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GPPSS 2023-24 budget has \$1M surplus

Fund balance tops 10%

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTE — Audit numbers show the Grosse Pointe Public School System's 2023-24 fiscal year budget ended with a \$1 million surplus and the district's fund balance is in double digits for the first time in three years.

The figures were presented by Plante Moran at the Facilities and Finance Committee meeting Wednesday, Oct. 2.

"It's not just about creating a budget, it's about working the budget," GPPSS Board of Education President Sean Cotton said. "I watched year after year

as the budget missed to the negative. If you have a strong management team that can hold people accountable, you can work the budget correctly."

According to the audit, the district finished the fiscal year with around \$108 million in revenue and \$107 million in expenditures. The \$1 million surplus pushed the fund balance to \$10.8 million, or 10.2 percent of expenditures. The fund balance at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year was \$9.8 million, or 8.8 percent. It had been at \$18 million at the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Lisa Vargo of Plante See **SURPLUS**, page 9A



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Into the spirit

Halloween will be here before we know it, so we're helping the community get into the spirit of the season with Halloween pages — featuring several specially decorated houses throughout the Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores — in section C. Also, don't miss our coverage of the seasonal favorite charity haunt, Haunted Garage Productions, on page 5B.

Winter could delay sidewalk replacement

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Winter's onset will set the schedule for sidewalk repairs in the northeast part of town.

"If the weather holds, the contractor will keep going. If the weather doesn't hold, we start off in spring," said Tom Jenny, head of public works.

Objectives are to replace sidewalk slabs in District 1, bordered above Jefferson and Yorkshire from Mack Avenue plus, below Jefferson, Lake Court to Bedford and Bedford Lane.

"The contractor's going to try to do 10,000 linear feet, or about the first two streets, Cadieux and Harvard," Jenny said.

Being replaced at a cost ranging from \$100 to \$250 per slab are sidewalks with one or all the following defects:

- ◆ offset of at least half an inch between slabs,
- ◆ cracks larger than three-eighths of an inch in width,
- ◆ spalling or scaling where the surface is deteriorating more than

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Security valve

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Now that the city's flood relief valve is operational, city officials want to keep it that way.

They intend to surround the \$1.6 million valve's above-ground mechanism with some type of barrier to discourage tampering and shield it from damage.

The valve is located within and near the entrance to Patterson Park on Essex at the foot of Three Mile Drive.

"I was worried about what happens if a car comes through, runs the stop sign and plows into it," Councilman Tom Caulfield said.

Tom Jenny, head of public works, said permanently shielding the above-ground components would hamper access engineers said was needed for maintenance and repairs.

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Homes honored for architectural, beautification efforts

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A French-inspired home owned by Elizabeth Brooks and constructed at 363 Lakeland two years ago — "that looks like it was always here since the 1920s," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said — last week was one of two homes in the City of Grosse Pointe to receive the city's first architectural awards.

"It was designed to look like it's always been there," architect Robert Wood said. "The history of Grosse Pointe was originally by the French and there's so much colonial architecture in



COURTESY PHOTO

A newly constructed home at 363 Lakeland earned the City's first architectural award.

here, it's always fun to put back a French one. It's authentic. ... It's part of the original fabric of the community and it also complements the

colonial architecture across the street." The architectural awards — presented in conjunction with the

City's annual beautification awards ceremony — according to their guidelines are intended

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to “recognize homeowners and business owners who build, restore or renovate a property which conforms and is sympathetic to its original architecture and surrounding structures,” and were born out of community feedback during the City’s most recent master plan update.

“One of the things we heard loud and clear was that people really care about the historic nature of this community,” Tomkowiak said. “We were told that, no matter what, we wanted to make sure we preserve some of the quirky aspects in our commercial districts in those buildings and definitely keep the fabric of our housing stock the way it is and not turn us into a cookie-cutter suburb.

“All of us who live in old houses, and almost all of us do here, we know what it takes to maintain and improve the old homes and to keep them up,” she continued, “and we were looking for a way to encourage that and to do it in a very architecturally accurate way, in keeping with the spirit of the years, time and sensibility when the house was built.”

A recently renovated home at 458 Washington owned by Kevin and Cherie Didio also received an architectural award. Work on the home included the additions of a porch, cedar shake roof — previously asphalt — and copper

gutters, as well as a small addition to the back of the house, a bay onto the garage and re-landscaping.

“They did a great job of bringing the character of the house, but making it better,” said Jeff Swantek, beautification commission board chair.

Beautification awards

This year’s beautification award winners in the City of Grosse Pointe, honored for the effort put into maintaining aesthetic landscapes, are:

- ◆ The Vittoe residence at 1 Dodge Place,
- ◆ Demkowicz residence at 415 Lakeland,
- ◆ Newa residence at 783 Lakeland,
- ◆ Peltz residence at 694 Lincoln,
- ◆ Burson residence at 827 Lincoln,
- ◆ Steele residence at 846 Lincoln,
- ◆ Sandercott residence at 662/664 Neff,
- ◆ Ulrich residence at 7 Sycamore Lane
- ◆ and Lyon residence at 646 University Place.

“Everybody always plants their landscaping too close together when it’s small, so I knew better to spread it out, so when it grew, it had room to grow,” said Susan Fisher of her landscaping design strategy upon purchasing 827 Lincoln 21 years ago. “I also have a red front door, so I tried to incorporate a Japanese red maple and some grasses with some purple-red in it to complement it.”

The Vittoe and Ulrich residences also have won beautification awards in years past.



7 Sycamore was one of nine homes in the City to earn beautification awards this year for their landscaping.



Above, recipients of the City’s 2024 beautification awards included, from left, Phil and Tracy Lyon, Margaret and Dave Steele, Donald and Joellen Ulrich, Brian and Connie Demkowicz, Ken Newa, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak (not awarded), Susan Fisher and Eric Burson, Debbie Taylor and Jim Sandercott, Robert Wood, Elizabeth Brooks and Dan Connell.



Left, renovations of 458 Washington earned the home an architectural award for enhancing the character of the house.

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“We can look into it,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

“It depends on cost,” Jenny said.

The valve, called an extreme emergency relief valve, or EERV, was installed this year to relieve overwhelming

volume on the sewer system that otherwise risks backing into basements during heavy rains, as happened three summers ago to thousands of properties.

“It seems that anyone could walk up and start messing with it,” Caulfield said during an Oct. 3 meeting of the Infrastructure Committee.

“It’s locked up,” Jenny said.

“Is there any way to run the (park perimeter)

fence around it so it’s inside the park and have limited access?” Caulfield said.

“We could,” Jenny said.

He’s also seeking cost estimates from landscapers to shield the valve site from view.

“Something that will blend in but be low, low maintenance,” Jenny said.

“The EERV was completed and functional in spring,” Councilman

and Committee Chairman Max Wiener said. “Luckily, excavation costs came in under what we expected. Using that savings, we were able to roll in some better remote controls for flow monitoring.”

“We had a start-up a week ago,” said Mike Krause, the pump station’s electrician.

The stormwater system easily handled recent rainstorms.

“It operated as planned,” Jenny said. “There were no hiccups.”

Routine cleaning of the wet well at Patterson is planned for spring.

“It doesn’t make sense to do it before fall, when all the leaves are getting washed down, unless we had a warm, dry spell after leaves have fallen and we could squeeze it in,” Jenny said.

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Longtime beautification member honored for service

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — After retiring from the City of Grosse Pointe's Beautification Commission last year, Susan Hartz was honored for her nearly 20 years of service — 10 of which serving as co-chair — with a proclamation during the annual beautification awards Wednesday, Oct. 2.

"I think Susan is the longest-standing commission member of all time," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said. "I think she got there, as (board chair Jeff Swantek) said, before his beard turned gray."

The proclamation acknowledged the many hours spent planting, weeding, watering and transforming city flower beds in The Village and Neff Park.

Hartz also assisted with the creation of Project Bloom, which was an initiative to sponsor a flower garden at a time when the city did not have the funds within its budget to plant flowers, and spent many hours traveling city streets to nominate homes for the annual beautification awards.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JANE DAVIES

Susan Hartz served almost two decades on the City's beautification commission before retiring last year.

"We deeply appreciate your leadership and efforts over the years to keep Grosse Pointe beautiful," the proclamation reads, "and therefore acknowledge your dedicated service and express

gratitude for all you have done to beautify the City of Grosse Pointe." "And I loved every moment of it," Hartz said.

— Laurel Kraus

Pier Park Autumn Harvest this weekend

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The annual Autumn Harvest at Pier Park is noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

Farms residents are invited to enjoy cider and doughnuts from a cider mill, as well as a candy hunt for children, hayride, bounce houses, face painting and

— new this year — a puppet show.

"Typically, we've had a magician in the past, so we're trying the puppet show this year," said Lynn Roose, event organizer with the city's parks and recreation department.

This free event is for Farms res-

idents and two guests per park pass.

"The first thing I'm hoping for is good weather," Roose said. "And then we just want everybody to come and have fun, have a few hours where they can just relax."

— Laurel Kraus

Simmer pot crawl in Village next Thursday

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following September's flower crawl in The Village, themed third Thursdays of each month — during which retailers in the downtown strip remain open later than normal business hours — return from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, for a simmer pot crawl.

Ticket-holders are invited to stroll through participating shops and collect an assortment of ingredients, which when combined together in water and set on medium

heat to simmer a few hours, release a pleasant aroma into the air.

"It's healthier than an aerosol and, often, faster at enveloping the rooms in a scent than burning a candle would be," the event page notes.

Ingredients will be sourced from The Spice and Tea Exchange, which is set to open its doors in The Village Friday, Oct. 11, and include a variety of spices such as cinnamon sticks, whole cloves or white cloves, possibly a pumpkin pie spice or apple pie spice, nutmeg, ginger and cranberries. Participants will

receive a pot in which to keep the ingredients, as well as recipes to pair ingredients together.

"There should be enough to make multiple and we are planning on including a list of pantry basics that you might have at home already to add into it as well," said Mary Mancus, event organizer and co-owner of Glitter & Scotch, "but essentially it should make a couple of them at least and then you'll have the idea down."

Pantry basics could include vanilla or almond extract, as well as seasonal, fresh fruit

like apples and oranges.

A gathering following the crawl will be offered at The Spice and Tea Exchange, 17037 Kercheval, where owner Sara Biery can offer further guidance on good pairings and additional spices will be available for purchase.

"We thought a simmer pot would be a great idea for October to get everybody ready for fall," Mancus said, noting next month's third Thursday shop crawl will be Thanksgiving themed.

Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at givebutter.com/CsN09b.

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75 percent of the flag, ◆ holes more than two inches wide and/or a quarter-inch deep and ◆ cross slopes exceeding 2 percent.

Some slabs are being replaced at city expense. Others will be billed to abutting property owners.

The distinction is based on what caused a slab to need replacement. Cracks or dislodgment due to a tree growing on municipal property, such as between the sidewalk and roadway, are the city's obligation.

"Residents were provided a (cost) estimate," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "There might be negotiations (about whether the city or resident is responsible for paying for a new slab)."

Cost estimates are based on examining slabs individually.

"Everything's been mapped," Jenny said. "We have it on GPS. We know exactly what's there."

Once work starts, it's supposed to go fast.

"We just met with our contractor for a pre-construction meeting," Jenny said last week. "He'll be starting saw cutting Oct. 21. He will not be taking anything out until Nov. 4. Come Nov. 4, they'll be pulling (out old slabs) and pouring (concrete) that same week. Everything will be opened

and closed within 48 hours."

Residents can, at their own expense, retain the contractor to mend or replace part of their sidewalks.

"If residents want other tiles done, they can make the request," Councilman Max Wiener said.

