and moved to Michigan for his residency before settling in Grosse Pointe Farms in 1962, where he still resides.

As an orthopedic surgeon, he was chief of surgery at

Saratoga Hospital and pioneered arthroscopic knee surgery for Detroit firefighters and police officers in the ’70s.

“At Harper, Children’s, Saratoga and Cottage hospitals, my father always took the stairs and he skied regularly until 2018, at the age of 93,” Marjorie Sultzman said. “He ate very well because my mom (Frances Sultzman) was a dietician and they were married for 45 years.”

Carl Sultzman has six children — Betsy Veillon, Chuck Sultzman (Sharron), Marjorie Sultzman, Nancy Sutton, Carl Sultzman (Irene) and David

Sultzman (Linda) — 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Marilyn Masurat.

Alongside Sultzman’s love for skiing with his family and the Grosse Pointe Ski Club, he also loves to travel. He has been to six continents and currently is planning a winter trip to Key West.

“He’s just been an awesome father with a very personal, great bedside manner of a doctor,” Marjorie Sultzman said.

— Laurel Kraus



Sultzman met his great-great-granddaughter, Sonora Kay Marcalow, from Gill, Mass., during the party.

PAGES OF THE PAST



The Grosse Pointe History Center was fortunate to have Grosse Pointe South High School senior Tess Hodges intern with us this summer. Tess diligently inventoried and cataloged our extensive scrapbook collection, uncovering fascinating photographs, handwritten notes and ephemera that offer a glimpse into life in the Pointes over the past century.

Our scrapbooks, along with our manuscript, photograph, blueprint and map collections, are available for research by appointment.

To learn more, please contact our archivist at (313) 884-7010.

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Non-Partisan Voter Guide now available

The League of Women Voters of Michigan has published its 2024 Non-Partisan Voter Guide. This guide is an unbiased, non-partisan source of candidate and election information for the public.

This guide contains candidate information for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Michigan State University Board of Trustees, Wayne State University Board of Governors, Michigan Supreme Court and Michigan

Court of Appeals. The guide also provides information on early voting, absentee ballots, in-person voting and voter registration.

The guide will be distributed by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe to local libraries and many places of business in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods communities.

In addition, the League's online voter guide, Vote411.org, contains supplemental local, county and state candidates, proposals and races, including the local Grosse

Pointe Public School System Board of Education trustees, GPPSS school millage and senior services proposal.

Businesses or residents that would like to receive copies of this voter guide should contact the League at lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com.

A link to the guide is also available on the LWVgrossepointe.org website.

Questions regarding the guide may be directed to lwvgrossepointe.org.

Harper Woods appoints trustee to GPPL board

The city of Harper Woods appointed Greg Bowens to serve as its representative on the Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees. He was sworn in at the Sept. 26 board meeting at the library's Woods branch. Bowens replaces George LaPastora, who resigned from the library board when he moved out of Harper Woods.

Bowens was Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer's press secretary

and now owns Bowens & Co. He's the founder, past president and current executive board member of the Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP Branch. A U.S. Navy veteran, he attended Morehouse College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Wayne State University.

"Greg and I have collaborated several times over the past few years," Library Director Jessica



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GPPL

Greg Bowens is the new library trustee representing Harper Woods.

Keyser said. "I'm looking forward to working with him as a library trustee."

Library trustees serve four-year terms. Each Grosse Pointe municipality and Harper Woods appoint representatives to the board with one additional at-large member. Board members are responsible for hiring and evaluating the library director, as well as overseeing the fiscal management and policies of the library.



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"Self Series #7" by the Nordin Brothers.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

- ◆ Storytime: The Camping Trip, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through Oct. 29.

- ◆ Trivia Night at Ford House, 6 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 3, and Nov. 7. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Harvest Day, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. The day includes cider and doughnuts, a fall market, petting zoo, horse and pony rides, face painting, lawn games and more. Admission prices vary.

- ◆ Ford House After Dark, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, and Thursday, Dec. 12. Includes curated dinner at The Continental, a keepsake Ford House cup, behind-the-scenes tour and more. For ages 21 and older. Cost for two members is \$175. Cost for two nonmembers is \$200.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, Eastwood Odd Fellows No. 496, 23322 Gratiot, Eastpointe.

- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

The War Memorial

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

- ◆ War Memorial Speakeasy, 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. General admission is \$20; VIP tickets are \$45.
- ◆ Sip & Script: Harry

Potter-inspired Beginner's Calligraphy, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. Tickets are \$75.

- ◆ Second Saturdays at The War Memorial: It's a Spooky Time, 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. Cost is \$10.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Tara Akitt of the Library Street Collective speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts the following networking events:

- ◆ After Hours Networking, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ After Hours Networking, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at The Storybook Boutique, 17904 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe.

The Helm

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

following:

- ◆ Lunch at The Helm, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. The menu features chicken noodle soup and caesar salad. Cost is \$14 for members, \$16 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Premier World Discovery presents "Music Cities: New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville," and "Burgundy and Provence River Cruise," 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 15. Learn about the itineraries of these trips, planned for May and October, 2025, respectively.

GPAA

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

- ◆ Creating Texture in Encaustic with Candace

Law, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

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

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers free programs and resources for families at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org or RSVP to maryljo@familycenterhelps.org.

- ◆ Wellness Series, Free Community Yoga, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, through Oct. 29.

- ◆ "Surviving & Thriving During Your Child's Teen Years," with Dr. Renee Catrambone, 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays. Topics include anxiety Oct. 14, depression Oct. 21 and anger Oct. 28.

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cleanup days.

The next Fall Garden Work Day takes place 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12. Volunteers are asked to meet in front of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 21150 Moross.

Typically volunteers are asked to bring their own work gloves and dress for the weather. Boots are recommended, as the islands could be wet this time of year.

"We get a pretty decent turnout," Garrett said, noting the Moross Greenway Project provides trash bags, safety vests, water and other supplies for volunteers.

Board members will be on hand to guide volunteers and answer questions.

"We would love more support," Garrett noted. "Aside from the art, we maintain and do plantings and do garden bed maintenance, cutting the lawn. All of it is done with donated money."

"We'll take donations wherever we can get them," he added. "Every penny donated goes directly into the project; there are no overhead expenses."

For more information about Fall Garden Work Day or the sculpture installations, email morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com or visit morossgreenway.org.

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First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit is pleased to announce the installation of Pastor John Compton that took place at the 10:00am worship service on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

Pastor John Compton, his wife Rachel and daughters, Willa and Edie moved to Grosse Pointe from Greeley, Colorado where he served as a Pastor at Fellowship Church CRC. John is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament with The Reformed Church of America. He considers himself a life-long learner who is passionate about the work of the Gospel through the Church in its various local communities.

If you would like to help us in welcoming Pastor John Compton and his family, attend a Sunday morning service or learn more about First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, we would love to have you join us. You can find more information at firstcroidetroit.org or call our office at (313) 824-3511.

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6B | OBITUARIES

OBITUARIES

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

Ellwyn Gilbert

Ellwyn Gilbert, 93, passed away Saturday, July 6, 2024. His family was the core of his identity and he died as he lived: surrounded by family.

Nicknamed "Happy" for his smile, his childhood days were spent playing stickball and enjoying the summer camp his parents ran. After his father's untimely death, he grew up with his maternal grandparents. He fondly remembered the love of his "Grams" and "Gramps," as well as the sense of humor and construction and woodworking skills he learned from his grandfather.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school graduation to fight in the Korean War, but was stationed stateside after the commanding officer discovered his gift for calculating rows of numbers in his head: a much-needed payroll skill in pre-computer days.

Upon discharge, Ellwyn, now called "Gil," joined the payroll department in the Detroit office of a national steel company. The young woman who showed him how to clock in was Johanna, a smart and vivacious redhead. Their marriage lasted 63 years until Johanna's death in 2019, and resulted in a family of six children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, whom he was thrilled to meet.

As Gil's career progressed, the family moved from Detroit to suburban Chicago and

back to Michigan, where they settled in Grosse Pointe for the next 45 years. They doted on their grandchildren and became Master Gardeners and active members of their church, where Gil led several committees and volunteered with school programs.

Both Gil and Johanna spent their later years traveling and visiting their far-flung children overseas and in four states. Their travels eventually took them to Texas to live near their youngest daughter. In 2023, Gil moved to Boston to be close to their eldest daughter and enjoy the seasons in New England, where he passed away.

Ellwyn was a kind and generous man who brought quick wit and great advice and let his actions speak louder than his words. He was a gentle soul and true gentleman. His legacy of selflessness, service, devotion and love endures, and he will be long remembered by those who cared about him.

Ellwyn is survived by a loud and engaging group of children and their families, as well as extended family. He was predeceased by his wife and eldest son.

A private memorial service was held. In honor of Gil and Johanna's love of music and the performing arts, the family asks remembrances be made to the Music at Memorial program at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, bit.ly/3MF6j0o.

Jane Felice Hawkinson

Jane Felice (nee Trupiano) Hawkinson, 87, of Bloomfield Hills, passed away Friday, Sept. 6, 2024. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Roy T. Hawkinson; and her first husband, Richard A. Smith. She was a loving and devoted mother to Kimberly (nee Smith) Roshek (Robert) and the late Michael R. Smith (Julie and Melissa).

Jane loved nature, the lake she lived on and gardening. She received so much joy from feeding the birds and watching them at her many feeders. She had many travel adventures with her husband, Roy, including visiting her brother in Hawaii.

Jane was an avid reader, liked playing cards and enjoyed knitting for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. More than anything, she loved spending time with her family and friends. Jane always provided an open hand and a loving heart to all who knew her.

Jane is survived by her brother, Fred Trupiano of Hawaii. Jane also was blessed with four grandchildren, Lauren, Kari, Davis and Molly; and six great-grandchildren, Lorelei, Brooks, Hank, Grey, Boone, John and Julian. Jane also was a loving stepmother to Lysanne and Gretchen; and step-grandmother to Molly, Connor, Matthew, Hayden, Bridget and Ingrid.

Jane will be greatly



Ellwyn Gilbert

missed by all who knew her. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Ralph Draper

Ralph Draper, 84, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit. He was surrounded by his wife, Ann; pastor, Matt Swiatek; middle son, Andrew; and daughter-in-law, Paula.

Ralph was born June 27, 1940, in Coventry, England. His father, Robert "Bob," was a butcher by trade and well-known around the Holbrooks area of Coventry. His mother, Mabel (née Moss), originally from Sunderland, was a homemaker.

Ralph attended King Henry VIII school and, at 16, became an indentured apprentice at Courtaulds, a local textile and chemical company. After four years of training, he completed his apprenticeship and joined the company drawing office as a talented machine designer.

Age 21, he married his sweetheart, Ann. On Aug. 26, 2024, they celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Ralph's entrepreneurial spirit led him to open a wallpaper and paint store on the corner of Hen Lane in the Holbrooks district of Coventry, next to his father's butcher shop. During this time, he also undertook odd jobs painting, installing windows and gas fireplaces and completing general house maintenance. His business remained profitable into the 1970s, at which time big box stores started to open and compete for business. Ultimately, Ralph made the decision to close the store and return to his machine design position at Courtaulds.

During his many years at Courtaulds, he specialized in designing high-speed spinning machines for the manufacture of man-made cellulosic fibers. He worked mainly from the Courtaulds engineering offices in Coventry, but his work also took him to assignments across England and Northern Ireland; Moscow, Soviet Union; Mobile, Ala., and elsewhere. He also worked on machinery for the automated packaging of chocolates at Cadbury in Bournville; polishing wadding at Dura-glit; kevlar wrapping of aero-engine fan casings in the U.S.; and quartz fiber spinning for the U.S. military. He also holds patents in this field.

In retirement, Ralph enjoyed church, woodworking, clock repair, puzzles and crosswords, and was a member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes fraternity, undertaking charitable work.

From the mid-1990s, Ralph and Ann made many extended trips to the U.S. to visit their son, Andrew, and his family. They made many new



Jane Felice Hawkinson



Ralph Draper



Frank Pugliesi, M.D.

friends in Michigan, connected with relatives in New York and South Carolina and met with Ralph's former colleague in Ohio. After Ann retired, they made the epic decision to uproot from Coventry and move to the U.S. They moved to Grosse Pointe in September 2007.

Ralph continued with his hobbies in the U.S. and also undertook Christian mission trips to Hungary and Togo, Africa, to use his woodworking and construction talents to help those in need. Locally, he was the designer and constructor of many sets for Crosspointe Christian Church's annual Vacation Bible School, transforming the sanctuary with sailboats, an aircraft hangar, a train and a castle.

Always cheerful with a friendly word and willing to lend a hand, Ralph will be sadly missed by his wife, Ann; three sons, Robert, Andrew and Michael and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and an increasing number of great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, with a reception to follow.

Frank Pugliesi, M.D.