"The contractor (Luigi Cement) will not solicit work, but will take on

work," Jenny said.

Ad hoc work could extend to replacing a transition between the sidewalk and driveway to eliminate trip hazards.

"But he's not putting in a whole driveway," Jenny said of the contractor. "He'll do some work in the boulevard, but he's not going to solicit himself. He's there to get in and out and do the job."

Fire trucks, tools on view at open house

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— If rummaging through police cars and crawling over fire trucks gets your motor running, the Public Safety Department Open House is the place to be.

"We're going to have all our equipment out to showcase our fire engine, ladder truck and all the tools and cool stuff onboard those things," Sgt. Thomas Card said.

This year's open house is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at public safety headquarters, part of the city hall campus on Jefferson at Maryland.

"Even though we may not use all the bells and whistles in our toolbox all the time, it is nice to show them off," Card said.

"It gives us a chance to meet people and for them to meet us, to ask questions about what we do, what equipment we use and what kind of training we do," Chief Jim Bostock said. "It's a community engagement event with something for everybody. We'll have food and, hopefully, good weather so we can enjoy this time

of year."

"There will be activities for kids and hot dogs will be provided," said Councilman Marty McMillan, chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

Scheduling corresponds with Fire Prevention Month.

"We'll do (firefighting) demonstrations with sign-ups for smoke detectors," Bostock said.

Among tools officers use is an electrically powered Jaws of Life with a cutting force of about 10,000 pounds per square inch.

"It cuts high-grade steel in most cars," Card said. "The way the cutter is designed, it has special jaws so that as it cuts the material, it draws it in closer to the blade and amplifies the cutting force."

The fire safety smokehouse, filled with artificial smoke to mimic a real fire, is presented for children to learn escape methods.

"The Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team is going to be here," Card said. "They'll have

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, OCT. 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Election Commission meeting with public accuracy test, 1 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education superintendent evaluation training, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Hazardous Waste Day, residents only, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the DPW yard, 1200 Parkway Dr.
- ◆ Halloween in the Park, all day.



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A lifetime of service

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

Carol Klenow may have only moved to Grosse Pointe Shores five years ago, but she has been involved in the community much longer.

She and her husband, Blaise, have been members of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for 25 years, where he served as commodore in 2016.

"After we retired, it made more sense to move here rather than keep commuting," she said. "We wanted to get

away from the hustle and bustle and this suits our needs perfectly."

By hustle and bustle she means northern Macomb County.

"Blaise and I met at Michigan State and found a house in Sterling Heights by Lakeside Mall," she said. "And like many people in Macomb County, we kept moving north."

They ended up in Shelby Township, home to some 80,000 people.

"Up there, when someone asks where you live, you answer with the name of a sub-

division," she said. "Here, people say they live in the house so-and-so once owned. People here are just so much more connected."

With a bachelor's degree in math and a master's degree in math and secondary education, Klenow started off teaching high school math. She went on to get a doctorate in educational leadership and spend 30 years as associate superintendent of Oakland Schools.

"I started off in teacher training and then moved into educational technology as that became more prevalent," she said.

But like a mail carrier who goes for a walk on their day off, Klenow wanted to get more involved in the education scene. She applied to fill a vacancy on the Utica Community Schools Board of Education and was appointed in 1993. Sons Bradley and Brett were students in the district.

"I was a full-time working mom and I wanted to be involved in our local schools, but it wasn't like I could be a room mom," she said.

Klenow ended up serving on the board until 2016, including as president from 1995 to 2016.

"It's the second largest school district in the state," she said. "It has a budget of \$280 million and four high schools."

For her service, Klenow was part of the district's inaugural Legacy of Excellence



Klenow during a recent women's bowling league night at the Detroit Athletic Club. In the background sits Michelangelo of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The league's theme this year is artists and her team is named Angelo's Angels.



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Klenow enjoying a favorite activity, pictured on the boat she and husband Blaise own. She said it's named "Persnickety" because that describes his attitude toward caring for the boat.

class last month.

"They're going to put our pictures up in the administration building," she said. "I was very humbled to be included. I didn't know what to expect and there ended up being 700 people at the dinner."

Oldest son Bradley, who earned a doctorate in oceanic and aerospace engineering, is a civilian employee with the U.S. Navy in Maryland. Younger son Brett passed away in 2005 during his freshman year of college.

"It's terrible when a

parent loses a child," she said. "I have so much empathy when I hear of people having to deal with that."

The reason she and Blaise, who retired from Chrysler's IT department, picked the Shores — where she serves on the city's communications committee — was its proximity to Lake St. Clair.

"I wanted to be where I could walk right to the lake as fast as possible," she said. "I love walking along the shore and taking it all in."

Aside from keeping

"Persnickety," at the GPYC, Klenow also enjoys her women's bowling league at the Detroit Athletic Club and her involvement with The Helm, where she is vice president of the board.

"It's really a wonderful organization and I'm glad we found each other," she said.

As for bowling, Klenow says she has fun but doubts she'll ever roll a 300 game.

"I've also tried pickleball, which everyone over 60 in Grosse Pointe does," she laughed. "But it's not my thing."

Maumee water main surprise

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Proponents of improved water service are gushing over a new main on a section of Maumee.

New pipe installed recently as part of a multi-year campaign of citywide water system improvements has about 16 times the capacity of the one it replaced.

The larger pipe also promises greater flow of fresher water because it is looped into the city's overall network of mains, not a dead end as before.

Although improved water service on Maumee is prescribed as part of a

capital improvement plan, the degree of improvement came as a surprise to city officials. They didn't know the 8-inch plastic pipe they contracted for installation was going to replace a 2-inch cast iron main set down so long ago its dimensions weren't specified on old infrastructure documents.

"We found out that the water main wasn't even looped all the way through," said Tom Jenny, head of public works. "It was a dead end, 2-inch water main. So, now (residents) have an 8-inch water main that goes from Bishop to Havard, which is fantastic for them."

"It definitely will be better for everybody," said Brian Gipprich, a water department employee.

City officials were surprised the undersized main didn't reveal itself through below-average water delivery.

"There weren't complaints about water not coming out fast enough," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

The volume of a pipe is proportional to the square of its diameter. That means a 10-foot-long section of 2-inch diameter pipe has a capacity of 1.63 gallons. An equally long section of 8-inch pipe has a capacity of 26.1 gallons. The comparison doesn't account for restricted flow in the old, cast iron 2-inch main due to decades of interior corrosion, called tuberculation.

While laying the new

main, construction crews replaced a lead service line, according to Jenny.

The city's first water main replacement in decades occurred last year with the installation of an 8-inch pipe on Mack Avenue between Kensington and Cadieux.

"Every year we're going to do a water main project," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the Infrastructure Committee.

All work involves swapping cast iron pipes with plastic ones that don't corrode. They're also somewhat flexible and less prone to fracture during freeze-thaw cycles.

Construction this year extended to Maumee, upper Beaconsfield and a spot on Somerset to increase flow and reliability to Defer Elementary School.

An unfunded state mandate requires jurisdictions to replace all lead service lines by 2041. The pace of replacement must be at least 5 percent per year.

"Right now, we're looking at lead service lines on Three Mile and redoing the loop under the outfall from Bedford (Lane)," Jenny said. "We want this year to switch that and go out to Grand Marais with it, which will loop that whole system there."

"One of the reasons for the Three Mile project is it increases supplemental flow to other mains down the line and builds up with the whole system," Wiener said.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Return to sender

A number of local businesses last week received a vague letter taking issue with political school lawn signs and stating the sender has been reaching out to the businesses' clients about the initiatives the owners support and that, "It's important to slow consumers down before they spend their money. I seek at every juncture opportunities to do just that."

Though the letter is anonymous, the sender fraudulently on the envelope included a handwritten return address of the "N'hood Club" followed by The Neighborhood Club's Waterloo address.

"It's not us that initiated this letter that's out there," Neighborhood Club Executive Director Stuart Alderman said. "It's not on our letterhead. It's not on our envelope. But why we were picked, we have no idea."

Lululemon arrests

Two of three suspects in a theft from Lululemon Sunday, Sept. 29, were arrested and confessed to the crimes last week.

A 21-year-old Detroit woman was cited and released, while a 61-year-old Detroit woman also confessed to stealing from Kroger Friday, Sept. 27.

The investigation to identify the third suspect is ongoing.

Recovered car

A Grosse Pointe sergeant deployed stop

sticks at Mack and St. Clair at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, disabling a stolen car, which Eastpointe officers were pursuing.

All three occupants were arrested without incident.

Red light

After disregarding a red light at Mack and Rivard at 11:47 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, a 40-year-old Chesterfield Township man was pulled over and found to be intoxicated.

He was arrested and his vehicle was impounded.

Stolen Chevy

A 2023 Chevrolet Blazer parked on Kercheval between Lakeland and University was stolen between 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, and 9 a.m. the next morning.

Stolen tires

All four tires and rims were stolen from a 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked in the 600 block of University between midnight and 7:15 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4.

Suspended license

While responding to a report of a person slumped over the wheel in the 600 block of St. Clair at 1 p.m. Friday,

Oct. 4, officers cited the 55-year-old Detroit man for a suspended license and an improper license plate.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

The hard way

Officers were called to a Detroit Department of Transportation bus at Kercheval and Fisher at 12:59 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, when a 21-year-old Harper Woods man overstayed his fare, refused to get off the bus and became angry and defiant.

The man told officers he was trying to get to the Harper Woods library, but when they offered him a courtesy conveyance, he still refused to exit the bus.

Ultimately, the man was arrested and cited for trespassing.

Unwelcome texts

A circuit court judge residing in the community suspects a person she previously sentenced to jail of sending unwelcome texts to her personal number last week.

Hit & run

The driver's side mirror was knocked off a vehicle parked legally on

Newberry Place between 3:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3.

Dog bite

Officers were dispatched when a small shih tzu mix bit a 93-year-old Farms woman and left a large wound on her forearm at 10:51 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4.

The dog's owner, a close friend of the woman, said he gave it to her as a support animal.

The officer did not observe blood in or around the dog's mouth and said it appeared friendly with no signs of aggression.

Too late

After parking his car and blocking an Edgemere driveway at 12:24 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, a 71-year-old man told officers he had done so because he should not be driving due to consuming alcohol.

The man further admitted to drinking "too much," but refused to take a preliminary breath test.

Having also admitted to driving the car, he was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Get away

After being pulled over at East Warren and Anatole for traffic infractions at 5:23 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, a 21-year-old Detroit driver was arrested for driving while license suspended, not having

insurance and an improper plate.

His 21-year-old passenger, also from Detroit and wanted for an Oakland County felony warrant for embezzlement, managed to run away from the traffic stop and evade location.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Unlocked

A white 2023 Lincoln Aviator that was left unlocked with the keys inside was stolen from the driveway in the 500 block of Shelden in the early morning hours of Friday, Oct. 4.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen vehicles

Three vehicles were stolen last week, including two that were left unlocked with keys inside.

A Jeep was taken from the driveway of a home in the 2100 block of Stanhope between 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, and

4:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3. Officers found broken glass where it had been parked.

The vehicle was involved in a police chase Sunday, Oct. 6, and two occupants were arrested by Eastpointe police.

A Ford Expedition and an F-150 pickup truck, both unlocked with keys inside, were taken from the parking lot of the Lochmoor Club on Thursday, Oct. 3, and Sunday, Oct. 6, respectively.

Drugged driving

An 18-year-old from Ann Arbor was arrested for operating with the presence of drugs after his vehicle hit a fire hydrant on Vernier around 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6.