Frank Pugliesi, M.D., a lifelong Grosse Pointer, passed away Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, exactly one month after his brother Angelo Pugliesi, M.D.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Eleanor Paré Pugliesi; daughter, Anita Marie Pugliesi; son, Ben Pugliesi (Paula); his beautiful and only granddaughter, Zoe Francesca Pugliesi; and brother- and sister-in-law, Ron and Annette Paré.

Frank was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Benedetto and Anita Pugliesi; brother and sister-in-law, Angelo and Joan Pugliesi; and sister and brother-in-law Nina and Vincent Galbo. He leaves behind numerous kind nieces, nephews and cousins, both here and in Sicily, Italy, as well as a wonderful group of friends, called the Romeos, who were very dear to him.

Frank practiced obstetrics and gynecology on the eastside of Detroit for 40 years and delivered about 6,000 babies, including second generations. He loved his work and his patients and was in awe of the miracle of life with each baby he delivered during his career. His passion was golf and he was a lifetime member of



Vera Jean Demeter

Lochmoor Club. He loved to travel and cruise, especially to Italy, where he loved to renew his Italian language. He wintered in Longboat Key, Fla., for 25 years. He loved his family fiercely and attended as many games and functions as his busy career allowed. He was a kind, soft-spoken gentleman and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He will lie in state Thursday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. until Mass at noon at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to St. Jude Children's Hospital, bit.ly/47PrHTz, or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org/ways_to_give/monetary_gifts.

Share memories with the family in the online guestbook at wujekcalca.terra.com.

Vera Jean Demeter

Vera Jean Demeter, 79, of Harrison Township, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, with her family by her side.

Vera was born May 30, 1945, in Jellico, Tenn., to Garrett Escal and Naomi Ruth (nee Jones) Smith, both now deceased. She graduated from Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy in 1963. Vera married William Bruce Demeter on Feb. 29, 1964, in Detroit. She worked at Volkswagen for 12 years before following her passion to become a travel agent. Through this, she was able to take many trips and cruises.

Vera was very active at First United Methodist Church in St. Clair Shores. She also volunteered at a homeless shelter in Macomb County for many years. Vera enjoyed jewelry making, painting and drawing. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Vera is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Bill; son, William G. (Effie); grandchildren, Michael, Christian and Jenna; and brother, Garrett Smith.

The family honored the memory of Vera Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Kaatz Funeral Directors in Mount Clemens. Graveside services and burial will take place at Highland Park Cemetery in Williamsburg, Ky.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Lawrence "Keith" Stentz



Lawrence "Keith" Stentz was born in Funk, Ohio, to Adair Stentz and Virginia Stentz. Keith, his parents, and his siblings, Rex, and Victor, moved to Wooster and then Columbus. Keith later attended the Ohio State University and graduated with a degree in Business Administration.

Keith moved to Michigan in the mid-1960s in order to continue his career in advertising, which spanned almost 60 years. During this time, Keith worked at metro Detroit area firms, such as D'Arcy MacManus, Burton Sohigian, Campbell-Ewald, McCann, VSI, and Jackson Dawson as a Writer and a Creative Director. Keith has won more than 100 national and international awards for his work, including Clios and the Detroit, New York, London and Irish

Advertising awards. Moreover, Keith's work and contributions to the advertising industry were honored with a lifetime achievement Hall of Fame CADDY award from the Creative Directors Club of Detroit. While advertising was Keith's profession, his passion was teaching students about the powerful connection of words and images as a proud Adjunct Professor of Advertising and Creative Writing at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan for 40 years.

In addition to all of Keith's professional accomplishments, the proudest moment of his advertising career in metro Detroit was meeting the love of his life, Joyce. They lived and raised their family in the Grosse Pointes. Keith and Joyce remain lifelong parishioners of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church celebrating their love of faith. Keith actively practiced his faith throughout his life in many ways. One example was as a volunteer at the Pope Francis Center in Detroit, Michigan.

Besides advertising, teaching and his love of family, Keith had a passion for fishing. From Puff Ball in Canada to the Olentangy River in Ohio, to Lake St. Clair

and especially in the Les Cheneaux Islands with his children and grandchildren in the summers, Keith's love of fishing with family gave him so much happiness. Keith was an avid reader of history and had a love of travel as well as a fantastic sense of humor which he has passed on to his children and grandchildren.

Keith is survived by his wife of 51 years, Joyce; and his children, Shawn (Sue), Matthew (Anne) and William (Ashley). Keith is also survived by his grandchildren, Lindsey, Christopher, Aiden, Jack and Connor; great-grandchild, Evelyn; his brother, Rex (Sue) and his sister-in-law Becky. Keith was preceded in death by his brother Victor and his son Kevin.

Keith is also survived by many nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces.

A funeral Mass will be held in Keith's memory on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, with visitation at 9:30 a.m. followed by the service at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, a gift in his honor can be made to the General Scholarship Fund at the College for Creative Studies, ccsdetroit.edu/donate/.

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Chris Gentile

Christopher Gentile, 83, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, with his family at his side.

Chris is lovingly remembered by his wife, Cecilia Palen; her daughter and grandson, Christina Danieli and Andrew Harmon; his daughter and son, Christine Kline and Michael Gentile; his daughter-in-law, Nadia Tremonti; son-in-law, Ken Kline; grandchildren, Jack Kline, Lilly Kline, Andrew Kline, Zaira Gentile and Carina Gentile; brother, Jon Gentile; sister-in-law, Janice Gentile; niece, Gloria Gentile; and grand-niece, Angelica Gentile. Chris was predeceased by his parents, Lorenzo and Betty Gentile; as well as his brother and sister, Jeffrey and Michelle Gentile.

Chris was born Feb. 18, 1941. He loved his family and especially his six grandchildren. He also loved photography, running, racquetball, golf and skiing. He was a member of the Ford Thunderbirds Ski Club. In later years he enjoyed feather bowling as a member of the Cadieux Café feather bowling league.

Raised in Grosse Pointe Farms as the oldest of three siblings, Chris graduated from Austin Catholic Preparatory in 1959, and from John Carroll University in 1963.

The son of radio personality Larry Gentile, Chris' wit and charm led him to a long career in advertising and marketing at Young & Rubicam. Working closely with automotive dealers in the



Chris Gentile

Detroit area and across the country, he developed trusting connections and strong relationships with his clients. All through this time, Chris' passion for new technologies, computers and innovations of any kind kept him on the leading edge of the industry for more than 30 years.

A celebration of Chris' life will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by lunch at noon at the Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Chris' memory may be made to Special Olympics of Michigan, bit.ly/3N8jZdL.

Frances Mary Fredal

Frances Mary (née Arditto) Fredal, 94, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, at her home in St. Clair Shores, surrounded by her loved ones. She was the heart of her large and boisterous family, leaving behind a legacy of love, hope and faith.

Frances was the beloved wife of the late Joseph John Fredal, DDS. Together, they shared 47 years of true devotion and were blessed with six adoring children: Carol Abiragi (Roger), Janet Wyman (Bruce), Thomas Fredal



Frances Mary Fredal

(Ann LaCroix), Susan Tuinier (William) and Patricia Fredal (Gianluigi Visentin). She was predeceased by her daughter, Diane Colquhoun (Jeffrey) and was a nurturing grandmother to 15 grandchildren: Katherine, David, Rebecca, Thomas, Charles, Joseph, Madeleine, Michael, Peter, Tessa, Christiane, Gillian, Brigitte, Tommaso and Isabella; as well as five grandchildren: Elizabeth, Callie Rose, Lucas, Owen and baby Lucy Lou, whom she now cradles in heaven. Frances also is survived by her sisters, Norma Burnham and Dorothy Bloomhuff.

Born April 3, 1930, in Detroit, to Alice and Eugene Arditto, humble immigrants from northern Italy, Frances grew up in Grosse Pointe the middle of three sisters. She learned old-world skills from her beloved mother and became the creative force behind countless projects, from hand-smocked baptismal gowns, high school musical costumes and bridesmaid dresses to knit Christmas stockings, canned tomatoes and chocolate-dipped macarons.

Frances attended St. Clare de Montefalco Grade School and graduated from St. Paul on the Lake High School in 1948, where she shined athletically on the girl's

varsity basketball team, was elected class secretary and crowned "Queen of the White and Blue Ball." While studying dental hygiene at the University of Detroit Jesuit, she met Joe Fredal, a dental student, who swept her off her feet at the spring dance, serenading her as a pianist and singer. They married one year later at St. Clare de Montefalco.

Fran and Joe ventured to rural Utica to start a family and dental practice, sharing the dream of bringing state-of-the-art care to the community. With lives anchored in Christ, they raised six children in a lively home on picturesque Cottontail Lane in Shelby Township. As the North Star of their family life, Fran filled the home with laughter and tradition, in a kitchen that never lost its warmth or ancestral flavors. As her children grew and left the nest, she returned to work alongside Joe as his dental hygienist for an additional 10 years.

A woman of great independence, she pursued her own personal intellectual and physical growth throughout her life. She faced challenges with determination and grace, always exploring new ideas and encouraging a love of reading. Some of her best friends included authors she met through their works, such as A.A. Milne, Pascal, Joseph Pearce, Solzhenitsyn and J.R.R. Tolkien. Fran's determination to stay active was unwavering. She played pickleball with enthusiasm well into her 80s and continued her daily walks through the neighborhood and along the shores of Lake Michigan.

To her grandchildren, Fran was the stylish, indulgent and technologically savvy Grammy who made Christmas

magical and offered guidance through both the joys and demands of life. She cherished hosting family visits up north at the home she and Joe built on Grand Traverse Bay, where memories of evening bonfires, Lake Michigan sunsets and Petoskey stone hunting were made.

In her marriage to Joe, the two truly became one. After his passing, Fran carried on patiently for 24 years, knowing her purpose was not yet fulfilled. Her life was one of service and kindness. Returning to Grosse Pointe to be closer to her children and sisters, she found joy in becoming a devout member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, volunteered at Bon Secours Hospital, connected with the St. Paul Widows Group, rekindled old friendships and forged new ones. Her family says, "Mom, we love you and we will miss you dearly."

Above all, Frances was a woman of reverence who loved her Catholic faith and the inexhaustible ways it led her to Christ. Most of all, she loved His gift of the Eucharist.

Visitation will occur from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, with a 4:30 p.m. Rosary, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass will be held at noon Friday, Oct. 4, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Frances to the Solanus Casey Center and Guild, solanuscasy.org/donation/, or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Harvest Fest is Oct. 4

St. Paul Catholic School is hosting its annual Harvest Fest from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the school, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Harvest Fest is a great place to meet new families and enjoy a fun-filled evening. This year, the event includes hay rides, inflatables, a petting zoo, train rides, a doughnut truck, face painting, pizza, snow cones, a DJ and more.

Organizers strongly recommend purchasing wristbands — good for food and activities — in advance, as food wristbands will sell out.

For more information, visit stpaulharvestfest.com/

St. Paul historical church tours Oct. 6

All are welcome to take a historical tour and attend a light reception at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, following the noon Mass Sunday, Oct. 6.

From a "comfortable little country church" serving French farm families to an iconic Grosse Pointe landmark, St. Paul on the Lake has undergone many changes in its 190 years of parish life. It has weathered two world wars, the Great Depression, worldwide pandemics, the advent of the automobile, a devastating fire and more. St. Paul was the spiritual home of many old-time Detroit families whose descendants still worship in the church today.

Guests are invited to learn about the history of this French Gothic Revival church and hear the stories of its people during the tour and reception.

For further details, contact Anne Graves at agraves@stpaulonthe lake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 144.

Assumption Cultural Center fall programs begin

A variety of fitness classes, self-improvement classes and events for all ages will educate, excite and entertain as Assumption Cultural Center dives into its fall programming.

For those interested in fitness, Assumption's KALOSOMATICS exercise program runs through Friday, Dec. 20. Students may join class anytime; registration fees will be prorated. KALOSOMATICS offers women and co-ed classes with cardiovascular emphasis incorporating aerobics, yoga and Pilates-like mat work. Beginner, intermediate and seniors classes

are offered, day and evening. Students may alternate classes and times to accommodate their schedules. New students may attend any class free for one week and seniors receive a discount.

Assumption also offers a Yin Yoga class, where students hold postures that move into deeper connective tissue, and Tae Kwon Do Karate classes for adults and children.

For those who prefer team sports, Assumption has an extensive pickleball program. A variety of clinics teach beginners how to play and help advanced beginners

improve their game. Small group pickleball lessons also are provided. In Group Pickleball Play, participants are sorted by skill level. Courts are available for private rentals. New this fall is early-bird pickleball, where courts may be rented between 7 and 9 a.m. weekdays. Saturday pickleball court rentals also are available.

As part of Assumption's year-round cultural series, the center offers a class Monday, Oct. 7, on Hellenic cuisine, during which attendees learn to make classic spinach pie and Greek custard phyllo dessert. At the end of class,

students will taste the dishes.

Travel with Assumption includes two trips: Washington, D.C., in spring 2025, and a trip to Greece later in 2025. To learn more, the center hosts Travel Night at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24.

Other self-improvement opportunities are French and Greek language classes.

Marchiori Catering at Assumption provides food for a variety of events with rooms available to accommodate events of any size.

For more information or to register, call Assumption Cultural Center at (586) 779-6111. View the fall brochure at assumptionculturalcenter.org.

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McFeely is guest artist at University Liggett School

Manoogian Arts Wing hosts exhibition Oct. 17 to Nov. 11

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

An upcoming exhibition in University Liggett School's Manoogian Arts Wing gallery is near and dear to Jane McFeely's heart, not only because it's her work that will be displayed.

"I do so much commission work," the City of Grosse Pointe resident said. "This gave me an opportunity to paint things I want to paint. My brain and my files are full of ideas; that's never a problem."

"I don't have enough time to paint all the things I want to paint," she added, "so I've been slowly painting things I wanted to paint, things that spoke to me. ... Ten of them are all brand new pieces. I'll steal a few others from my walls. If I had more time, I would have done 10 more."

More than a dozen of McFeely's pieces will be exhibited in the gallery, with an opening reception planned 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17. The public is welcome to attend.

Around half of the work will be for sale.

McFeely was invited to show her work at the invitation of University Liggett School art teacher Jennie Osman, who curates the Manoogian Arts Wing gallery's annual Guest Artist Series.

"She wrote to me a year and a half ago and asked if I wanted to do it," McFeely said. "I've been to a couple of exhibitions there. It's such a beautiful space. I thought that would be a fun goal — to gather work for an exhibition."

McFeely works in oil paints, but rather than brushes, she creates with paint knives, which provide her pieces with texture and warmth.



Left, "Lakeshore Drive" and right, "Late Summer Belle Isle"



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"It's all oil," she said. "I don't use any additives. It's pure oil from the tube and maybe a little walnut oil. No turpentine. I paint with painting knives. I use baby wipes to clean up. I don't use brushes and I use a lot of paint."

Her works aren't framed with glass, giving viewers a glare-free look from any angle.

"There's nothing over them, so it's just as interesting looking at them from the side as it is straight on," she said. "It's an added dimension to what I do."

McFeely said she doesn't follow a process when she paints; she goes with the flow of each piece.

"There are rules, but I don't follow them," she said. "I know the rules, but I just don't. I start with sort of a plan of where it's going. I've learned to just listen and when things don't go exactly as planned, I allow for happy mistakes to develop rather than fight it. I get into a groove and let the flow happen. The paintings are better that way. I'm show-

ing flow and not photographic reality."

McFeely said she's inspired by her surroundings, such as Lake St. Clair and Belle Isle, and her paintings are emotional responses to what she sees.

"There are endless beautiful things around here," she said, "and when I travel, I'm on overload. I'm hoping to spend the winter painting from my recent trip to France. I took a lot of pictures and took a lot of notes."

McFeely takes advantage of her surroundings to find inspiration even in the gray days of winter, she said.

"I did still life paintings in January and February that were inspired by Trader Joe's," she said. "On gloomy, cold days, I'd go to Trader Joe's and see buckets of flowers and beautiful oranges and so much color. In the dead of winter, I'd buy flowers and oranges and pears and create a still life set up. I'm inspired by a lot of nature, a lot of water, but still life is fun, too."

The former Grosse Pointe Academy art teacher slid into commission work as a result of failed bids during the Academy's annual Action Auction.

"Every auction I donated a painting," she said. "People would bid and the people who didn't win would call me up and say, 'I want to buy one of your paintings.' The commissions slowly started to build."

After 15 years of teaching, she stepped down in 1999 after her husband

encouraged her to stay home and paint.

"I've been very fortunate that I've had a steady following," McFeely said. "... I love that I have this wonderful creative outlet. It's been a total blessing to go into my studio and work and lose myself in painting. I'm grateful to have a wonderful space to do this and be in a community that supports my work. I'm really fortunate to be in this position and I'm grateful every day."

McFeely's work will be exhibited at Liggett until

Monday, Nov. 11. Until McFeely's work goes up, guests still have a few days to view the artwork of Nobuko Yamasaki, whose solo exhibition is on display until Monday, Oct. 7.

The gallery is open to the public by appointment. Interested visitors are asked to call the front office at (313) 884-4444 to schedule a time.

Those interested in seeing more of McFeely's work may contact the artist through her website, janemcfeelypaintings.com.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Page Heenan

The benefits of yoga

Anyone can benefit from yoga. Studies have shown that a regular yoga practice is linked to health benefits like better sleep, reduced stress and fewer aches and pains. Yoga is available to nearly everybody because every pose can be modified to suit your individual needs.

In a good yoga class, the teacher will encourage students to pay attention to the connection between their mind, body and breath. For example, when students lengthen their inhale, many notice a boost in energy. Likewise, when they extend their exhale, most people feel a sense of relaxation, since a long, slow exhale can help regulate the nervous system. By breathing intentionally, we can reach a more relaxed state. Even a few minutes of yoga can have benefits.

Here are three yoga poses I do every day:

First, sit with your knees apart and the soles of your feet pressed together so your legs make a diamond shape. Fold forward enough that you feel a stretch in your low back but not enough that you feel pain or impair your breath. This pose, called butterfly, will open your hips — which is great if you sit a lot — and stretch your low back. You can close your eyes and check in with your breath. Lengthen your exhales to relax. Stay in this position at least five breaths.

Next, lie on your back and tuck your

knees in toward your chest. Move into spinal twist by keeping your knees pressed together and then dropping your legs to the right. Then, open your arms to a T shape. Try to keep both your shoulders on the ground if that feels comfortable to you. After a few breaths, shift your legs to fall on your left side.

Finally, lie with your back and head on the floor and your legs up against a wall in an L shape, and relax as best you can. Stay here for three to five minutes. This pose is a great counterpoint to running around or sitting upright all day; you can melt into a relaxed state and improve your circulation at the same time. Make sure to come out of this shape slowly by tucking your knees back into your chest, rolling to one side and sitting up slowly, using your hands or elbows to push yourself up.

But remember, there's no rush — you can return to your day slowly in a calm state.

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Senior party teen needs to get to work

Dear Gabby: It's my son's senior year in high school, and he wants to do absolutely nothing other than "party". Thoughts on this?

I want him to have fun, but also I feel he should have some responsibilities. —Senioritis in the Shores

Dear Senioritis, Depending on his plans after high school,

there are probably a lot of things he should be busy working on whether it's college applications, apprenticeship plans, etc.

There will be plenty of time for "partying" when he takes care of his business. If he has all of his ducks in a row, sounds like he has plenty of time for a part-time job —the money from which he can use to fund his

future plans.

Again, there are a lot of hours every single day — I am confident he'll have more than enough time for work and play.

— Gabby

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Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

Stuck in the past

DEAR ANNIE: I've reconnected with a high school friend, and it's been fun catching up. However, she constantly talks about the past, and I'd rather focus on the present. How can I gently shift our conversations to more current topics without making her feel like I'm dismissing our shared memories? — Ready for the Now

DEAR READY: It's quite special to have a friendship that's made it

through so many different seasons of life — how fun for you two to rekindle a relationship all these years later.

The next time this friend brings up something from the past, try responding with something like: "I love reminiscing about the good ol' days. But what about these days? Tell me more about X, Y and Z!" This acknowledges her nostalgic side while showing you're interested in more than just the past you two share.

DEAR ANNIE: I'm dealing with a sudden loss of friendship stemming from a close friend who will not leave her abusive boyfriend. As the abuse has escalated over time, I have offered unwavering support and resources for her to leave, including offering room for her to stay in my home, money, an ear to listen, even friends to help move her stuff out.

Recently, things turned very nasty for this couple while on vacation. My friend was forced to seek medical attention and then fly herself home, where she landed at my house. I have young children, and they saw her devastated and with visible trauma to her face.

And yet, she went back to him. I told her in no uncertain terms that I

cannot continue to turn a blind eye or support her in this relationship. I can't stand to hear one more way he manipulates her — emotionally, financially, physically — and she accused me of forcing her to choose between a best friend and a boyfriend. She said he is her "best friend, but he suffers from trauma" and she wants to "help" him. I believe there is no helping him.

After a very tense conversation, she left my house and went back to him. I haven't heard from her since beyond a thank you to a message I sent telling her I will always care about and want the best for her.

I'm terribly worried and lose sleep over what she goes through with this man. My husband thinks distancing myself

is the right thing to do, especially shielding our young children from the visible effects of abuse. But I'm unsure if by removing myself I'm leaving her less inclined to seek help in the future.

What do you think is right? — Worried Sick.

DEAR WORRIED: I can only imagine how difficult and heartbreaking it has been to watch someone you care so much about be hurt over and over again by this horrible and abusive man.

You have done everything you can for your friend, short of physically removing her from this situation yourself, to be consistently and fiercely supportive and protective. Now you must balance this desire to stand by your friend with a boundary to pro-

tect your family from her boyfriend and their toxic relationship.

Continue to remind her that you are, and will always be, there for her whenever she is ready to take the leap. Remember that leaving an abusive relationship like theirs is scary and dangerous, and your friend is likely doing the best she can, whether you understand it or not. It takes immense courage to do, and I hope someday very soon, she will muster it.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233) is also a good resource for your friend — and anyone else who is the victim of abuse.

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

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You don't have to travel far for Caffè Far Bella

There's a song about Jack and Diane we're all familiar with, but are you familiar with Jack and Karen? They're the dynamic duo behind the counter of a charming little cafe, nestled

in the heart of downtown St. Clair Shores.

Caffè Far Bella first established roots in October 2009, on the back side of Nine Mack Drive in St. Clair Shores. Karen's back-

ground in the food industry consists of opening Olga's Kitchen, once located inside the now historic (to us Eastsiders) Eastland Mall, as a waitress and head cook. She then worked in food service for the East Detroit school system.

Jack also worked at Eastland Mall, as a waiter at the Seaway Room, located inside the beloved Hudson's department store. He also spent 15 years downtown managing Union Street Saloon, then managed/operated a couple cafes, both inside the Guardian and Fisher buildings.

Both Jack and Karen decided their passion for premium coffees, espresso and service was something they wanted to do as a team. So they left their respective positions and started their own journey. Caffè Far Bella was born. With the name comes family ties. Jack is Italian and "caffè" is the Italian word (and spelling) for coffee. "Far" comes from the first initials of Karen's uncle Frank, father Andrew and mother Rose. "Bella" is Italian for "beautiful."

"We just wanted to create a beautiful space where folks could come and make it their own," the couple said.

In 2014, they relocated a few steps across the street to a different location, previously Luna Café and The

Java House in the late '90s to early 2000s, at 23415 Greater Mack. Jack's day starts around 5:30 a.m. with baking and preparing for the day.



Caffè Far Bella storefront.

Karen arrives before the open sign turns on, ready for the morning rush.

Their products are sourced from several purveyors, as well as local businesses, such as Eastside Bagel. Their amazing pastries, such as muffins, scones, cookies and cinnamon rolls, are baked in-house daily, along with delicious quiche and Karen's famous mac and cheese. Their cappuccino muffin is absolutely something to talk about!

Along with these delicious pastries, Caffè Far Bella also offers a variety of excellent breakfast items, such as their fan favorite breakfast sandwiches. All sandwiches are available on a delicious Eastside Bagel, croissant, wrap, English muffin, toast or panini. These include egg with a choice of meat and cheese. And yes, vegetarian options and gluten-free bread also

Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

are available. "We like to say we offer breakfast, brunch and luncheon items," they said.

Their home-made quiche is definitely one of their gems.

Available in a crustless version for gluten-free eaters, as well as traditional, these are perfect for brunch, as is one of their most popular paninis, the Monte Christo, featuring hand-sliced turkey breast, honey, ham, Swiss cheese, mayo and raspberry preserves. It's delicious! Their club and portobello paninis also are on the favorites list.



Antipasto salad.

As for salads, there are a few, like the classic antipasto loaded with fresh-cut tomatoes, pepperoncini and a heaping pile of sliced salami, ham and cheese, on

top of a blend of mixed greens. I suggest this with their house-made balsamic vinaigrette dressing. Their buffalo chicken salad also is a hit.

Looking for something more like comfort food? Look no further than Karen's famous mac and cheese. Made in-house daily by Karen herself, this dish is famous (and filling) for a reason. I promise!

On to the drinks. After all, their love for espresso and coffees is what got them here in the first place. Their inventory of more than 90 flavors for hot and cold options, including a large assortment of sugar-free varieties, can be mixed and matched to create almost any flavor combination. They carry Ghirardelli chocolates and caramel, as well as Torani flavors that will leave you with some hard decisions.