He told officers he had taken a large amount of prescription pills and smoked marijuana before the crash.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

No crimes to report per public safety.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about crime to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

Crash fatality gets some justice

DETROIT — A city of Detroit bus driver will spend six months in jail for operating a bus that last year ran over and killed a woman from Grosse Pointe Park.

Defendant Geraldine Johnson, 61, of Harper Woods and a driver for the Detroit Department of Transportation, pleaded no contest in 36th District Court to one count of moving violation causing death for the incident in downtown Detroit.

Judge Lynise Bryant sentenced Johnson to two years of probation and one year of jail time.

The first six months will be served in the Wayne County Jail. The remaining six months is held in abeyance. If Johnson violates probation, she will serve the last six months in jail.

All information on the case was contained in an Oct. 3 news release from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

On June 2, 2023, at approximately 7:36 a.m., Johnson was driving a bus at the intersection of Griswold and West Congress streets in Detroit. When she turned left onto Griswold, she fatally struck Park resi-

dent Janice Bauer, 67, crossing the street on a green light. Medics arrived on scene and pronounced Bauer deceased.

"This case is tragic on

every level. Janice Bauer lost her life," vice Prosecutor Kym Worthy said. "The alleged facts are that defendant, Geraldine Johnson, literally ran her over with the city bus she was driving and caused her death."

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Plans also include extending the Mack Avenue replacement below Kensington.

"That's our other big one to finish," Jenny said. "Then, we'll start getting into the districts."

Improving the up-to-century-old water and sewer system in the Park

is funded largely by a 2.5-mill, 10-year millage voters passed last year. Bond revenue is forecast to be a smoothly flowing \$2 million annually.

"That's what makes the millage so good — we can map out improvements long term," Wiener said.

"The water reliability study that is going on now will help us, too, for future planning," Sizeland said.

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the MRAP (mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle) there — the big black tank as everyone calls it. That thing's pretty impressive."

Whether the qualities of a good public safety officer are inherent or learned, Bostock described the profession as a calling.

"We take that calling to help people who can't

help themselves or to keep people and the community safe," Bostock said. "It's an intrinsic feeling we all have, whether it was from the time we grew up or an experience we had along the way that led us to this profession."

The job is fulfilling. "There's nothing like coming to work wanting to do something good, to be there for somebody," Bostock said.



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OUR VIEW

Think fire prevention

While we are sure attendees had a good time at the public safety open houses this past weekend in Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods, we also hope everyone takes the underlying messages to heart.

The open houses were held to kick off National Fire Prevention Week, which started Sunday, Oct. 6, and ends Saturday, Oct. 12. Grosse Pointe Park will hold its open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Equipment demonstrations, a peek inside fire trucks and police cars and hanging out with a K-9 officer is fun for kids of all ages, but the theme of this week, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you," should not be ignored.

According to a press release from the National Fire Protection Association, "working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (60 percent), while the majority of civilian home fire deaths continues to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms."

While many have heard that smoke detectors save lives, it is vital that they are installed and maintained properly with regular testing.

A recent survey by the NFPA found that 98 percent of American households have at least one smoke alarm, up from 88 percent 20 years ago. That is the good news. The bad news is that 61 percent of households say they test their alarms infrequently and a third said they never test their alarms.

You could cover every inch of wall space in your house with smoke alarms, but if they do not work properly, they are useless. The same goes for carbon monoxide detectors.

The NFPA gives these suggestions:

- ◆ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway) and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- ◆ Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- ◆ Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- ◆ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or do not respond when tested.

Fire officials for years have suggested replacing smoke alarm batteries twice a year — at the beginning and end of Daylight Saving Time when we adjust clocks to spring forward or fall back. Sunday, Nov. 3, marks the end of DST this year.

We, however, favor the idea of monthly testing for a few reasons. First, DST begins the second Sunday in March and ends the first Sunday in November. That is 34 weeks, or about 65 percent of the calendar year. Changing the batteries twice a year would make more sense if it was an even six-month split.

On top of that, due to advances in technology some households may not have any devices that require manually changing the time, the exact chore that was thought to be the trigger to remind people to change their smoke detector batteries.

In addition, there is no way to know how old or fresh those batteries in your drawer might be. A monthly test solves that.

While we are at it, let's take a moment and thank the brave men and women who staff our local public safety departments and do our part to reduce their workload.



Above, from left, Matt Crook, assistant director of public services; James Kowalski, director of public services; Susan Como, assistant city administrator; Dave Bourgeois, course designer; Lisa Fuller, Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation president; Stefan Ahee; Pamela Ahee Thomas; Mayor Art Bryant; Frank Schulte, city administrator; Owen Gafa, director of parks and recreation; and Keith Sherwood, department of public services. Right, Mayor Art Bryant prepares to christen the course.

It's official

Grosse Pointe Woods held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Ahee Jewelers Disc Golf Course at Ghesquiere Park Wednesday, Oct. 2. Donors included Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, Saucy's Pizza and the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation. The nine-hole course was designed by Woods resident Dave Bourgeois.



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OUR VIEW

GPPSS budget headed in right direction

The good news for the Grosse Pointe Public School System just keeps coming.

During last week's presentation by Plante Moran of the audit for the 2023-24 fiscal year budget, we learned that the district finished with a surplus slightly above \$1 million (see story, page 1A).

That, in turn, increased the district's fund balance to 10.2 percent. That is up from the 8.8 percent at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year and stops a decline of three consecutive budget cycles.

The details were discussed at the Facilities and Finance Committee meeting, which was held at Brownell Middle School. As with full board meetings, it was live streamed and can be seen at gpschools.org/boe-meetings.

Even in the face of such a positive outcome, some still felt the need to cast aspersions on the district because of the change in location, since standing committees have been meeting at Barnes Early Childhood Center on a regular basis. Comments from some members of the public can only be seen for what they are — gaslighting — especially after months of accusations that the board lacks transparency.

We applaud the committee for conducting the meeting in the manner it did. As Treasurer Terry Collins, who sits on the committee, pointed out, the audit could have been held until after next month's election.

"It could have been bad, it could have been good," he said. "This is great news for the district."

That is exactly what happened in 2022, when some candidates kept insisting that the district's fund balance was 12 percent. When the 2021-22 fiscal year audit was released in November 2022, 20 days after the election, the fund balance was revealed to be 9.6 percent. That was down from 14 percent the previous year and nearly half of the 18 percent of 2019-20. Fund equity for 2019-20 had been projected to finish around \$12 million, but grew to \$18 million when the pandemic shut down schools in mid-March of 2020. The growth was not, as some have suggested, due to COVID relief dollars.

There also was a discussion at the committee meeting that the surplus and higher fund balance could help the district's credit rating. Moody's Investors Service announced in March 2023 it downgraded the district's general obligation unlimited tax rating from Aa3 to A1. In a statement on its website, Moody's said the change was, "because the district's

reserves and liquidity materially narrowed, driven by negative revenue variances, continued enrollment declines and a board decision to use fund balance to maintain programming and staffing levels (emphasis ours)."

The information about the audit follows two announcements in September that should have people realizing the district is headed in the right direction. The first has to do with the 2024-25 fiscal year budget, which was passed in June.

As Superintendent Andrea Tuttle explained, state law requires school districts to pass a new budget before June 30 each year, even though the state budget is not finalized until afterward. Based on assumptions according to what Gov. Gretchen Whitmer had said previously, an increase in per-pupil funding was expected. The legislature's proposed budget did not include the increase.

That led Ms. Tuttle to propose using \$1 million from the district's fund equity in order to balance the 2024-25 budget. The final state budget, however, included other dollars, including a reduction in the amount districts had to pay toward the teacher retirement system, which means GPPSS will not need to take the \$1 million from fund equity to balance the budget.

Second, very preliminary numbers show the district actually could add students this year, which would be the first time in a decade. Last year's budget was based on enrollment declining by 142 students, but it only fell by 53.

Word on the street is that all of the positive vibes have created quite a buzz around the community and on social media. It is obvious, even to the most casual of observers, that the actions of the current board over the past 20 months have put the district's finances light years ahead of where the previous board was heading.

LETTERS

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

Competing slates

To the Editor:

Like a lot of folks, I really dislike "slate" politics, especially in allegedly "non-partisan" elections. Sadly, this year's school board election features two competing slates. How do voters decide which to support, or whether to vote for candidates individually regardless of slate affiliation?

Many may not know that all four candidates from the "green" slate (green text on blue yard signs) have been recruited, vetted and endorsed by Grosse Pointe's teachers

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Railroad china



At the Mad River & Nickel Plate railroad museum about 120 miles away in Bellevue, Ohio, I learned about something I hadn't thought of before: dining car china.

What an odd thing to encounter at a railroad museum, I thought, where steam and diesel locomotives, boxcars, cabooses, refrigerator cars, World War II troop cars and a snowplow are supposed to exclude all else.

But only for a moment did Mad River's collection of plates, cups, saucers and utensils seem out of place. Arrayed inside the museum's stable of freight and passenger cars, located beside the Nickel Plate Railroad's former mainline, now busy with mile-long Norfolk Southern freight traffic heading into and out of one of the biggest freight yards in the nation, located about one mile east of town.

"The story of railroad

passenger trains in North America is somewhat akin to a meteorological comet — it came, had its brief blazing moment of glory and now has vanished to oblivion as only a memory," according to a dedication in Richard Luckin's encyclopedia of railroad china, "Dining on Rails."

Dining car china isn't something I'd collect. Too bulky and fragile. Hard to collect a full set and, once

obtained, what's the use? Can't use it. Too valuable.

To see it as part of someone else's collection of steam and diesel locomotives, boxcars, cabooses, refrigerator cars, World War II troop cars and a snowplow is good enough for me — and good enough for me to go back and see more while the museum throttles down the season with weekend hours noon to 4 p.m. only through October.

See madrivermuseum.org or call (419) 483-222.



From top, B&O's Centenary pattern is blue and white, a color scheme common to railroad china. So detailed with fuzzy renderings of the railroad's landmarks and equipment it seems fussy. White with cobalt blue stripes, a clean design befitting something on which eatables are served. White with rusty brown pinstripes stripes below, above or surrounding the New York Central's name or initials spelled in an art deco font.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

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unions. If you are comfortable handing control of GPPSS governance over to the unions, this group may be for you. Just know, however, that "green slate" member Colleen Worden presided over the board's Finance Committee during parts of the most egregious and destructive spending binge GPPSS has ever seen, burning through \$15M in COVID relief funds and \$9M of the district's dwindling fund equity in a little over three years. This spending "preserved" many unnecessary programs and positions, despite a shrinking district, and yielded zero benefits for students and families, all while costing taxpayers \$24M. Coming out of COVID, GPPSS stood virtually alone in Michigan with such awful financial performance. It only stands to reason that supporting this slate could produce similar results in the future, at additional taxpayer expense.

The other slate, by contrast (white text on blue signs), claims to be committed to financial stability and accountability, stabilizing and rebuilding our head counts and reestablishing the importance of academic achievement, which has waned noticeably under previous boards. Unlike previous boards, our current board has delivered measurable progress in all these areas the past two years. In considering whom to support, it only makes sense to prioritize the slate

committed to extending the gains we've made, rather than one at least partially responsible for the deep financial hole we were in. So please support Terry Collins, Melissa Fradenburg, Kate Hopper and Heath Roberts, each of whom has important personal and professional skills needed to continue the improvements GPPSS is finally beginning to realize.

STEVE BROWNELL
Grosse Pointe Farms

Do the research

To the Editor:

We are disappointed that our local school board election appears to mirror the divisiveness of the national scene. What happened to local candidates running on their own merits and financing their own campaigns? Just because you can buy more signs (or billboards) shouldn't mean automatically winning the election, and running as a block just perpetuates the hostility that is threatening our democratic republic.

Before you vote, we encourage you to do your homework and evaluate each candidate based on their own qualifications, not how much money has been spent or what faction with which they are associated.

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The Grosse Pointes

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1949

75 years ago this week

BON SECOURS ADDITION OPPOSED: The Bon Secours Hospital has been running into trouble in its efforts to go ahead with the \$700,000 addition and improvements which it has planned at its property on Cadieux between Jefferson and Maumee. The hospital has existed at its present location since 1924 as a small community hospital. Within recent years it has made improvements at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

AUTO CLUB SET TO START NEW BUILDING: The Grosse Pointe clubhouse of the Automobile Club of Michigan, which has been under discussion for the past three years, will soon be a reality. William G. Bryant, the attorney for the Automobile Club and one of the organization's directors, said the plans and specifications for the building are already in the hands of eight prospective bidders and the bids will be opened in a few days.

1974

50 years ago this week

RAT PROBLEM SURPRISES GPF SOLONS: A group of distraught residents appeared before the Farms Council asking for assistance in ridding their neighborhood of rats that have been accumulating since mid-July. Mrs.

Donald Sullivan of McKinley Avenue, acting as spokesman for the group of about 10 people, said the problem exists primarily on McKinley and Moran Road, near Chalfonte Road and Williams Avenue.

ROWDY CROWD CAUSES TROUBLE IN WOODS: Officers from the Woods, Farms, Shores and Harper Woods combined to control and disperse a large, noisy crowd after a party at 560 Cook Road got out of hand late Saturday evening. Responding policemen weren't only the targets of obscenities but also of missiles from various individuals in the estimated group of 200. Four arrests were made in the incident.

1999

25 years ago this week

POINTE HIGH SCHOOL MEAP SCORES EXCEED STATE NORM: An overwhelming majority of last year's high school juniors at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools passed the 1999 Michigan High School Test (MEAP). In the MEAP reading test, 95.5 percent of last year's juniors in the district received a Level 1, 2 or 3, or passing, endorsement — up 27 percent over last year. MEAP math scores in the district saw a 1.1 percent increase in passing endorsements to 97.3 percent this year.

C O A C H R E M E M B E R E D : Members of this year's Grosse Pointe North soc-

cer team gathered in front of the tree that was planted on the school's soccer field in memory of long-time Grosse Pointe Soccer Association coach Ray Tirikian, who died earlier this year. Tirikian, who was one of the founders of the GPSA, used to watch the high school games under a tree that had to be cut down after being struck by lightning. The new tree will replace that one.

2014

10 years ago this week

WARM WELCOME EXTENDED TO NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER: The friendliness of the Grosse Pointe community pleasantly surprised Sarah Godbehere, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's associate minister for youth and their families. Having lived in New York City attending City College of New York pursuing a Master of Science in education, teaching in both New York City and the Bronx and in New Haven, Conn., while working on her Master of Divinity at the Yale Divinity School, Godbehere is discovering what living in a close-knit community is.

BASHARA TRIAL BEGINS: Jury selection began Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the Jane Bashara murder trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Her husband, Bob Bashara, is charged with her January 2012 murder. In addition to a first-degree murder charge, he will stand trial on five other charges, including conspiracy to commit murder and witness intimidation.

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Village Market armed robber fit to stand trial

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Village Market maintenance man who had a realistic fake gun held to his head while confronting an alcohol thief in front of the store in February, was one of two witnesses to testify during the man's preliminary examination in Farms court before Judge Charles Berschback, Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Harold Smith, a 53-year-old homeless man charged with one count of armed robbery

from the incident, previously was evaluated and found competent to stand trial, after he told detectives during interrogation he sometimes hears voices and a female dresses up like him and commits crimes.

His court-appointed attorney, Wendy Barnwell, disputed the armed robbery charge, arguing Smith didn't know it was an employee who told him to return the alcohol, because he was approached outside the store and the maintenance man only had identification in the form

of an ID clipped to his belt.

"He had already cleared the facility, so there's a retail fraud," she said. "We know that. I believe that the facts here leave a question as to larceny from a building, a retail fraud (or) an armed robbery. ... (The ID) wasn't something that stood out so that the individual who they're trying to stop, my client, would know that he is connected to the store."

The elements constituting armed robbery, Berschback said, are the defendant assaulted or

put in fear the complaining witness; the defendant did so while in the course of committing a larceny; the complaining witness was present while the defendant was in the course of committing the larceny; and while in the course of committing the larceny, the defendant possessed a weapon designed to be dangerous and capable of causing death or serious injury or possessed any other object capable of causing death or serious injury.

"I thought I was going to be shot," the maintenance man testified.

After Smith's arrest, the gun was found to be fake.

"I think the testimony is clear, it at least clearly established probable cause, that the defendant was positively identified today by two witnesses," Berschback said. "Testimony showed the cashier actually saw him put a liquor bottle into his vest and then on his exit of Village Market, the sensor went off. The maintenance man followed him and told him to put the bottle down, having been alerted to

the larceny by the cashier.

"At that stage, according to the testimony of the maintenance man, the defendant was the person that pulled the gun and pointed it at his face, within close range, and he thought he was going to be shot."

The issues raised by the defense, he added, are more appropriate to be brought forward at trial.

Smith was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court with an arraignment on the information date set for Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Beaconsfield mainly finished

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The shape of things to come is shaping up on upper Beaconsfield.

Replacement of lead water service lines on a

two-block stretch between Vernor and Mack Avenue is nearly finished. So is swapping an old, internally corroded, 6-inch cast iron water pipe with an 8-inch, smooth-surface pipe made of plastic composite.

An 8-inch pipe can handle up to 1,600 gallons per minute compared with 1,200 gallons per minute in a 6-inch pipe, increasing service to both drinking water customers and fire hydrants.

"This new pipe will never corrode," said Brian Gippich, of the city's water department, monitoring the construction zone Friday, Oct. 4.

Work is among the first in a multi-year effort to replace or improve the city's 30 miles of old, and in some cases undersized, case iron water pipes. Some pipes date back nearly 100 years, according to municipal officials.

"In the 1400 block of Beaconsfield they replaced 78 lead services, which is a fantastic job," said Tom Jenny, public works director.

Lead line replacement is an unfunded mandate of the state at a required rate of 5 percent annually. The completion deadline is 2041.

"We have the largest concentration of lead service lines in the Grosse Pointes," said City Manager Nick Sizeland, citing the multi-family residential Cabbage Patch area.

It costs around \$2,000 each to replace lead service lines, according to Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the Infrastructure Committee.

Construction on Beaconsfield is nearly finished.

"They're on their last bit," Jenny said. "We've



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A multi-step restoration process follows water main installation on upper Beaconsfield. Excavations are filled, fresh soil is tamped, and sod is laid and watered.

had a couple hiccups here and there, but for the most part, it's been a very good project and contractor."

Crews spent part of last week restoring the area. As soon as the operator of a backhoe dumped a bucket of soil into excavations, a coworker in a self-propelled soil tamer followed. Sod is laid and a watering truck follows.

"By the middle of next week we should have (restoration) done all the way to Mack Avenue," Jenny said.

"Overall, feedback from residents has been good," Wiener said. "We're going to take everything we learn from this and incorporate it

in the next go-around." "There's going to be a learning curve for all of us, especially residents, because we haven't had

anything like this happen in the city in a long, long time," said Jenny, referring to the first water main replacements in years starting last year on Mack Avenue.

"There have been questions, for example, about where residents park when driveways are being worked on," Wiener said. "With the next project, we'll have to communicate the best we can. The key is the cars be moved well before construction starts."

"All in all, we put in 2,592 feet of 8-inch water main, which is pretty good for our first time," Jenny said.



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Welland champs

The masters rowing team of Dr. James Monte, 78, of Ann Arbor; Allan Baur, 80, of Grosse Pointe Park; Mike Thibault, 70, of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Dennis Wojdyla, 72, of Macomb Township, finished first in the quad race at Welland, Ontario, Canada, last weekend, while Thibault also finished third in singles.

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A parting gift

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The legacy of the last class to graduate from Grosse Pointe High School is now etched in stone, literally and figuratively.

The class of 1969 donated a granite bench that now sits to the left of the main entrance at Grosse Pointe South High School.

"It came up while we were planning our 50th reunion in 2019," said Elaine Slasinski Auchter. "We wanted to leave a legacy item."

Auchter said the idea came to her in 2017 after her mother passed away.

"I was looking at monuments and saw a bench and the seed was planted

in my head," she recalled. There were more than 1,200 graduates in 1969, the largest in the history of "the High," and more than 250 attended the 50th reunion.

"It was a great weekend," Auchter said. "We met at the Assumption Cultural Center Friday night, then had a formal affair Saturday at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and met again Sunday at the Detroit Yacht Club."

A silent auction at the GPYC raised some \$4,000 for the bench. Items included an original letter jacket, a painting of the yacht club and vintage clothing. Bill Heller, who helped with the fundraising, donated a ride in his 1917 Detroit Electric Car for the



From left, Grosse Pointe High School class of 1969 members Barb Quart, Frank McPharlin, Elaine Slasinski Auchter, Tim Whittstock and Bill Heller by the bench. They are joined by Ben Matteson, (blue shirt), director of facilities for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, and GPPSS Board of Education Vice President Ahmed Ismail.

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annual Santa parade. Bob Urtel and his wife, the former Jill Schrader — part of the first Grosse Pointe South graduating class in 1970 — own Stone House Vineyard near Traverse City and donated a case of wine.

"Once everything was done, we were about \$500 short," Auchter said. "I sent out a mass email and within five minutes another of our classmates, Sherry Plambeck, donated the full amount. She runs an

assisted living facility in San Francisco and hasn't been able to join us for reunions."

The top of the bench includes an etching of the school and its famous tower below the first line of the school's alma

mater, "Here beside St. Clair's blue waters, Stands our tower bold."

The front of the bench indicates the gift is from the class of 1969 and reads, "In Honor &

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SURPLUS:

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Moran said the Michigan School Business Officials organization recommends districts have a fund balance between 15 and 20 percent. The average for all districts in 2022-23 was 21 percent.

"I like to budget conservatively, just like we do in our households," Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said. "I commend the board for the cuts they had to make for this to occur. I'm happy with the 10 percent, but we need to continue that trajectory."

The board in June 2023 passed a budget

that included \$4.7 million in cuts.

Vargo added that the audit was unmodified, also known as a "clean" opinion, which is the highest level of certainty a government budget can receive.

"We looked at the basic financial statements and did an assessment of controls," she said. "That means there are controls set up to detect and correct errors. We also looked at federal programs for compliance and found no evidence of noncompliance."

The audit also showed the variance between the original adopted budget and the final numbers was under 1 percent.

State guidelines call for that to be between 1 and 3 percent. Tuttle and committee members recognized the work CFO Brandy Pavlik put in to achieve the clean audit and budget surplus.

"I even asked during my interview to tell me about your CFO because you can't have a healthy district if you don't have a healthy budget," she said. "I give a lot of kudos to her."

Pavlik said it was a "team effort" that went beyond just the business office.

"I want to thank all the secretaries, teachers and administrators for adhering to the budget," she said.

She added that the

information should help boost the district's credit rating. Moody's Investors Service announced in March 2023 it downgraded the district's general obligation unlimited tax rating from Aa3 to A1. In a statement on its

website, Moody's said the change was, "because the district's reserves and liquidity materially narrowed, driven by negative revenue variances, continued enrollment declines and a board decision to use fund bal-

ance to maintain programming and staffing levels."

The 2023-24 budget was based on an assumption the district would be down 142 students, but it ended up being down just 53.



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

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

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

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

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

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



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The Class of '26 juniors were inspired by "Alice In Wonderland."