Their specialty drinks can be served hot, frozen or iced. Decaffeinated espresso is available, as are dairy alternatives such as soy, oat and almond milk. The Mexican coffee is at the top of the list and includes a mix of vanilla, cinnamon, brown sugar, cocoa, espresso and steamed milk with whipped cream. WOW. The lavender latte and candy flavors such as the Milky Way are just a few of

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



As someone who is perpetually pale, with a tendency to burn rather than tan, finding a reliable and effective tanning solution has always been a challenge. Despite my best efforts, traditional tanning methods always seem to result in either redness or uneven color. As summer rolled around and with several important events on my calendar, including being a bridesmaid in a few weddings and the maid of honor at my sister's wedding, I knew I needed a tan that would make me look and feel my best. That's when I decided to try Dreamed In Tan, based in Clawson.

Recommended by a

friend, Dreamed In Tan was a major step above my previous experiences with machine-operated spray tans.

At Dreamed In Tan, you receive a personalized spray tan from a trained professional. This hands-on approach makes a world of difference. When I walked into the salon, I was greeted warmly and guided through the process, which involved wearing a bathing suit while a skilled technician applied the tan.

The tan looked incredibly natural, enhancing my skin tone without any of the splotches or uneven patches I'd previously experienced. The

color was rich and even and it lasted a full week, making it perfect for my series of events.



What truly set Dreamed In Tan apart was their body contouring service. During the tanning process, they skillfully contoured areas like my arms, face and stomach.

This added touch not only accentuated my features, but also ensured that I looked photo-ready from

every angle. While Dreamed In Tan is a bit more expensive than machine spray tans, the difference in quality is well worth the extra cost. The results are

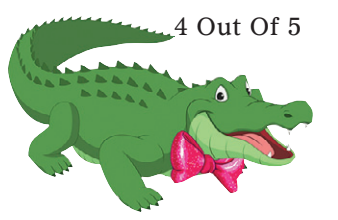
more consistent, natural-looking and long-lasting.

I've now been back about four times for various special occasions and I can confidently say that Dreamed In Tan has become my go-to spot for any big event. Their personalized approach and professional results have made me a loyal customer and I'll definitely be returning for any upcoming occasion where I want to look my best.

If you're looking for a top-notch tanning experience that delivers both in terms of quality and lasting power, Dreamed In Tan is definitely worth checking out. It's a game-changer for anyone who

wants to achieve a natural, beautiful tan without the hassles of traditional methods. I am giving this service 4 out of 5 alligators because it is pricier than other spray tans I've received, but the quality is well worth the price.

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Giving attention to the side dish

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

Making a simple side dish the star of your meal is always a special treat. I tend to only focus on the main which always leaves any vegetable side an afterthought. When was the last time you based an entire meal around a side dish? I never do.

Or think about the last time your order at a restaurant was solely based on the sides served with it. I'm assuming it's a rare

occurrence. But if you think about it, they play a crucial role in having a perfectly rounded and satisfying meal. This week I am choosing to give the simple side some love and attention and make it the star on the plate.

Let's begin with a humble bag of carrots. I like the bag of multi-colored carrots from Trader Joe's because they are more interesting and

appealing to the eye. They're just a bit more special. But traditional orange carrots work just as well. They are roasted with cumin and olive oil until caramelized then tossed with harissa. Harissa is a Tunisian red pepper sauce blended with lots of garlic, red bell pepper, red chili peppers and vinegar. It's found in most grocery stores in the ethnic sec-

tion. Along with the cumin, the resulting dish is slightly smoky, earthy and sweet from the carrots.

I didn't stop there. I made a quick tahini sauce to go with it. Tahini is a ground sesame seed paste used in Middle Eastern cooking, namely hummus. It's earthy and nutty and makes a great base for a sauce. In this case, I added lemon and maple syrup for acidity and a touch of sweetness. It's then drizzled over the carrots. Pomegranate seeds are sprinkled on top at the end along with fresh cilantro leaves. This adds pops of freshness and the colors are absolutely fabulous. If you can't find pomegranate seeds, buy a whole pomegranate, slice in half horizontally and smack the outer rind with the back of a knife to pop them out. These little jewels are very much worth the little effort. I'm really excited to share this with you. Take a break from the last minute quick steamed carrot and serve this with a simple grilled meat. You will not be disappointed.

Cheers, Mombeau

Roasted Carrots with Maple Tahini Sauce and Pomegranate Seeds

2 lbs. large carrots, peeled and trimmed

2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 tsp cumin

½ tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

3 tbsp mild harissa (Mina brand)

⅓ cup pomegranate seeds

Cilantro leaves

Maple Tahini Sauce

¼ cup tahini

1 tbsp soy sauce or tamari

2 tbsp maple syrup

Juice from half a lemon

1 clove of garlic, minced or grated

Pinch of salt

Whisk together all sauce ingredients in a

bowl. If necessary add a little bit of water to thin it out. Set aside.

Preheat your oven to 425 degrees. Cut the carrots into 3" long pieces diagonally. If the tops of the carrots are thick, slice horizontally as well.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and place the carrots on top. Drizzle over the olive oil and add the salt, pepper and cumin. Toss together and roast for 25 minutes.

Remove them from the oven and spoon the harissa over top. Gently coat each carrot with the harissa and place back into the oven for another five minutes.

To plate, pour half of the sauce onto a platter and lay down the carrots and spoon some extra sauce over top. Sprinkle the seeds down and lots of whole cilantro seeds. Serve family style.



Winemaking: a grimy job

Oh, you make wine?! How much fun is that!?"

The cafe speaker was a young woman awestruck to find out that one of the people at the next table made the wine she was sipping. In her delight, she may have missed the glazed look in the eyes of the winemaker.

I suspect he was thinking, "If she only knew..."

As the 2024 harvest in northern California begins, some people think winemakers' work is fun. But as we said in a recent wine column here, making wine is a

12-month job that deals with a huge number of boring details.

And most of it starts and ends with scrubbing.

Vineyards are a menagerie. Flying insects, crawling insects, voles, birds and microbes can affect the grapevine. Below-ground pests, such as root lice, gophers and mice, and above-ground pests like wild turkeys and boars all must be dealt with.

Viticultural decisions like pest management and irrigation systems are some of the disciplines taught in wine-

making schools.

Some winemakers are blessed enough to have salaried positions where they have fewer duties -- other than dealing with workers hired to do all the dirty work. But even then, they have to monitor the work of cellar crews to make certain everything is clean.

Other winemakers who own their own brands have it worse: staffs they have to manage and pay, overhead costs, dealing with tasting rooms, including such mundane tasks as dealing with spit buckets, restroom maintenance and government compliance on dozens of health issues that didn't exist a few years ago.

Perhaps the most footloose of all winemakers are the outside consultants who are hired to make wine for brand owners. They have many fewer

responsibilities — but also much lower income.

All winemakers have to deal with grape growers. Since the disciplines are not really compatible, this can entail a lot of frustrations on both sides. The grape grower and the winemaker must

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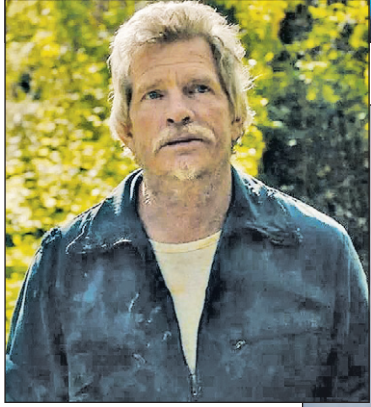


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Left, Dianna Agron as Maggie and Thomas Haden Church as Loyd in the 2022 movie "Acidman," written by Chris Dowling and Alex Lehmann and directed by Alex Lehmann.



A quiet moment at the river.



Lloyd (Church)



Maggie (Agron) cleans up the graffiti.



Father & daughter pondering the night sky.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



MOVIE REVIEW
"Acidman"
2022 - Not Rated
1 hr 27 min
★★★★★

I was going to review this movie ages ago, but other equally deserving films took precedent. Recently I decided it was way overdue and I also felt I needed to rewatch it. It's actually much better than I remember it, hence the five-star rating.

"Acidman" is listed as a science fiction film but I think that's a bit misleading. If it were up to me, I'd title it "Contact. (Sort of)." Fortunately, wiser heads in Hollywood prevailed and it goes by its more apt name.

When I say it's not a true sci-fi flick, I mean there are no actual aliens, no rocket ships, and no epic space battles on distant galaxies. The entire film takes place on Planet Earth, and that's a good thing. "Acidman" was co-written by Alex Lehmann and Chris Dowling and was directed by Lehmann. Like a couple of his other significant films "Paddleton" and "Meet Cute," it focuses on the two lead characters, who are on screen for roughly 90 percent of the time.

The movie stars Dianna Agron and Thomas Haden Church. I'm not familiar with Ms. Agron but I've seen and enjoyed Church in a number of films where he played supporting roles. This is his first lead and he delivers an award-worthy performance. It promises to be his breakout role and I look forward to seeing a lot more of him in the very near future.

Maggie (Agron) is a 30-something engineer who's decided to pay a visit to her estranged father Loyd (Church). She hasn't been in contact with him since she was a young girl and it took a great deal of effort to locate him. We learn that Loyd walked out on her, her brother and mother years ago and is now living off the grid.

Loyd makes a beat-up shack his home and it's a bit of a surprise when Maggie pulls up in front of it. It looks like something from rural Appalachia and she's amused to find graffiti

spelling "Acidman" across the front of it.

Their initial meeting is rather cold, not the emotional hugs and kisses one would expect from such a reunion. As it turns out, Loyd is a mad genius who's lived alone with his beloved dog Migo for years. He greets his daughter with cool indifference and the stoicism remains for the length of her visit. He spends his days creating loud, throbbing techno music with his synthesizer and found objects. In the evenings he searches the sky for aliens, who he's convinced have been communicating with him. Loyd is known in town as a crank, which explains why some hooligans felt compelled to spray "Acidman" on the side of his abode.

There are several moments when Maggie asks her father a question and we see him spaced out, staring blankly. You wonder if he's thinking about nothing, or everything all at once. Haden Church does a perfect job portraying the brainy eccentric. As the film progresses, we're slowly let in on their relationship when she was a little girl.

Flashbacks are interlaced in the film, which further fill in the blanks. The couple take long walks in the surrounding woods where they open up about their feelings. Maggie also reveals that she's recently left her husband. (Like father, like daughter).

There's one scene that really stuck with me. Near the end of the film, Loyd is convinced he's figured out the sequence of a code the aliens are using. It involves a series of colors, so he sets up a huge display of fire-works, using the same color pattern. After much preparation, the two fire them off, creating a glorious display that lights up the night sky.

It's an exciting and joyful moment that put a big grin on my puss!

This movie is unlike anything I've seen before. It's definitely nuanced. Don't expect a lot of action, just a great deal of measured and meaningful dialogue. I

like to call this type of film a "talkie." It's another one of those films you feel compelled to watch a second time, right after the closing credits. As a bonus, the scenery is stunning. I suspect it was filmed in the Pacific Northwest.

Note to parents: About the only thing objectionable in the movie is a bit of swearing. So while it's unrated, I'd probably give it a PG-13.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy with your library card. Also on Tubi, Plex, Pluto TV, The Roku Channel, 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.

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Maggie (Agron) and Loyd (Church) take in the fireworks.

FOOD:

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the fun flavors from which to choose.

If you're looking for something more refreshing and not so caffeinated, try an Italian soda, which come in flavors such as prickly pear, huckleberry and ginger lemongrass, as well as classics like grape, raspberry, strawberry, lemon and lime. Some of the most popular sodas are sugar-free lavender, peach and pomegranate with lime.



Italian Soda

With fall and winter creeping in slowly, Caffè Far Bella offers excellent soups, served year around and in a steady rotation during the week. Chicken noodle and vegetarian bean chili (also gluten free) are available every day. Jack thinks they have a four-way tie for the favorites.

"Tuesday's tomato basil bisque and roasted poblano



Tomato Basil Bisque



Variety of Pastries

WINE:

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coordinate their efforts to keep everything spotless.

Sanitation is the one constant in the lives of all winemakers. Growing grapes and making wine are both remarkably grimy occupations that call for attention to details that go down to microbial levels.

Occasionally, a newly hired winery worker doesn't understand the



Mexican Coffee

with white cheddar and tomatillos, versus Thursday's mushroom bisque with brie and Friday's lobster bisque with sherry," he said.

Personally, this soup girl loves that roasted poblano.

Catering is available for most events, from boxed lunches, deli and breakfast sandwich trays to salads and individual quiches, as well as coffee and beverages. Speaking with, or meeting in person to go over your specific needs and price range is always preferred.

Every morning, Jack hops on their Facebook page to post the daily soups and any seasonal specials they may be offering. Their Lent specials are some of my favorites. Mmmm ... crab cakes!

With plenty of seating inside and out on the patio during the warm season, they go out of their way to make sure their cozy cafe has a theme with its Christmas tree, which features continuously changing decorations throughout the year. And, during the Christmas season, Karen's crafts make for some excellent gift-giving ideas. Where this woman finds the time I have no idea, but her talents exceed the kitchen.

"We are both so grateful for the continued support throughout the last 15 years and ever so thankful for all of our regulars and new guests," the couple said.

Caffè Far Bella is definitely a hidden gem ... but maybe not so hidden after this column.

If you pop in this week, don't forget to wish them a happy birthday. This "mom and pop shop" turns 15 Oct. 5.

Caffè Far Bella is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and is closed Sunday and Monday. Keep up with Jack and Karen on Facebook at Caffè Far Bella and Instagram @caffefarbella

Fun fact: Jack and Karen met while both working at Eastland Mall, at the restaurant where Jack worked. The rest is history.

Stay tuned. Stay hungry.



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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, October 3, 2024: You are charming, adventurous and innovative. You like to explore new things, and you try to be up-to-date. Lucky you, because this is a fun-loving, pleasant year! It's time to nurture your happiness. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Old friends might reappear to rekindle friendships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

This is a friendly and sociable day! Yay! Relations with close friends and partners will be pleasant and easygoing. Even your interactions with members of the general public will be positive. This is a good day for domestic peace and happiness. It's also a good day for business. Tonight: Listen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

This is a positive day for you. You feel physically vigorous. Work-related travel might occur for many of you. This is a great day to combine efforts with others to achieve your goals. Meetings and teamwork will be productive. Tonight: Work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

This is a friendly, sociable day, which means it's the perfect time to reach out to friends and groups to talk and enjoy good times. Make an effort to enjoy sports events, fun activities with kids or romantic get-togethers. Meet the gang for happy hour. This is a feel-good day! Tonight: Practice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Invite friends and family over today (or this evening). This is a marvelous day to entertain at home. Stock the fridge. Any kind of group activity, including family events, will be a welcomed shared experience. Family discussions as well as home repairs will be successful. Tonight: Get organized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Because you're in a positive frame of mind today, all your exchanges with others will be upbeat and friendly. This is a great day for a short trip. It's also a wonderful day to teach, learn, write, sell or promote anything. You'll be persuasive in an attractive way. People will listen to you. Tonight: Make plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Respect your money-making ideas today; they could be excellent. Work hard to boost your income, because this is possible. This is also a good day to explore a better paying job. Meanwhile, many of you might travel for work. Your confidence is strong today. Tonight: Budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is a fabulous day for your sign, because the Sun, the Moon and Mercury are all in Libra. Plus, the Moon is dancing with lucky, moneybags Jupiter. This promotes your general sense of well-being, and makes you feel happy and generous to the world. Tonight: Be sensible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today you will be quietly pleased about something. You're happy to enjoy some moments of privacy and some peace and quiet. Meanwhile, relations with others will be charming

and diplomatic. Note: This is an excellent day to buy wardrobe items for yourself that will please you. Tonight: Research..

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

It's a popular day! Enjoy time spent with a friend. However, interactions with clubs, groups and organizations will be especially effective. Someone might encourage you to expand your future goals. You also might make contact with someone who will bring you future benefits. Tonight: Listen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You make a marvelous impression on others at this time, because the Sun, the Moon, and Mercury are all at the top of your chart making you look successful, as well as caring and empathetic. Actually, some people will know personal details about your private life. Fear not, you look good! Tonight: Courtesy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Grab every chance to travel, because you need a change of scenery. If you can't travel, maybe you can make plans for future travel. This is a positive day to explore avenues in publishing, higher education, medicine or the law. Do something different for a sense of adventure! Tonight: Study.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

This is an excellent day for financial discussions about inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt and insurance matters. Whatever transpires will benefit you. You will come out smelling like a rose! Travel somewhere if you can. Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY

Actor Clive Owen (1964), actress Neve Campbell (1973), actress Alicia Vikander (1988).

Contract Bridge

CHOOSING THE TRUMP SUIT

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A 10
 ♥ A J 9 8 6 5
 ♦ K Q 9 3
 ♣ 7

WEST **EAST**
 ♠ 5 4 ♠ K Q J 7 2
 ♥ 7 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ 8 7 2 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ A K J 10 6 5 3 ♣ Q 9 8

SOUTH
 ♠ 9 8 6 3
 ♥ K Q 10
 ♦ A J 10 5
 ♣ 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	3 ♣
4 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♦			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

A slam was reached at more than half the tables, but whether it was made depended on whether the contract was six hearts or six diamonds.

Those pairs who got to six hearts had no chance. They had to lose a spade and a club and go down one. The temptation to play in six hearts (worth 1,430 points) rather than six diamonds (worth 1,370 points) proved irresistible to these pairs, and they paid a heavy penalty for their greed. But those who opted for six diamonds — on the sequence shown or one similar to it — were well-rewarded.

Making six diamonds was no problem. With 11 tricks to start, all declarer had to do was to ruff a club in dummy to produce a 12th trick.

This extra trick was not available to the pairs who played the hand in hearts. The trump suit with nine cards in the combined hands thus did not prove as propitious as the trump suit with only eight cards.

There is nothing extraordinary about this, as it is axiomatic that hands with a 4-4 trump fit are generally more productive than those that offer a choice of an alternative 6-3, 5-3 or 5-4 trump fit. One frequently gains a trick by playing in the 4-4 fit.

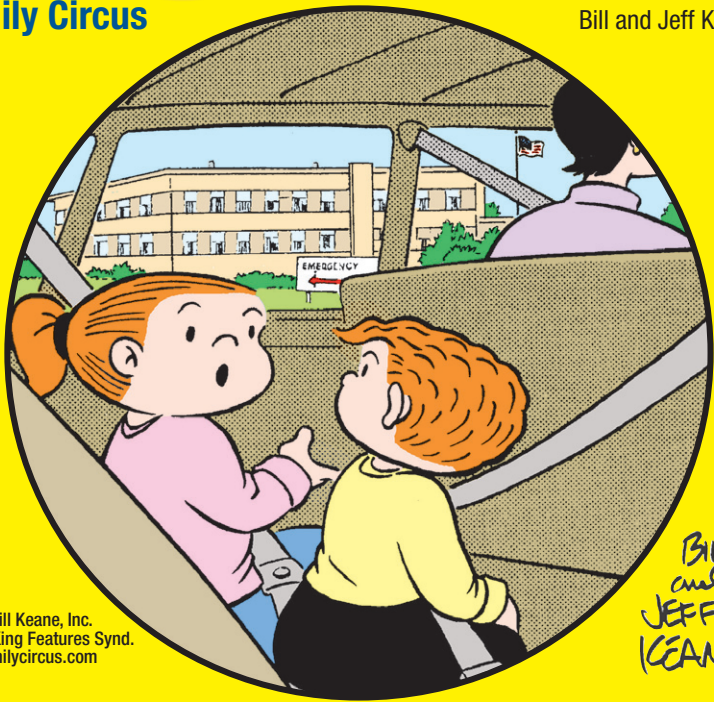
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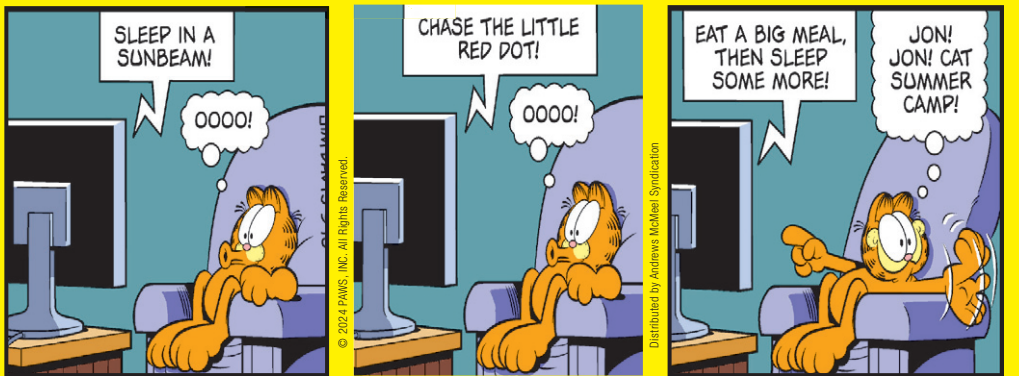
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"If somebody dies in the hospital, angels move them to the eternity ward."

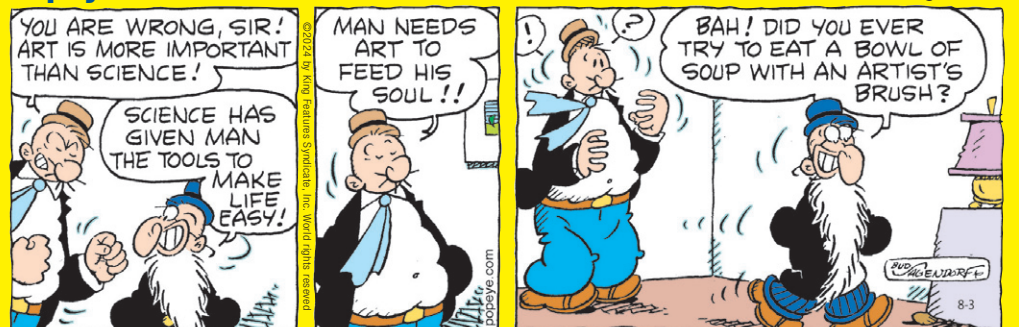
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Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



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Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

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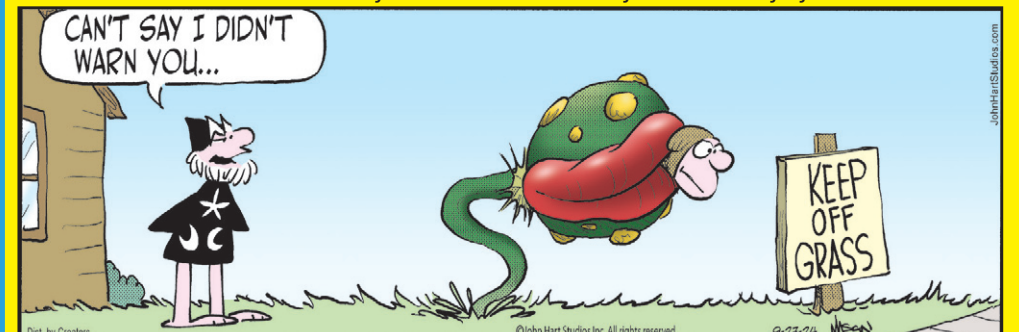
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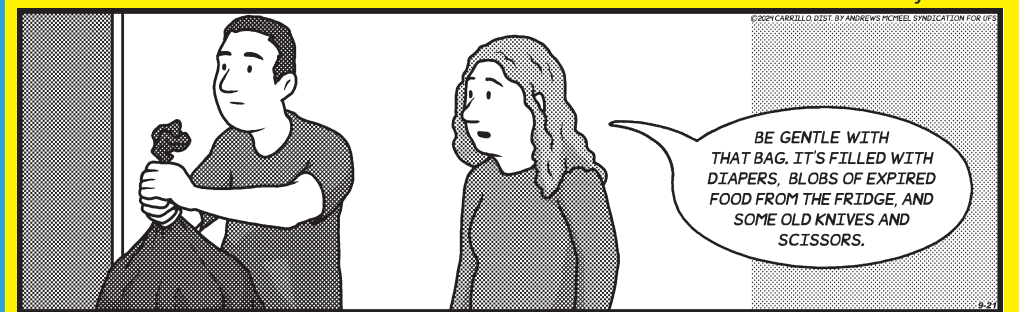
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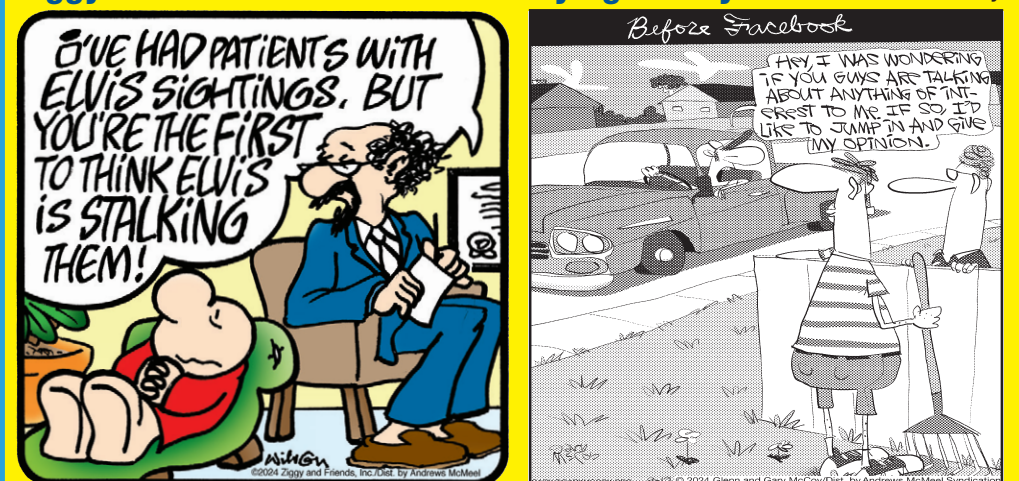