Above, "The Wizard of Oz" was the theme for Class of '27 sophomores. Right, the Class of '25 seniors built their float following a "Rapunzel" theme.

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Hurray for



COURTESY PHOTO

Homecoming King Andrew Bernard and Queen Isabella Boedeker.

Grosse Pointe North High School

Traveling down Cook Road to Morningside, Grosse Pointe North High School held its homecoming parade Friday, Sept. 20, which was early this year. The homecoming football game followed, during which North beat Sterling Heights.



The freshmen of the Class of '28 built a "Shrek"-themed float.



KATE HOPPER

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

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

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

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

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

Kate is committed to:

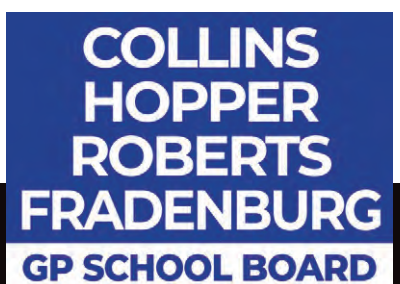
- 1) Academic Excellence
- 2) Fiscal responsibility
- 3) Community Engagement

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



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homecoming!



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Homecoming King Wyatt Hepner and Homecoming Queen Lucy Gabel.



The freshman theme was "Firefighter Freshmen."

Grosse Pointe South High School

On Oct. 4, Grosse Pointe South held its annual homecoming parade down Kercheval prior to the homecoming football game, which South won.



Above, the seniors' theme was "Saddle Up Seniors." Left, "Soaring Sophomores" was the theme for the 10th grade class.



Juniors followed the theme of "Jaws Juniors."



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:

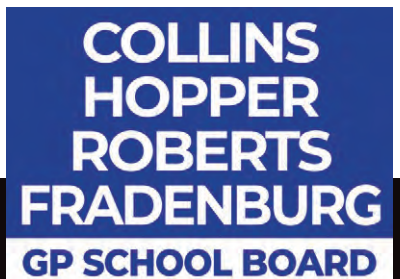
- 1) Academic excellence
- 2) Budget accountability
- 3) Clear policy guidance

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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The ULS Community STEAM Faire takes place Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Boll Campus Center.



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University Liggett School's Community STEAM Faire returns

University Liggett School recently announced it will hold its third annual Community STEAM Faire Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Boll Campus Center.

The Community STEAM Faire is designed to give children of all ages a forum for experiencing science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics through more than 20 DIY make-and-take booths and live science demonstrations.

"We are thrilled to host our third annual Community STEAM Faire on Nov. 16, at the Boll Campus Center," said Kim Galea, STEAM coordinator and ULS Upper School science teacher. "This year, we're aiming to bring even more exciting booths and interactive experiences to spark creativity and curiosity in children of all ages."

STEAM, an approach to learning that uses science, technology, engi-

neering, the arts and mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue and critical thinking, is an integral part of a ULS education.

"STEAM is a holistic approach that fosters diverse ways of thinking while cultivating essential skills," Galea said. "Exploring STEAM with children of all ages opens the door to a limitless world of possibilities."

This event is free and open to the public.

GIFT:

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Memory of all Alumni." It was installed this past August, just in time for the class's 55th reunion.

"We ran into some delays because of COVID and then the school district said they were planning to do some landscaping around the front of the school and install polywood

benches," Aucther said. "But we wanted something more permanent. We'd all been together since grade school and we wanted to donate something special."

She added that after she moved to Texas, classmate Phil McPharlin helped get the project accomplished.

"Without his dedication and hours and hours of work on this project, it would never have hap-

pened," she said. "He took on the project a year ago and ran with it. He made several trips to Fenton Memorial, made phone calls to get to the right people and finally, got the OK to have the bench made. Then, he worked to find the perfect location, made several trips to Grosse Pointe South and even made sure that the foundation for the bench was level."

GPPSS administrator new L'Anse Creuse super

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTEES — The L'Anse Creuse Public Schools Board of Education last month named Keith Howell, a Grosse Pointe Public School System administrator since 2007, as its new superintendent.

"I really didn't have any intention of leaving Grosse Pointe, but I heard about the opening and thought I'd apply to at least see what it would be like," he said. "I didn't even think I'd get an interview."

Howell joined GPPSS as principal at Monteith Elementary School in 2007. He became director of preK-elementary curriculum in 2015 and most recently served as executive director of preK-12 teaching and learning.

The Roseville native earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Oakland University and a master's degree in education administration from Saginaw Valley State University. He started out as an elementary school teacher in Van Dyke Public Schools.

"I did that for five years and then the principal became ill," he said. "I was going to be interim principal while she underwent treatment, but she ended up passing away."

Howell spent five years as principal until the school closed due to falling enrollment.

"I had the opportunity to go back into the classroom with the agreement that I'd get the next administrator job that came open without having to interview," he said. "But I decided to see what else was out there and I ended up in Grosse Pointe."

Howell said an advantage to his new role is being closer to home, allowing him to spend more time



Keith Howell

with his wife and three children.

"It's about 12 minutes from my house, as opposed to 40 minutes," he said. "If I get done at 4:30 and have a night meeting, I can still go home and have dinner with my family."

Howell said leaving GPPSS is "bittersweet."

"These are people I care deeply about," he said. "They've watched me grow as an educator, as a husband, as a parent. It's sad to say goodbye but we'll stay in touch."

Howell also drew praise from his former colleagues.

"He's one of the first people I got to know when I started here," said Chris Stanley, the district's executive director of learning technology and strategic relations. "We've been office mates so I got to know him as an educator and a person. I'll miss my friend and I'll miss my colleague, but I couldn't be prouder of him."

Deputy Superintendent Roy Bishop echoed that.

"I'm very proud of him," he said. "He has helped me and supported me and he's very deserving of this."



MELISSA FRADENBURG FOR SCHOOL BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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



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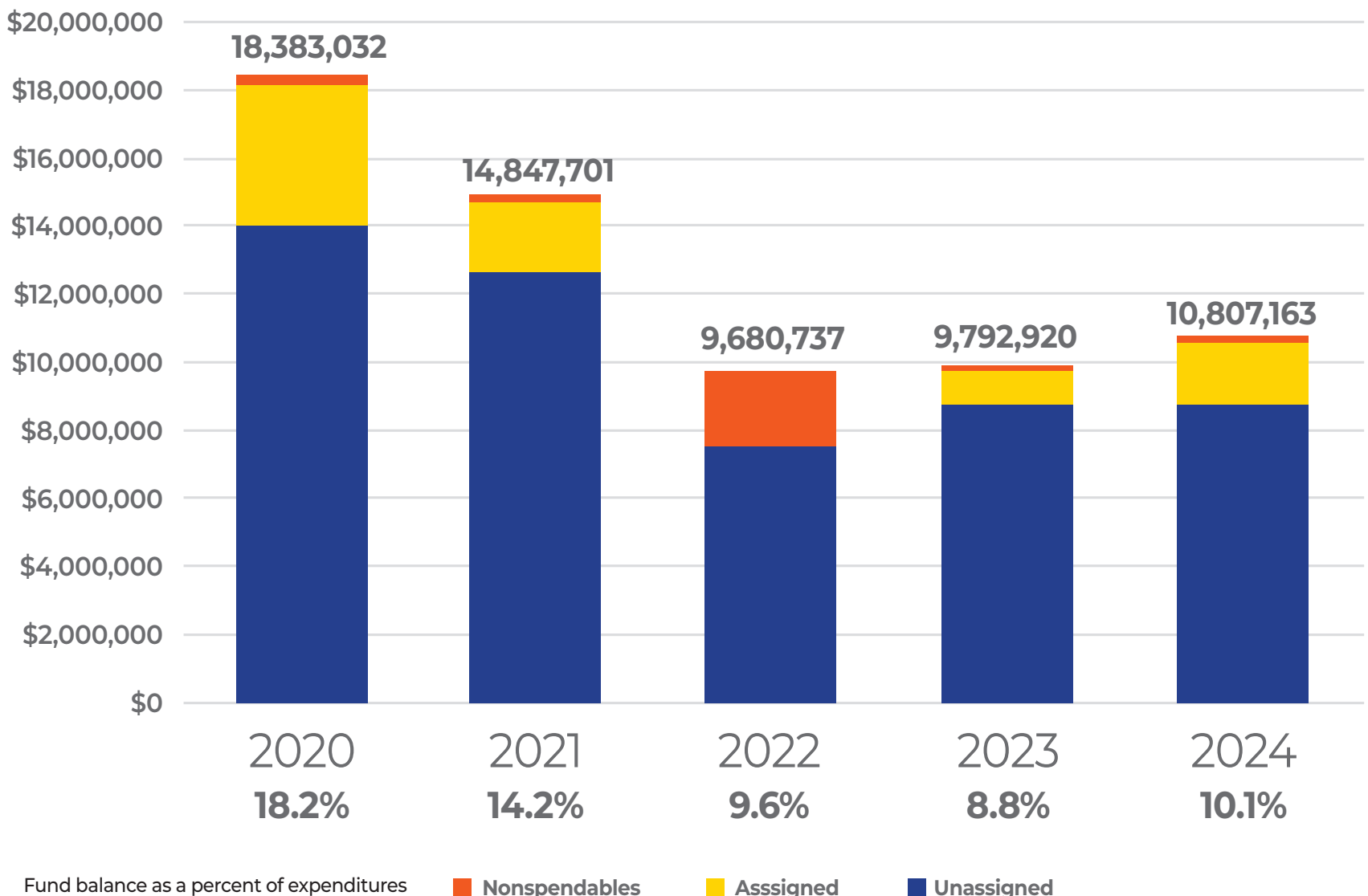
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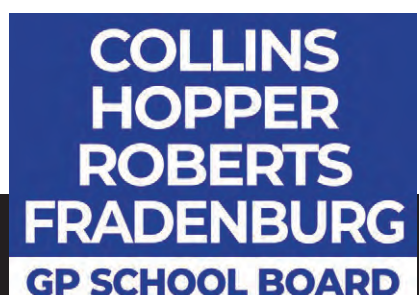
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This was not easy, as we had been in a structural deficit, evidenced by the significant operating losses incurred in prior years. The remarkable turnaround is the result of **visionary leadership** from the Board of Education, which passed the budget on **June 20, 2023**, and the Administration’s skillful management of district resources.



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Exhibition covers seven decades of artist's work Opening reception is Oct. 10

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The lifelike intricacies of Mary Aro's paintings — largely watercolor, but some acrylic — are the result of a lifetime of pursuing her passion.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident is displaying a sample of her life's work through Friday, Oct. 25, in the Patriot Gallery, located in the lower level of The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

An opening reception for "Mary Aro: Drawings and Paintings" takes place 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, which happens to be the artist's 95th birthday.

Aro, represented by V Gallery in Michigan and Turtle Gallery in Maine, is modest about her work, which has been displayed in juried exhibitions throughout Michigan, as well as in Maine and Missouri. Several of her pieces are part of private and corporate collections.

"I just like to draw," she said. "When I was a kid, I liked to copy Good



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIT ARO

Mary Aro's artwork, which spans seven decades, is on display at The War Memorial's Patriot Gallery through Oct. 25.

Housekeeping magazine. At the time, photos were not used much; they had artwork on the cover. I started copying those paintings."

Her talent was evident enough for her father to take her to classes at the Detroit Institute of Arts every Saturday morning. Through her teacher she learned about classes offered at Cass Technical High School.

"I went to Denby for

half a year, then in January I started at Cass Tech," Aro said. "I took three buses to get to school every morning."

While at Denby, she took classes that were expected of young girls at the time. At Cass Tech, Aro studied fashion illustration. She graduated in 1948, and attended School of Arts & Crafts — now College for Creative Studies — but had to dropout when her



PHOTO COURTESY OF V GALLERY

"Glen Lake" by Mary Aro

mother fell ill. Aro worked as a fashion illustrator for Demery's and Federal's department stores, while also taking night classes at Wayne State University.

"I always had a sketchbook with me," she said. "I love to draw."

After marrying Raymond Aro in 1955, they started a family, which grew to include five children.

"That took up my life for 20 years," Aro said. "Then when my older children were going off to college and my husband was getting his Ph.D., I said, 'I want to go to college, too.'"

Aro finished her undergraduate degree and earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1982.

"That's when I really started painting for myself," she said.

While at Wayne State, Aro developed her own style, incorporating realism with a strong sense of abstract space and form. Her work combines two seemingly incongruous images: a long, narrow landscape filling the upper portion of the paper and a portrait or still life below. In many of her pieces, the plain air landscape floats above an isolated memento — such as a

single stick.

"I like to not plan what I'm doing," Aro said. "I just see what happens. My favorite thing to do is sit outside and paint. ... My happiest days are spent sitting outside; I sit and look and listen." Aro prefers not to work from photographs. She'd rather be outdoors, at one with her surroundings, and often gets lost in her work. She said she'll start painting and then, hours later, snap out of it like coming out of a trance.

"That feeling, like she's part of the landscape, that's her secret," her daughter, Kit Aro, said. "She sits out in the landscape and feels part of it when she paints. It's a very powerful thing that renews her. It's good for her spirit and her soul."

Not only does Aro find beauty in landscapes — sticks in particular — but also in the discarded. One of her favorite places to visit in Maine is the local dump.

"I'm fascinated by the arrangements," she said. "Everything has a place — and it changes every week. It would grow and grow and grow, and the next week it's all gone and it starts again. It makes me think of all the trash we create."

"She treasures everything," Kit Aro said. "She treasures the natural environment and, by giving attention to the problem by painting pictures of the dump, in her own way, she shares her concerns for the environment."

Other people's trash is the focus of a series Aro created during the pandemic, as a way to combat isolation. She asked family and friends to

deliver found objects — specifically street trash such as crushed cans — to her garage.

Her resulting watercolor paintings — several of which are included in the exhibition — were featured in a 2020 Washington Post article about making art during COVID.

"People would pick them up and bring them to me," she said of the subject matter. "It was nice during COVID. It gave people something to do on their walks."

Aro chuckles at the fact her home is "filled with boxes of cans," which she finds beautiful in their own way.

"I collect sticks, too," she said. "The sticks in Olympic National Park are different from the sticks in Michigan or the sticks in Maine. I try to keep them all separate."

Several of the pieces in her exhibition are for sale.

"Thank you to The War Memorial and the Grosse Pointe Artists Association for this show," she said. "It's a very nice gallery."

Added Kit Aro, "(GPAA President) Karen Pope is such a support for my mom and the whole community. She works tirelessly to promote artists and the art community. ... She creates community with the art openings here, where she lets artists speak and connect with each other."

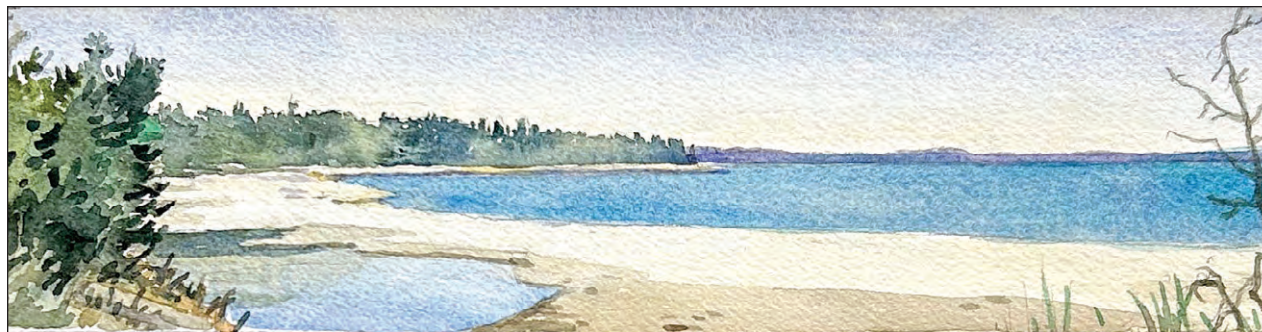
The exhibition runs through Oct. 25. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

"I hope they get something out of it," Aro said. "I don't know what. And I don't want to tell them what to get."



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"Ameri-cans" is from a series Aro completed of street trash during COVID-19.



Good Harbor Bay, Sleeping Bear Nat, Lakeshore

August 2021 Mary Aro

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Aro's "Good Harbor Bay"



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIT ARO

Aro's "Renaissance Landscape with Bellini's Red Cherubs and an Italian Girl" is currently featured in the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's "My Masterpiece" exhibition, which includes works by 60 different artists.

2B | FEATURES

Tailgate fundraiser benefits future Michael B's Cafe

Cafe employing adults with special needs moving forward

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

If all goes according to plan, Michael B's Cafe will be open for business by this time next year.

"The purpose of Michael B's is to provide meaningful employment and camaraderie for our special young adults who have exhausted student programs," said Alicia Carlisle, whose cafe will employ adults with special needs to enhance their sense of self-worth and respect through meaningful work and cooperative relationships.

Under the supervision of a trained chef and general manager, young adults with special needs — many graduates of the Grosse Pointe Public School System and Full Circle Foundation — will help prepare coffee, doughnuts, soups, salads and sundry cafe items for breakfast and lunch hours.

Initially, Michael B's was planned to accommodate a coffeehouse and bakery downstairs, with an upper level featuring event space for classes or meetings.

"We decided not to go with the original plan, although that's still the (eventual) plan," Carlisle

said. "We're keeping the same footprint and getting the doors open."

General contractor Jeff Russell is due back to the area in spring and Carlisle anticipates the demolition of the current building to make way for Michael B's in March or April.

"We have a five-year plan for the second floor," Carlisle said. "We're taking our time. We want to do it right and well."

To pave the way for the project, as well as to raise funds in its support, the Michael B's board is hosting a tailgate fundraiser at noon Sunday, Oct. 13, at Cabbage Patch Saloon, 15130 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park — next door to the future Michael B's.

"The Lions play Dallas in Dallas," said Carlisle, who owns Cabbage Patch Saloon. "The parking lot will be made into our version of a tailgate — hot dogs, hamburgers, cornhole, yard games."

Tickets are \$25 and include food. Drinks will be available for purchase.

"And we'll have an opportunity for someone to win Lions tickets for the last game of the season," she added.

When the plan comes to fruition, Michael B's will come to life through collaborations with the

Full Circle Foundation and Coffee Connecting Communities. Full Circle works in conjunction with GPPSS to provide opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs. Through coffee sales, Coffee Connecting Communities provides assistance to help save the silverback gorilla, as well as sustain frontline farming communities who live in UNESCO-designated heritage sites near the gorilla habitat.

In the meantime

Not one to rest on her laurels, Carlisle isn't waiting for Michael B's to open before establishing community partnerships. The latest, she said, is a collaboration with Wayne County Community College District.

"Alicia told me about Michael B's and what it stands for and how a partnership with the college could create educational opportunities for students with learning differences," said Denis Karic, associate provost for the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center of WCCCD. "This collaboration allows us to use special courses to advance education for

these students who may not thrive in conventional settings."

Details of two continuing education classes were ironed out during meetings between Michael B's board members and WCCCD leadership.

Students may sign up for:

- ◆ "The Art of Cake Decorating," 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, or

- ◆ "Watercolor Painting," 12:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Both 10-week sessions, each of which cost \$45, already are underway at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Students may still register for the classes by calling or visiting the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, or filling out a registration form on the WCCCD website. The form also is available on the Michael B's website.

"We selected Grosse Pointe Memorial Church because not only are they wonderful to work with, but they're centrally located," Carlisle said. "So it's easy for our adults to get there. And they can take the PAATS (Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services)

bus system. ... PAATS enables adults with special needs to get out. Having that sense of independence is huge."

While classes are geared toward adults with special needs, they are open to any student. Class size, however, is limited.

"These classes aren't just thrown together," Carlisle said. "They're well-thought-out from every viewpoint."

Added Karic, "We envision expanding this programming to reach more students with continuing education and with academic classes that lead to career pathways. Our hope is to establish a model to be replicated by other community colleges to instill greater inclusivity in higher education."

Those career pathway classes may start as soon as January, though details are in the making.

"We haven't decided what that looks like yet," Karic said, "but we continue to meet and explore different courses for a diverse population."

Karic said WCCCD's partnership with Michael B's represents "a significant step forward in achieving a supportive educational environment for students with learn-

ing differences.

"... As a community college, this partnership reflects the college's commitment to equity and inclusion and our dedication to meet the needs of all those in the community, especially those in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods."

Additionally, Michael B's and WCCCD are partnering with Ford House to develop a twice-monthly photography class, planned October through December at Ford House.

"Students will go out and photograph beautiful Grosse Pointe, take the pictures and put them online," said Patty Sunisloe, a Michael B's board member. "Then we're going to get notable poets to look at the pictures, choose a picture that speaks to them and write a poem about that picture. The picture and the poem will be framed together. We'll have a gallery showing at Ford House for the general public. It will be called, 'My Vision, Your Voice: An Artistic Duet.'

"This is a good foray into community partnerships," Sunisloe added, "and it brings attention to what Michael B's will have. It's more than just a cafe."

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Progress made, more help needed

Raffle benefits efforts in Uganda

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Dr. Cynthia Browne, a board-certified radiation oncologist with Ascension St. John Hospital, is pleased with the progress that has been made at the Tsiyon Family Hospital in Sayyi, Uganda.

With help from the 501(c)3 corporation Building Up: Partnering in Health and Wholeness, in partnership with the Rev. Elia Musasizi and the Tsiyon Family Healing Team, the hospital was completed in July 2022 and opened in February 2023. The medical and dental facility focuses on family medicine, especially preventive measures such as vaccines, personal hygiene, nutrition and pre- and post-natal care.

In its first year of operation, the hospital treated 2,300 men, women and children. An additional 200 people were treated at a pop-up clinic hosted in a neighboring village. Of those patients, lives were saved, babies were born, 1,450 immunizations were given, dental care was provided and treatments were administered.

"We are about to start very minor surgeries," Browne said, "but we need to build up the OR. The government won't recognize it as a hospital until we have an OR. We never do big operations,



Hospital CEO Elia Musasizi stands with a patient and her son.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DR. CYNTHIA BROWNE

Dr. Cynthia Browne, center, stands with hospital CEO Elia Musasizi, other volunteers and medical workers during a trip to Uganda to celebrate the hospital's opening.

but we'll do small ones like a C-section or appendectomy."

One of the hinderances to performing big operations is the lack of an elevator and a generator.

"We really need a generator," Browne said. "The electricity goes off and on, off and on. And there's still no elevator. There's a ramp that goes up five stories and the elevator shaft is in. The carriage has been waiting for us for three years, but we need \$30,000. We can't do much in the way of surgeries until we have an elevator with a backup generator."

In addition to the number of patients treated, there are other wins the hospital has seen the past year, including an increase in dental work, from once a week to four days a week.

"Most of these people have never seen a dentist," Browne noted. "... They might be living with an abscessed tooth for months. Now we can do a lot with someone there four days a week."

The hospital finally has a well-stocked laboratory, though Browne said a CT scanner would be a great benefit.