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

2	7	3	6	4	8	1	5	9
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10/3

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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9/26 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by Taylor Johnson October 3, 2024

ACROSS

- 1 Grill fuel, perhaps
- 4 Speedy train in the northeastern U.S.
- 9 Product of Dyson or Hoover, familiarly
- 12 Voice below soprano
- 14 Like a very original book, aptly
- 15 "Plus ..."
- 16 Boring
- 17 Really want
- 18 Where una familia might live
- 19 "Smart?"
- 22 Fenway team, on scoreboards
- 23 Charged particle
- 24 Like James Joyce and leprechauns
- 25 Locale of Yankee Stadium
- 27 "With 43-Across, apart?"
- 31 "Keep it simple, ..."
- 33 "No-o-ow I get it!"
- 34 "Start?"
- 40 "Dude!"
- 41 Fixture above many a sink
- 43 See
- 47 27-Across
- 48 Prepare for use, as an airplane wing in winter
- 49 Most populous nation, once

- 50 ___-Ida (Tater Tots brand)
- 52 Bout result, in brief
- 53 "Heart?"
- 58 Italian sparkling wine region
- 59 Above it all, in a way
- 60 "Star Wars" princess
- 62 Sedona landform
- 63 Delhi currency
- 64 ___ catch (football signal)
- 65 Expert
- 66 Things to sow
- 67 Small issue

- DOWN
- 1 Some say it's a gift
- 2 Every variety
- 3 Doesn't meet curfew
- 4 Kind of chili
- 5 Mexican beer brand
- 6 "Dear Hansen"
- 7 ___ Strauss (jeans pioneer)
- 8 One of the Baldwin brothers
- 9 Name on a pickle jar
- 10 Help out
- 11 Person setting a lineup
- 13 Unit of electrical resistance
- 15 High-end division of Honda
- 20 Fairy for which a haircut is named

- 21 Former Russian space station
- 22 Ammo in a pellet gun
- 26 Broadcaster of "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!"
- 28 It's relayed in a relay race
- 29 "Can't you see this is a library?!"
- 30 Her and him
- 32 Mortgage, for one
- 35 Bench press muscle, familiarly
- 36 Lent a hand
- 37 Uno + due
- 38 Neighbor of an Ethiopian
- 39 Fight film sequel starring Mr. T
- 42 Rock's "Speedwagon"
- 43 "Star Trek" weapon
- 44 "Yer just wrong!"
- 45 Most populous nation
- 46 Scot's denial
- 47 Flubbed
- 49 Winner, informally
- 51 Weddings and funerals
- 54 Red planet
- 55 Animated pooch who leaves behind clues
- 56 Tug-of-war need
- 57 Seasonal worker?
- 61 Medium of expression ... and a hint to parsing each starred clue

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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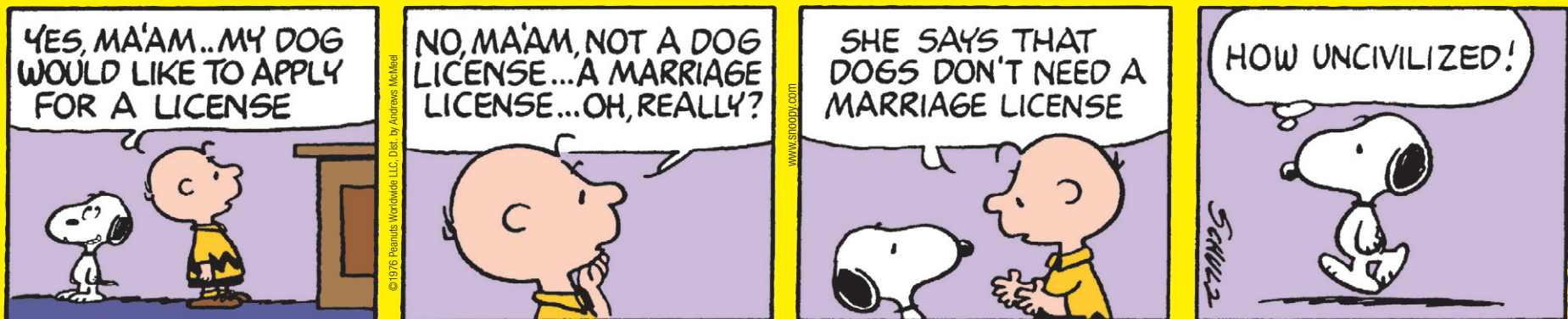
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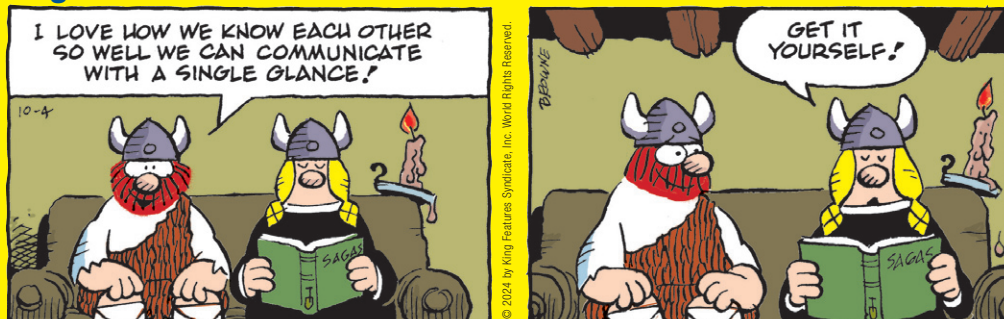
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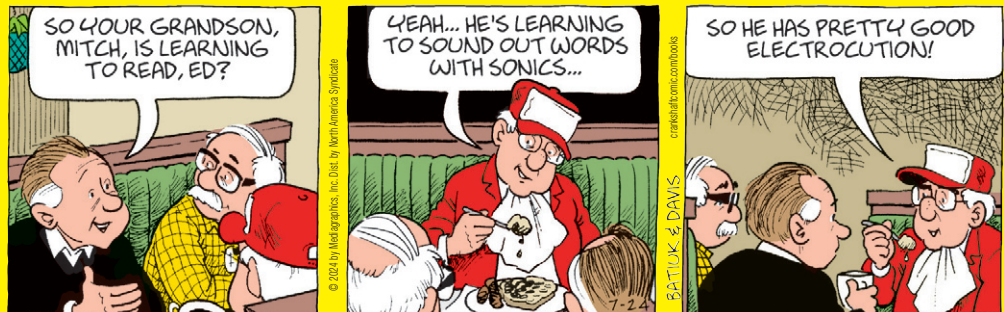
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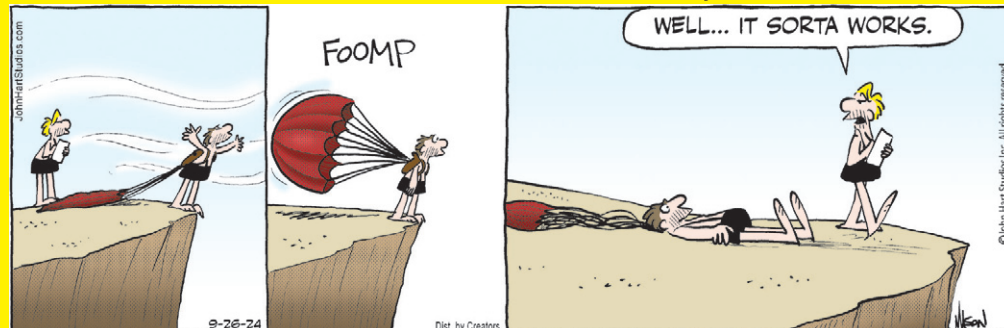
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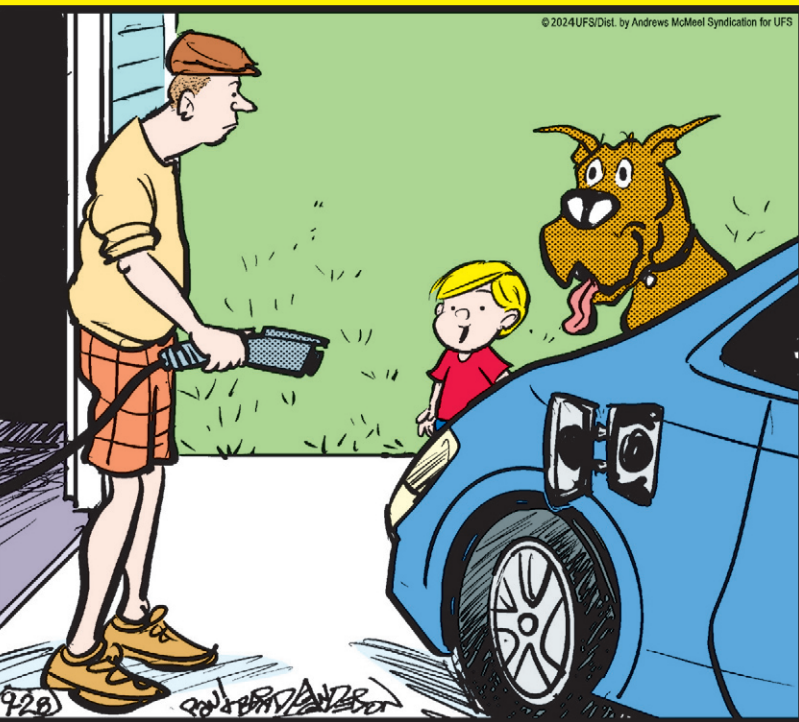
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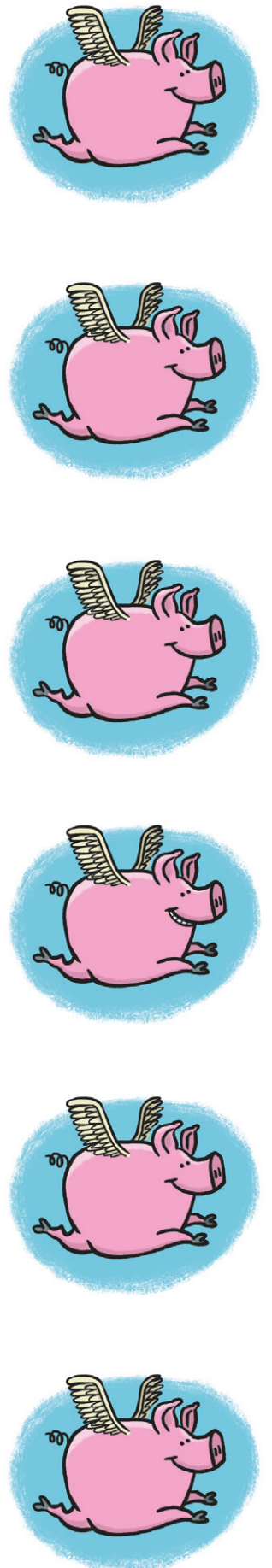
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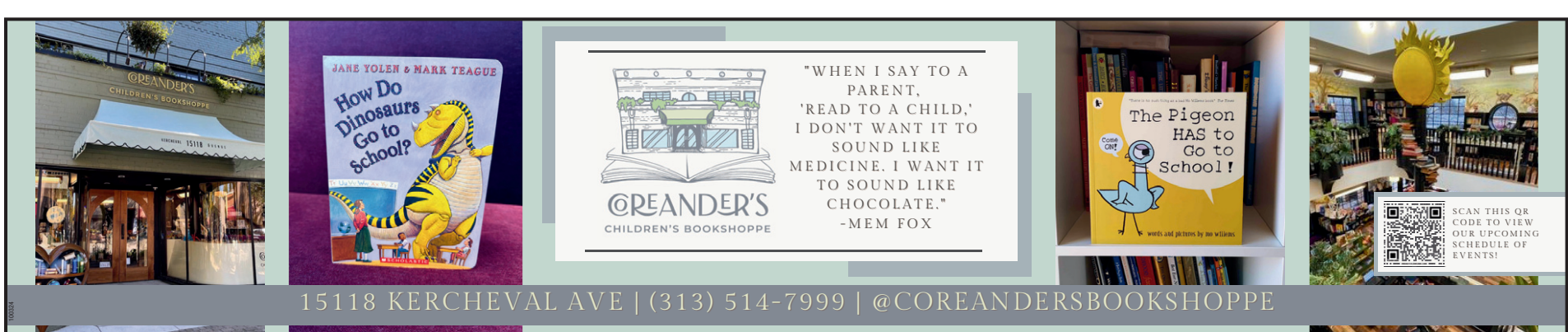
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Blue Devils keep rolling with key win over Roseville

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

If it wanted to be in the best position to win yet another MAC White Division championship, the Grosse Pointe South varsity football team knew last Friday night's game against Roseville would be key. The Blue Devils hosted the Panthers Sept. 27, and got a crucial victory that may help them secure a division title, taking down Roseville 38-21.