The facility also has the use of a van — "It's the CEO's car," Browne said — which goes out to villages and brings people in. "Otherwise, they're walking seven or eight miles or carrying a sick child," she

added. "We hope once we have the money we can get a dedicated van that can pick people up on certain days from certain villages."

While the hospital is on the right track, much more needs to be done.

"It's been very encouraging, but we need more," Browne said. "Progress has been made. It's brought a real sense of hope to the community. They have a future now. They didn't feel that way before. Here are people from overseas who care about them."

"... We're trying to get the word out more," she added. "When people see the hospital they say it's too nice, so it must be expensive. But it costs \$1.40 to see a doctor. If they don't have the money, it's free. To see a specialist, it's \$4."

Browne said the hospital continues to seek organizations and students who want to collaborate. Its entire top floor is housing for study abroad and service-learning students, medical and dental interns, visiting medical teams and general visitors. For example, hospital administration students from the University of Southern California earned credit for their recent stay.

"By our standards, it's not that great, but by their standards, it's

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

- ◆ Autumn Landscape Guided Tour, 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, through Oct. 29; and 10 a.m. Nov. 5 and 10. Admission costs vary.

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

- ◆ Nooks & Crannies Behind-the-Scenes Guided Tour, Tuesdays through Sundays, through Nov. 10. Tour times and costs 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.

- ◆ Bird Walk, 8 a.m. Saturdays, Oct. 12 and 26. Cost is \$8 for Friends of Ford House, \$10 for the public.

- ◆ Fall Tea and Tour, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. Includes tea service with finger sandwiches, scones and desserts, as well as access to the main residence. Ticket prices vary.

- ◆ Little Goblins, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Includes trick-or-treating, hay rides, candy bags and more. Admission costs vary.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10,

Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Library

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

- ◆ Media Mania: Book Promoting & Marketing, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Girls Reading, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ The Enchanted Season, 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Shelf Endurance, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms—Images of America Book, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 1,000 Hours Outside: Michigan Mushroom Hunting, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ RJ Spangler Jazz Ensemble, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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New author shares fertility journey in picture book

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When Sarah Yelencich turned 40, she made a list of 40 things she wanted to accomplish in her 40th year of life.

Among the items on her list was one she thought would be a piece of cake: writing a book. Instead, it took nearly the whole year to complete.

"I thought it would be easy, but I was wrong," she said. "I finished it by the skin of my teeth. I will never do it again."

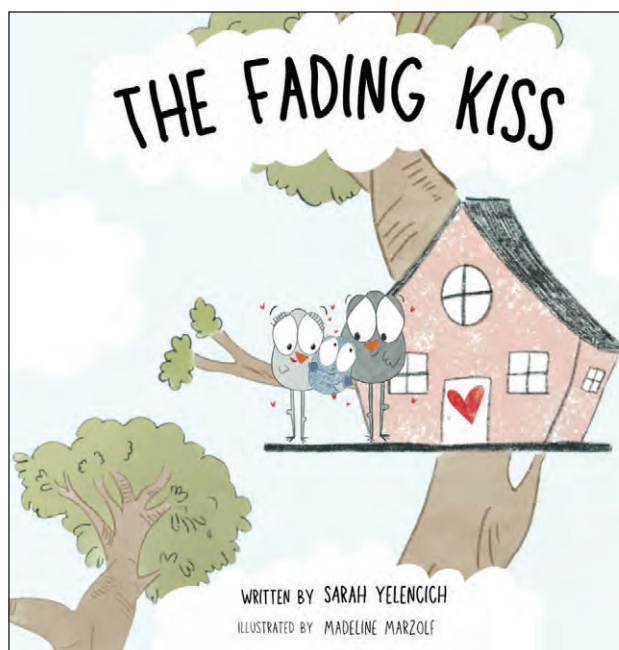
"The Fading Kiss" was published in August and is a children's book bearing a message for adults. It details the infertility journey Yelencich and her husband, Tim, experienced before being blessed with their son, Hudson, 3.

"In eight months of fertility treatments, we had seven IUIs (intrauterine inseminations) that were unsuccessful," Yelencich said. "The second to last round of IUI, I had a miscarriage. My doctor, Dr. (Mostafa) Abuzeid, convinced us to do one more round."

"... We did a seventh IUI and it was unsuccessful," she added. "I told Tim I'm not sure we can do this anymore. It's expensive. ... Why not try IVF (in vitro fertilization)? The chances are significantly higher."

The couple took some time to think about it, but then COVID hit. On top of the pandemic, Yelencich broke her leg, dealt with a blood clot and lost a beloved uncle — her godfather — to cancer.

"It was a rough time for me," she said. "The risk of doing IVF through COVID was not great either. Every office visit I had to take a COVID test. If it was



positive, the cycle was canceled and there was no refund. Plus, my husband couldn't be with me."

However, the couple moved forward and in November 2022, two embryos were transferred to Yelencich, with the possibility of having twins.

Though the possibility wasn't entertained long — "The first ultrasound, there was one heartbeat," she said — the idea of that second embryo lingered.

When Hudson finally arrived, there was a red mark on his cheek. Not knowing exactly what it was or if it was permanent, Yelencich decided to "come up with a cool story to tell people if it didn't go away."

"I felt in my heart the other embryo was a girl," she continued. "So I decided I'm going to say the mark was Emerald, his sister, kissing him goodbye. The story, the book, is about the kiss fading away."

Though Hudson spent some time in the neonatal-intensive care unit, he is growing into a strong boy, Yelencich said.

"The ending of the

story is about letting him fly and grow, letting him go into the world," she said. "The world is big and scary, but I have to let him go."

Hudson started preschool at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School this fall. St. Paul makes an appearance in the book — illustrated by Grosse Pointer Madeline Marzolf — as does Yelencich's late Uncle Tommy.

"In the story, Uncle Tommy took Emerald away," Yelencich said. "She kissed Hudson's cheek and then Uncle Tommy took her away. ... I truly believe there's a gate. He was out and Hudson was in. He's a guardian angel who comes and takes Emerald to her home."

Abuzeid also appears as an owl.

"He's an angel on earth," she said of her fertility doctor. "Everyone I refer to him says he's like a grandpa or dad. He takes care of you. He's gentle and kind and it's more than a bedside manner. I'm forever grateful for him."

Despite its heavy content, Yelencich said her son loves reading it with her.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The author, Sarah Yelencich, above, and her first book, "The Fading Kiss," left.

"It teaches kids about loss and someone leaving in a non-heavy manner," she added. "It's fun and cute and it shows you that you can continue to be strong."

Yelencich, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, said she hopes the book reaches others struggling with infertility.

"I wanted to put my mark out there and let people know there's someone out there praying for you," she said. "I have this feeling that babies that were hard to have are just special in their own right. You have friends, you have family, you have a guardian angel. You're not alone. With all the people who helped me, I want to give something back and pay it forward."

Yelencich also is literally paying it forward thanks to a partnership with Chosen Fertility Group. All proceeds of "The Fading Kiss" sales on Amazon during the month of October will benefit the organization, which helps individuals and families make their way through infertility.

"They give grants to people who can't afford fertility treatments," she said. "This is one step further in giving back to a very strong community of people wanting to grow their family. ... Having a baby is expen-

sive. Having a baby with fertility treatments is on a whole different level. Not everyone is as lucky and blessed as we are. I'd love to give back."

"I wrote this book not to make money, but to share our story and help others," she added. "I'm super excited about this partnership and being able to actually give back."

She also hopes to ease the stigma of talking about infertility.

"For our generation, it's getting easier," she said. "But the amount of people I've talked to about miscarriage, about IVF — my husband and I were flabbergasted there are so many people like us. It's a sensitive subject. But we want to say, you're not alone."

While Yelencich didn't accomplish everything on her list of 40 things to do in her 40th year, she did manage to cross off a few.

"I ran the Turkey Trot; I had never done a 5k before," she said. "I lost weight. I took Hudson on a vacation."

"This was the big one," she said of the book. "I'm living out this story for Hudson that he can always have. It's something he'll never forget and he can pass on how he got here. I don't want to sugarcoat it. It took a lot of perseverance, prayers and family. With that combination, you can do anything."

Currently, "The Fading Kiss" is available on Amazon. The author also is shopping it to local bookstores.

"I hope some mom walks through and sees it there and it resonates with her," Yelencich said. "It's a children's story, but it's meant for adults. ... Anything to make you feel good inside, I'm all for."

GOP hopefuls for Congress, State Rep to speak

Candidates Martell Bivings and Griffin Wojtowicz will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, to the Eastside Republican Club at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Bivings is campaigning to represent the 13th U.S. Congressional District and Wojtowicz is a candidate for State House of Representatives District 10. Though with different boundaries, both districts span all or part of the Pointes, Harper Woods and a portion of Detroit. The congressional district also includes several downriver communities.

"Both races involve unique circumstances," said club chairman Mike Vethacke, noting that, if elected, Bivings would provide Detroit with black representation in Congress, which it is without for the first time in decades.

"As for the 10th District House race, it will be much more competitive than in recent election cycles, because thanks to the federal court-ordered redistricting of December 2023, there is no incumbent," Vethacke said.

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for coffee and networking. There is no charge for the forum, which includes an opportunity to pose questions to the candidates.

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More programs are being planned as well.

"In January we'll start working with the public safety departments on de-escalating people with challenges," Carisle said. "Patty's done this program on a national level. We're working with Grosse Pointe Park police now, starting there."

"This is not just about the cafe," she added. "It's about community and different things we want to do. We're here to serve others."

Coming in 2025

The demolition of the vacant building and construction of the new Michael B's building aren't the only spring plans.

Michael B's is bringing back Fleur Seule, who performed during its Raise the Roof fundraiser in summer 2023. As a refresher, Fleur Seule is a Manhattan-based retro jazz band that brings to life the glamour and swinging sounds of the Golden Age of Hollywood.

Sunsiloe's son-in-law, Andy Warren, plays trumpet and manages the band.

"They've opened for Lionel Richie and played a private event for Paris Hilton," Sunsiloe said

last year. "They've played Carnegie Hall and the Rainbow Room. They played at the premier for Brad Pitt's movie, 'Babylon.'"

The five-piece band, fronted by Allyson Briggs — who fluently sings in seven languages — has been the house band of the iconic Tavern on the Green for eight years.

Though dates and details have yet to be established, Fleur Seule is committed to returning to Grosse Pointe in the spring. Two events are in the works — a big one at Masonic Temple in Detroit and a private affair at a house in Grosse Pointe.

For a taste of Fleur Seule's magic, scan the QR code below.

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OBITUARIES

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Maria Alicia Oxholm

Maria Alicia Oxholm, affectionately known as Chacha, 92, passed away Friday, Sept. 27, 2024.

Born in Chihuahua, Mexico, in 1931, she was the eldest of seven children. She emigrated to Michigan in 1962, after marrying Jose M. Oxholm, who passed away in 2004. They were happily married for 42 years.

Alicia was a devoted wife and mother who proudly became a U.S. citizen in 1976. Alicia became the loving mother of Judith Maria and the late Nellie Ann (the late Leonard Drake). She later gave birth to four more children, Maria Luisa (Paul Bruno), Maria Teresa (former son-in-law, Khaled Tawansy), Nilda Maria (Dennis Hoban) and Jose Miguel (Katia Carolina Barraza). Alicia also was a beloved grandmother to 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was an inspired artist and craftsperson who illustrated dozens of her husband's books of Spanish poetry and bound the books by hand. Alicia also made beautifully detailed piñatas for her grandchildren's birthday celebrations, including colorful dinosaurs and a pink panther. In her 80s, Alicia authored and illustrated two books, "Cuando Chacha Era Nina" ("When Chacha was a Girl") and

"La Monarca de huevo a Mariposa" ("The Monarch from Egg to Butterfly").