"The best practice always comes in a game," South football head coach Chad Hepner said after the victory. "We're going to come out of this game as a better football team just from having gone up against them and having that type of adversity and talent on the other side of the ball. It can certainly start some momentum, but that's kind of been building already all season long."

While the teams combined for nearly 60 points at the end of the night, there were zero points scored in the first quarter as the defenses



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Blue Devils line up on defense as Roseville prepares for a third-down play on offense.

seemed to prevail early on. It was not until early in the second quarter when the scoreboard moved, seeing South take a 7-0 lead on a touchdown pass from Jack Lupo to Sam Rouleau.

After the Blue Devils scored the first points of the night, Roseville answered back. The Panthers pounded the ball down the field on a drive largely led by the legs of senior running back and University of

Illinois commit Desmond Straughton, who found the end zone at the end of the drive. A two-point conversion put Roseville on top 8-7. South got a field goal with just over a minute remaining in the half to go up 10-8

going into halftime. South was able to build on that small lead during its first drive of the second half when a rushing touchdown by Lupo made it 17-8 in favor of the Blue Devils. Roseville answered with

back-to-back touchdowns of its own, both rushing scores by Straughton, which helped the Panthers take back the lead and go into the fourth quarter in front 21-17.

When it looked like the momentum favored Roseville, South did not back down. The Blue Devils regained the lead with just under nine minutes remaining on a touchdown pass from Lupo to James Michelotti. South's defense was able to keep the Panthers at bay in the final quarter and the heroics of senior Lex Willson helped the Blue Devils secure the win.

Willson punched it into the end zone on the ground with about six minutes to go for a score that made South's lead 31-21. South got the ball back in the final two minutes with the lead and, while searching for a first down to salt away the game, Willson found a hole and ran 60 yards to the end zone to cap off the 38-21 win.

"I knew we needed the

See SOUTH, page 4D

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Koval running at front of the pack for Blue Devils cross-country

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

Sarah Koval has been running as long as she can remember. The Grosse Pointe South senior is now a captain of the girls varsity cross-country team with which she has spent her entire high school career and is in the process of collecting some of her best results yet, finding success in a sport and way of life that runs in the family.

"My mom had always been into running and I was always into it with her and going on runs with her," Koval said. "In middle school, I was more into basketball. Once high school started, I decided to get back into (running) my freshman year and since then I've just never done anything else."

So far this fall, Koval has finished in the top 10 in five different races for South girls cross-coun-

try, including four top-five finishes. She helped the Blue Devils take first place in the Algonac Invitational Sept. 7, while finishing third. She also helped her team take first in the MAC White Jamboree Sept. 10, when she finished first overall.

On Sept. 21, Koval finished second overall in the Monroe Jefferson Invitational, helping the Blue Devils to another first-place team finish. The senior also took third in another MAC

White Jamboree win for South Sept. 24.

"I really put a lot of work in over the summer," Koval said. "This season, I've been remembering that I've

worked for this. I know it's going to hurt to race, but you need to have the hurt to have the win. I know my coaches and the whole team are there for me."

Koval's performances throughout the season to this point certainly have helped the Blue Devils achieve the level of success they have. However, she knows she is not the only one whose results are helping the team surge.

Her teammates, including fellow seniors such as Adelina Parikh and Savannah Spangler, have been finishing high on the leaderboard as well. Leading the way alongside her fellow seniors and captains, Koval also is spending this fall focusing not only on her own success, but on building the foundation for South's pro-



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

South senior Sarah Koval has been racing for the Blue Devils girls cross-country team since she was a freshman.

gram to continue its success in years to come. "We have a strong bond on the team and not only with the top seven varsity runners, See ATHLETE, page 6D

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Defense helps carry North to victory over Woods-Tower

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North varsity football team hoped that getting its first win of the season, a 42-0 victory against Sterling Heights in Week 4, would give it some much-needed momentum going into Week 5. The Norsemen's Week 5 matchup saw them facing Warren Woods-Tower on Saturday, Sept. 28, and they were able to pick up another MAC Gold Division win by taking down the Titans 35-12.

Of the five touchdowns the Norsemen scored in the game, three of them came either from the defense or special teams. The first defensive score resulted in the first points of the game, with sophomore Peter Rheume intercepting a Titans pass and taking it to the end zone to put North up 7-0.

"The defense finally played like we had expected them to play this season," North football head coach Joe Drouin said. "...We had



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's defense, pictured in a game against Sterling Heights, and special teams units scored three of the team's five touchdowns in a 35-12 win against Warren Woods-Tower on Saturday, Sept. 28.

great defensive practices all week, and I think it showed in the way the game went... That's the way we expected the defense to play all season, and I think they've finally started to settle in."

Woods-Tower scored a touchdown on its next

drive, but a missed extra point attempt helped the Norsemen stay up 7-6 at the end of the first quarter.

North built on its lead in the second quarter, this time with a touchdown on special teams. As the Titans attempted to punt, they fumbled

the snap and the ball was recovered by North's James Shefferly and taken to the end zone. That made it 14-6 in favor of North and that remained the score going into the halftime break.

The Norsemen got their first offensive

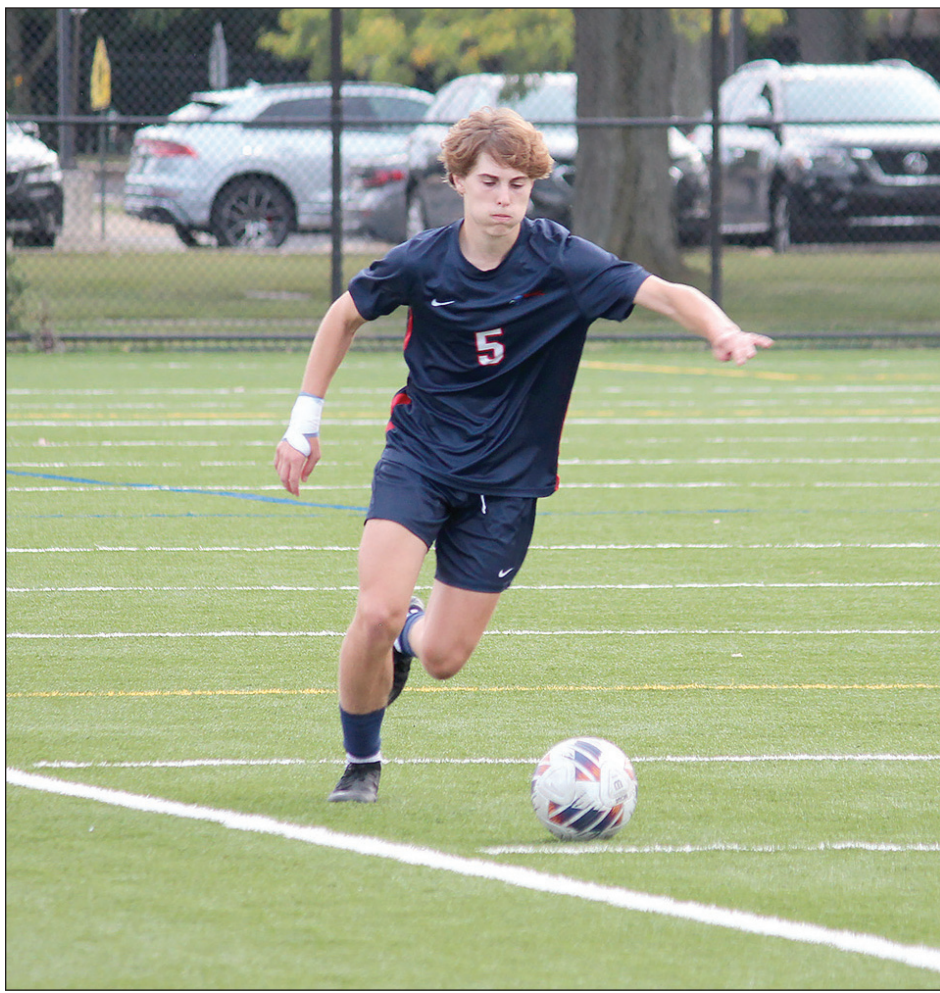
touchdown of the day in the third quarter. Deon Doe connected with Daylon Doe for a touchdown pass that made it a 21-6 lead for North going into the final frame.

Defense and special teams continued to be the name of the game for

the Norsemen as they looked to seal the win in the fourth quarter. Leo Perettie returned a punt for a touchdown to extend North's lead to 28-6. Later in the final quarter, a Daylon Doe interception return for a touchdown helped the Norsemen put the game away. Already down 35-6, a late touchdown for Woods-Tower only made the deficit slightly smaller, but North already secured the win.

"We're still having our growing pains," Drouin said. "...There's still the feeling that the ship is not righted yet. We want to win the Gold...I tell the kids to have the Tiger mentality. The Tigers don't want to lose and we need to show that Tiger grit."

The win brought the Norsemen's record so far this season to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in MAC Gold Division play. North is back on the road in Week 6 for another division game as the team visits Lake Shore High School. That game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Lake Shore.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Junior Caden Martin runs to the ball on a free kick for the Knights in Liggett's 2-1 loss to Shrine Catholic last Thursday, Sept. 26.

Liggett soccer falls short against Shrine

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School varsity boys soccer team entered its match Thursday, Sept. 26, against Shrine Catholic having only one blemish on its record this season. The match, which had implications for who could make it to the CHSL Cardinal Division championship, was heated and tightly contested. However, Shrine prevailed in the end by a slim 2-1 margin.

"It's hard to create a playoff environment before the playoffs start, but I think we kind of got a taste of it," Liggett boys soccer coach David Dwaihy said. "...In the last few years, we've been on the winning side

in a lot of those games in the regular season and don't have much experience when we're in a tight game in the playoffs. It's hard to manufacture that type of preparation, so even though we lost, I felt like it was a good loss."

Liggett's only goal of the game also was the first goal of the game. Michael Darlington scored for Liggett in the game's 16th minute to put the team ahead 1-0. Shrine answered back quickly, scoring in the 18th minute to tie the game at 1-1. The score remained deadlocked going into halftime.

As the second half started with the teams still at a stalemate, eventually one had to break through. It ended up being Shrine, who

scored again in the 58th minute to take the lead 2-1.

Shrine's defense remained stout for the next 20-plus minutes until the end of the game. Liggett had several chances to even the game after going down, but Shrine was able to hold off the Knights until the final horn sounded.

The loss brought Liggett's record this fall to 9-2-2 with just a couple of weeks remaining in the regular season. The Knights hosted Detroit Western Monday, Sept. 30, and were able to win 4-0.

The team is back in action next week as it travels on the road to face Orchard Lake St. Mary's Monday, Oct. 7. That game is scheduled to kick off at 6 p.m.



Sekou Manneh looks to work his way around the Shrine defense.



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North tennis looks to maintain momentum from MAC championship run

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe North varsity boys tennis has always been a proud program, but there were feelings the past couple of decades about a standard of success for which the Norsemen were still striving. One of the main goals in reaching that next level, the Norsemen saw, was winning an outright MAC Red Division championship, a feat the team finally achieved this fall.

"When we beat Romeo the week before, we knew we had guaranteed ourselves at least a share of the title," North boys tennis head coach John VanAlst said about the team going into its division-clinching match Sept. 16. "... One of our goals was also to beat Grosse Pointe South. We were warming up and everyone felt confident. They weren't nervous and it was really exciting as a coach to see. We had a couple of early wins and then South got some wins. There were three singles matches that all went to three sets. The energy was really exciting."

Sept. 16, the Norsemen

faced off against cross-town rival Grosse Pointe South. The match came down to singles matches, with South's Matthew Holowinski being victorious in No. 1 singles, but North getting a win in No. 2 singles with Troy Lipscomb.

The match ultimately ended in a 4-4 draw, which was not quite the result North was looking for against its rival. However, the realization that a draw clinched the team's first outright division title in three decades was more than

enough to lift spirits. "The kids were super pumped even though they were a little disappointed that we only tied South, but it didn't get lost on them that we did earn the title outright," VanAlst said. "It was a great day, even with a little bittersweet ending, but it was a fantastic day for the Norsemen."

According to VanAlst and his coaching staff, the last time it is on record that the Norsemen won the division outright was 1994. Playing a big role in getting North to its long-awaited goal has been the veteran leadership of the team.

A majority of North's



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe North varsity boys tennis celebrates after winning the MAC Red Division championship following a 4-4 tie against Grosse Pointe South on Sept. 16, the program's first outright division championship in decades.

roster this fall is made up of seniors, including Lipscomb, Louis Macres, Sam Michael, James Muawad, Xavier Sarnaik, Jack Sendoykas and Gruhith Yermalli.

"We have seven seniors and all have really stepped up their game and are having fantastic seasons," VanAlst said. "They're getting the job done on the court. Off the court and in practice, these guys are pushing each other. They're getting extra hits outside of practice. We practice six days a week and they're

still out getting hits outside of practice and matches, so it's really setting the tone for these underclassmen."

The Norsemen are happy with how the veteran leadership has been paving the way for the underclassmen who soon will take over some of the top spots on the team. One of them is freshman Ajay Sarnaik, who has particularly impressed his teammates and coaches with his growth and ability throughout the season.

"At the beginning of the season, he was a lit-

tle bit intimidated and overwhelmed," VanAlst said about the freshman. "Now, he's found his game and his confidence. He's got his rhythm going and is doing everything a coach could ask for with his growth as a player."

The division championship is now in the rearview mirror, and North is looking ahead to finishing out the final stretch of the season strong. The team secured an 8-0 victory over Dakota last Thursday, Sept. 26, but fell 7-1 against

Birmingham Seaholm on Monday, Sept. 30.

The big focus now is competing strong at regionals, which North hosts Wednesday, Oct. 9, and hopefully making it to the state finals. With spirits high all fall and having their names at the top of the MAC, everyone at North feels like the momentum is not stopping.

"Once we put that MAC Red behind us and just start riding the wave ... I feel good about going into the regional in a couple of weeks," VanAlst said.



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

Knights clinch CHSL title in shootout victory over Marian

The University Liggett School varsity field hockey team faced off against Marian last Friday, Sept. 27, in a game to decide the Catholic League championship. The Knights emerged with the CHSL title, taking a thrilling 4-3 victory over Marian in a shootout. Constantina Bournias, Avery Welsh, Maisy Huebner and Ally Orlick all scored for the Knights, while Elizabeth Dickey's performance in net helped the team secure a victory.

"Going into the game, I kept telling the girls to remember how we are a much stronger team now than we were when we played them in August," Liggett field hockey coach Amanda Amine said. "... We're playing our best field hockey of the season heading into October and the state tournament, so I am looking forward to seeing what else this group can accomplish."

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South, North cross-country teams take on MAC competition

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The boys and girls cross-country teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North got to run in showdowns against some of the toughest competition in their respective MAC divisions. For the Blue Devils, the week brought another victory in another MAC White Jamboree, while North was on a quest for division supremacy at the MAC Red championships.

South's boys and girls teams both finished in first place again in the second MAC White Jamboree of the season Tuesday, Sept. 24, both finishing 7-0 over the competition. The wins clinched the MAC White Division titles for both teams as well.

For the boys, the Blue Devils

were once again led by Jack Martin, who finished the race in second place overall. Tethyan McKenzie also made it into the top five, finishing fourth, and Josh Sonnenberg made the top 10 in eighth place.

Sarah Koval led South's girls team by finishing in third place. Her teammate and fellow senior Chloe Caulfield was just two seconds behind and earned fourth. Adelina Parikh took sixth place, with Savannah Spangler in eighth place and Calisse Budek in ninth rounding out the five South runners who finished in the top 10.

"After the first jamboree, we knew our seven opponents would be coming at us," South girls cross-country coach Steve Zaranek said. "Our girls handled the added pressure so well and our improvements were across the board."

North's boys and girls teams were in action Wednesday, Sept. 25, in the MAC Red championships. The Norsemen ended up getting second place in both the boys and girls divisions out of eight teams.

Ashlei Anatolio had the best finish of any North runner on the girls team, taking 31st. Katie Madigan was a few places behind as she finished 36th. Joelle Latta and Erin Doolittle made the top 50 in 47th and 49th place, respectively.

Senior captain Caleb Kosel earned all-conference honors for the Norsemen with the team's highest finish in the boys race, finishing 14th. Paul Stephens also made it into the top 25 in 24th place. Neil Orlovski took 35th place, while freshman Dylan Phillips finished 41st.

North's boys team bounced

back Saturday, Sept. 28, by earning third place in the 2024 Coaching Legends Invitational.

Kosel ended the race in seventh place and Orlovski also made the top 10 in 10th place.

The boys and girls teams for the Norsemen are set to run again Saturday, Oct. 5, in the Wayne County Championships hosted at Willow Metropark.

South's boys and girls teams return to action Tuesday, Oct. 8, hosting Warren Mott.

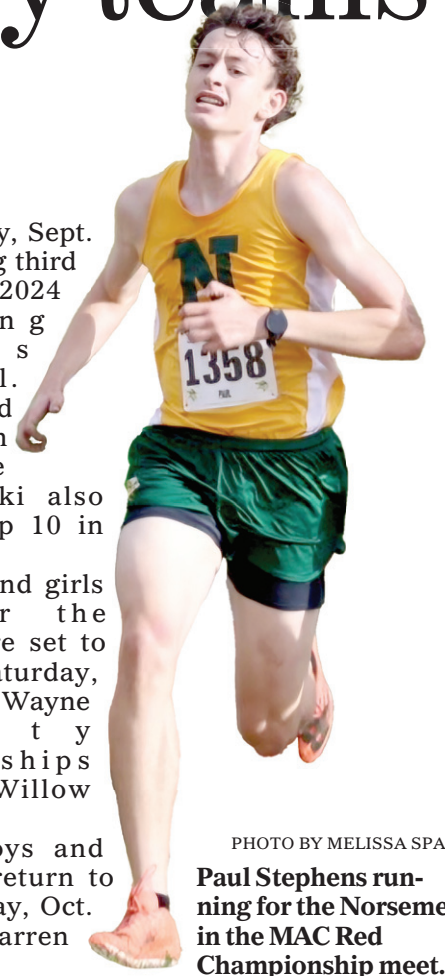


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Paul Stephens running for the Norsemen in the MAC Red Championship meet.

SOUTH:

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first down to win the game there and secure it," Willson said about the final play. "I hit the hole and it was all there. Shoutout to my linemen. They did everything there and I just kind of ran, but it was a great feeling."

Willson finished the game with 83 yards on the ground to go with his two touchdowns while also leading the defense with 14 tackles. South's defense was flying around the

field much of the night. The unit caused four Roseville turnovers, with Henry Domzalski, Adam Czarnik, Ben Kocik and Noah Hart all getting interceptions.

Lupo finished the game completing eight of 21 passing attempts for 85 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Rouleau was the leading receiver with four catches for 29 yards, while Matt Agnone led the team on the ground with seven carries for 109 yards.

"It took every card in

the deck tonight," Hepner said. "We feel like we're a pretty balanced team. We've got a lot of playmakers at the running back position and receiver position and we're glad we can get them all involved."

The win improved South's record to 5-0 and was a third win in MAC White Division play. The Blue Devils are at home again in Week 6 for their annual homecoming game, hosting L'Anse Creuse North with kickoff at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4.



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Senior kicker Onction Zape lines up for a field goal attempt for South near the end of the first half against Roseville.

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6D | SPORTS

HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Whether it's games, meets or matches, high school fall sports in the Pointes are in full swing and the Grosse Pointe News is here to bring you all the varsity action. Some of the week's biggest hits and highlights from include:



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LIGGETT FOOTBALL

University Liggett varsity football suffered its second loss of the season on Friday, Sept. 27, falling 49-13 against Lutheran North. QB Nikos Davis had 335 yards passing and threw for two touchdowns. One of those touchdowns was caught by Santino Cicarella, who finished with 155 yards receiving. The Knights return home on Friday, Oct. 4, hosting Riverview Gabriel Richard at 6:30 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

SOUTH VS NORTH FIELD HOCKEY

The varsity field hockey teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North faced off last Tuesday, Sept. 24, in their annual Stick It To Cancer Charity Game. The teams combined to raise over \$3,500 for cancer research at the game and through other fundraisers including car washes and bake sales. The Blue Devils ended up victorious 3-0 in last Tuesday's game with two goals by Scout Webber and one by Andee Baker.

Wolverines survive late scare from rival Minnesota

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

No matter how teams seem to have been performing lately, a special atmosphere surrounds a rivalry game in college football. That atmosphere was present even on a rainy day in Ann Arbor Saturday, Sept. 28, for the 106th meeting between the University of Michigan and the University of Minnesota.

The Wolverines entered the game riding high off of a thrilling win over USC the week before, while Minnesota was looking to bounce back following a loss to Iowa. The Golden Gophers nearly pulled off the upset, giving Michigan a slight scare in the second half with an attempted comeback, but the Wolverines still managed to come away with a 27-24 win to retain the Little Brown Jug Trophy.

"It was a tale of two halves," Michigan head coach Sherrone Moore said. "We played really well in the first half and not as well in the second half. ... We didn't execute at the level we needed to."

The first half was indeed all Michigan. Kael Mullings started things in the first quarter with a 27-yard touchdown run, a fitting follow-up to his breakout game against the Trojans a week before. Mullings helped put the Wolverines up 14-0 in the second quarter

with another rushing score.

Michigan continued to pull ahead in the first half, taking a 21-0 lead on a touchdown pass from Alex Orji to Tyler Morris, Minnesota's only points of the first half came in the final seconds before halftime, when a long passing play set up the Gophers in position for a chip-shot field goal, making it 21-3 at the break.

That end of the first half was almost an indication of how the second half would swing to favor Minnesota. Michigan added three more to its lead with a field goal to open the third quarter, but then the Gophers began to storm back in the final frame.

Minnesota's comeback attempt was led by sophomore running back and Detroit native Darius Taylor, who scored Minnesota's first touchdown of the game early in the fourth quarter, making it 24-10 still in favor of Michigan.

The Gophers' defense then forced Michigan to punt and a 60-yard return for Minnesota helped set up another Taylor touchdown to make it a one-score game. Michigan added another field goal to extend its lead to 10 points, 27-17, but Minnesota was not ready to lie down yet.

Gophers quarterback Max Brosner led the charge down field in a drive that ended in a 12-yard touchdown

pass to Daniel Jackson to get Minnesota within three points. However, an unsuccessful on-side kick attempt for the Gophers gave the ball back to Michigan, allowing the Wolverines to run out the clock and end the game.

The win brings the Wolverines to 4-1 so far this season and 2-0 in Big Ten Conference play. Despite winning its last three games, Michigan still feels like there are plenty of questions surrounding the skill and potential of this year's team. A weak second half against Minnesota did not do much to provide answers.

"When you feel like you have a lead and you build on it and have momentum, then come out in the second half and let a couple of things get away from you, it just feels different," Moore said. "We got the win, but we're not happy and not satisfied with how we got the win."

After beginning the season with five consecutive games at home, the Wolverines venture away from Ann Arbor for their Week 6 matchup. In a rematch of the 2023 College Football Playoff National Championship Game, Michigan visits the University of Washington to take on the Huskies Saturday, Oct. 5. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. with the game being broadcast on NBC.

ATHLETE:

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but even with the freshman coming in this year, we've created special bonds," she said. "We warm up together and talk about their day and how they're doing in school. The people that I run with during meets, we always talk before the race and get each other pumped up."

That bond goes beyond Koval and her fellow runners. It also extends to the coaching staff, led by head coach Steven Zaranek, who Koval believes has pro-

vided the best leaders and mentors she could have asked for.

"Coach Z especially has helped me learn so much as a human outside of running and just being a good person overall," Koval said. "... Coach Louise (Davey) is always helping me with personal things and friends and she's always there. Coach Mac (Shawn McNamara), I love going to him for anything about stretching or injuries. He's the perfect person to go to."

Koval's leadership and dedication to the team is not lost on her coaches either. As the Blue

Devils strive to continue collecting trophies and eventually compete for regional and state championships later in the season, those at the helm of the program for South are confident Koval will continue to lead the way.

"Sarah, over her four years at South, has developed into an exceptional talent," Zaranek said. "More importantly, she adopted our system of team first since her freshman year. She is a superb team leader showing, through example, that hard work pays off, doing everything properly is important and that supporting her teammates comes above all else."



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

Koval, center, with South teammates Calisse Budek, left, and Adelina Parikh wearing their medals after the MAC White Jamboree on Sept. 10.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN following the public review period of at least 63 days, a public hearing will be held in person at the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (located at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act 33 of 2008, as amended (MPEA) and the Open Meetings Act, PA 267. The purpose of the public hearings is to discuss the City's draft Master Plan.

A copy of the draft plan will remain available for review at City Hall and online at www.gpwmi.us/community/page/master-plan.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's Office, up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313-343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwmi.us.

For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at 313-343-2426 or e-mail building@gpwmi.us. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Please reference "Master Plan" in all correspondence.

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-6.2, will hold multiple Public Hearings on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (located at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the following purposes: 1) consider special land use for 20710 Mack Avenue for the proposed Class C, SDM licensed restaurant establishment, Daily Jam; and 2) consider special land use for 20195 Mack Avenue for the proposed Class C restaurant establishment, Lola's Taco Bar.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 before the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, Council Chambers at 795 Lake Shore Rd.

- The petitioner at 50 Oxford Rd. is requesting the following:
 - Special Land Use for an outdoor athletic court

At the September 24, 2024 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended to approve the petitioner's request for the Special Land Use.

Plans of the proposed projects are available for your viewing at the Office of the City Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road, during normal business hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Bruce Nichols,
City Clerk

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