Alicia had many talents. She loved to quilt and knit, donating many blankets and baby caps to local hospitals. She also was a dedicated cook and baker. Her apple pie, raisin bread and brownies were always requested and applauded.

One of Alicia's most passionate projects was raising monarch butterflies and participating in a University of Kansas study that tagged and released them. Over 25 years, she raised thousands of monarchs from egg to butterfly. She received five letters informing her that her butterflies had reached Michoacan, Mexico.

Alicia loved to travel. She visited Brazil, Argentina, El Salvador, Egypt, Spain, Italy and France, to name a few. She enjoyed visiting historic sites, reminiscing with old friends and making new friends. She maintained these friendships by corresponding with handwritten letters.

Her strong faith in God was cultivated in her youth and continued throughout her life. This faith helped her conquer cancer in 2005. She prayed the Rosary daily. The rosaries she crafted are some of the most treasured gifts she made for family and friends. Her children are convinced that her prayers were powerful and protected them.

Her life was exemplary.

Her optimistic and enthusiastic spirit were contagious and will continue to guide and inspire her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and countless friends throughout the Americas, the Caribbean, Africa and Europe.

Services were handled by A. H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Harry "Barry" Bayard Leonard

Harry "Barry" Bayard Leonard, 80, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Born Dec. 23, 1943, Barry grew up in Grosse Pointe and was a proud alumnus of Grosse Pointe High School and Michigan State University.

Barry dedicated much of his career to philanthropy, beginning in 1972, at the Development Department of United Way, where he worked for 17 years. His passion for helping others led him to the Detroit Medical Center, where he served as director of planned giving at Children's Hospital of Michigan, and later at the DMC Corporate Development Office.

In addition to his professional life, Barry served in the U.S. Army Reserves during the Vietnam War. His commitment to service was evident both in and out of uniform.



Maria Alicia Oxholm



Harry Bayard Leonard



Neal L. Meulebrouck

Barry was known for his affable nature, genuine inquisitiveness in others and unwavering generosity. His interests included automobiles, attending car shows, family, travel and enjoying a good scotch.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Leonard; step-children, Erin Hauser (Thomas) and Kathryn Demchak (Michael); and grandchildren, Mary Jane and John Thomas. He was predeceased by his first wife, Cynthia.

A private service will be held for his family at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Neal Lucien Meulebrouck

Neal Lucien Meulebrouck, 59, passed away Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024.

He was predeceased by his adoring wife, Sharon; as well as parents, Roland and Sharon.

Neal is survived by his cherished daughters, Ava and Maya; dear brother, Brian Meulebrouck (Denise); adored nieces and nephews, Chloe, Chase, Caden, Peter, Nick, Daniel and Sophie;

and loving grandmother, Ester Kulhavi.

Visitation for Neal will be held 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral service will be held at noon Wednesday, Oct. 16, with a visitation starting at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Thomas Paul Gerhardstein

Thomas Paul Gerhardstein, 90, passed away Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, at St. John Henry Ford Hospital. He was a resident of St. Clair Shores.

Thomas was born June 9, 1934, in Cincinnati, to Paul and Anna Mae (nee Heringer) Gerhardstein. He earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Detroit and worked at General Motors with the ACDelco division for 39 years. He also was a 4th class U.S. National Guard specialist.

Thomas was a member of Crescent Sail Yacht Club and the Woodbridge Homeowners Association Board. He also was a volunteer with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Lolly; daughter,



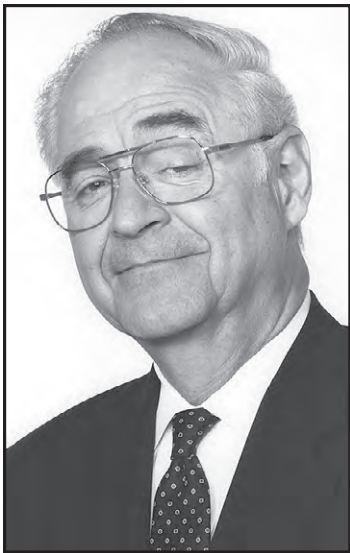
Thomas P. Gerhardstein

Sarah; sons, Eric and Greg; sisters, Anita Hay, Susan Lange, Geraldine Gerhardstein and Elaine Wong; and brother, Leo. He was predeceased by his parents; and his brother, Richard.

Visitation will occur at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, with a service to occur at noon. He will be cremated and his ashes will be scattered at sea.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, dana-farber.org/how-you-can-help/ways-to-give; BrightFocus Foundation for macular degeneration and glaucoma research, brightfocus.org/donate/ways-to-give; or the Manna Community Meal Soup Kitchen, 1950 Trumbull, Detroit, MI 48216.

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Dr. Philip Hessburg

Wing, Strategic Air Command, based in Salina, Kan., where he also served as the base pediatrician. His second child, Daniel, was born while he served in the Air Force.

Following his military service, Dr. Hessburg returned to HFH after being invited to join the Department of Ophthalmology. During his residency, children Tom, John and Sooz were born. Upon completion of his residency he joined the staff at HFH, where he remained until going into private practice with Jim Marshall, MD, in 1972. He and Dr. Marshall were eventually joined by Ed O'Malley, MD; Carole West, MD; and Jim Klein, MD, at Grosse Pointe Ophthalmology. Together they created one of the first multi-subspecialty ophthalmic practices in the country. One of the great highlights of his professional career was the day his son Tom joined his practice as a retinal surgeon. Dr. Hessburg continued to see patients until retiring from the active practice of medicine in 2005, continuing as the full time Medical Director of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology (DIO), the charitable organization he founded in 1970 that aims to assist the visually impaired.

He continued to help the visually impaired until he retired in January of 2024. As Medical Director for the DIO, Henry Ford Health System, he created two international research congresses: The Eye and the Chip, a program that seeks to marry the most recent advances in nanoelectronics and neurobiology to provide artificial vision to many people who are now blind as a result of many eye conditions, diseases and injuries; and, the Eye, The Brain, and The Auto, a program dedicated to improving the understanding of the relationship between vision and the safe operation of motor vehicles, in an attempt to

reduce the number of highway fatalities. These programs, as well as aid and support provided to the visually impaired the DIO has the privilege to serve, have been supported by the selfless work of Dr. Hessburg, the automotive design community, and countless volunteers who put on the annual Eyes On Design Car Show.

Dr. O'Malley, Dr. Hessburg's partner and very close friend summed up his feelings, and really those of the Hessburg family, as follows:

Philip Charles Hessburg MD died on October 2, 2024 at the age of 94, following a short battle with cancer. Despite his advanced years, Phil's death shocked all who loved him because like the Energizer Bunny—he just kept going and going and going. He was a member of the Henry Ford Hospital community for parts of eight decades, inventing and reinventing himself to meet each new challenge. He was the consummate physician but he wore so many other hats—teacher, mentor, researcher, writer, inventor, leader and advocate for the public good. But most importantly, he was a husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Phil's curriculum vitae is eleven pages, single-spaced in nine-point type. It is worth reading. Phil never knew where the sidelines were—he was always in the middle of the action. No matter the issue, Phil was able to advocate on the right side of any issue with gentleness and good humor. He was a people magnet who drew energy from the young people he mentored. He made you think you were the most important person in the world, and you were capable of feats you did not think possible. You believed in yourself because Phil believed in you.

He privately joked about age and mortality as he neared the end of a life well lived.

His impact on people and institutions will endure long after he is gone. The world is a far better place because Phil Hessburg was in it.

Dr. Hessburg's professional accomplishments are many. In addition to being a highly accomplished general ophthalmologist and surgeon, he was a researcher and inventor. He authored over 100 peer-reviewed papers on a variety of ophthalmic issues. He also invented one of the early intraocular lenses (IOLs) used in cataract surgery, as well as a vacuum corneal trephine for use in corneal transplants that is commonly used today. Additional inventions included a subpalpebral lavage system, a surgical correlator, ophthalmic pressure dressings and a corneal light guard, inventions that delivered medications directly to the eye, and improved surgical efficiencies and outcomes. Dr. Hessburg also founded Mediventures, Inc., a pharmaceutical development company that successfully developed a rapid dissolving drug delivery system for children and individuals with swallowing difficulties that is widely used today with a number of different medications.

He was also a passionate researcher and writer outside the field of medicine, penning papers and book chapters on a variety of topics including the Battle of the Little Bighorn and the Duomo Cathedral in Florence, Italy. His tinkerer's spirit extended to his parenting as well: the father of five young swimmers, he invented a swimming machine, the Hessburg Power Stroke, which used resistance and weights to simulate the four competitive strokes on dry land.

Outside of the professional world, Dr. Hessburg was a proud father of 5 children, 17 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. In his free

time, he was an avid reader and traveler. He had a great fondness for koi ponds, building two of them in his backyard. Never one for idle hands, Dr. Hessburg was a talented woodworker who built most of his furniture when he was first married and did much of the updating on his family's Three Mile home. When the family needed to "call a guy" to fix something, they called him.

Though his children took to the pool, Dr. Hessburg was at home at the ice rink, as all good Minnesotan children are. He went on to play at St. John's University, and as a physician at HFH he had the privilege of treating many of the Detroit Red Wings. He even reattached the retina of one well-known Wing following an "altercation" on the ice.

His son, Daniel, and his sisters, Mary Helen and Marguerite, predeceased Dr. Hessburg. He is survived by his wife of 68 years and best friend, Betsy; his sister, Sr. Marie Aloyse; his sister-in-law, Sr. Marie Judith; his children Mary Star (Craig), Tom, John (TJ) and Sooz (Tim); his grandchildren, Annie, Chris, Sam, Philip, Frank (Loren), Tom (Moriah), Daniel, Maria, Tommy, Mary Clare, Jack (Benny), Joseph (Cat), Luke (Kienne), Matthew, Carly (Patrick), Lilly and Abigail; and five great grandchildren, Presley, Harlynn, Everly, Ford and Hadley.

A visitation took place at Chas Verheyden, Inc., in Grosse Pointe Park. He will lie in state on Thursday, October 10 from 10 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Hessburg/Van Elslander Chair at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

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Margery Ann Fuller

Margery Ann Fuller, 88, passed away Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at Brookdale Utica Assisted Living Center. She was a former resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Margery was born Dec. 7, 1935, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to Francis Douglas Linton and Lillian Mae Lawton. She graduated from Assumption University of Windsor in 1956, and was involved in the community, including as the treasurer for P.E.O. International, member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and volunteer for Meals on Wheels. She also was a Master Gardener and enjoyed playing bridge, sailing on Lake St. Clair and the Atlantic Ocean and building rock walls. She was a huge animal lover and rescued numerous dogs, and was an advocate for being an eco-friendly recycler.

Margery was predeceased by her husband, George C. Fuller; daughter, Julie Ann Fuller (James Joiner); sister, Sydney Kessler; and brothers, Jim and Robert Linton. She is survived by her sons, George Mark Fuller and Jeffrey Fuller (Connie); grandchildren, Kelly Joiner Barr, Ryan Joiner, Zachary G.W. Fuller and Helayna Fuller; and



Margery Ann Fuller



Susanne Schmidt Boyer

great-grandson, Luke Barr.

Memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, onrealml.org/GrossePointeMem/ or the Michigan Humane Society, bit.ly/3NgjtdO.

Susanne Schmidt Boyer

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident Susanne "Susie" Boyer, 79, died peacefully in her sleep Monday, Sept. 30, 2024.

Susie was born June 30, 1945, to Elmer and Alice Schmidt. She was raised with her older brother, Carl, in Grosse Pointe Park.

Susie was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and Wayne State University. Armed with a teaching certificate and an art major, Susie was hired by Detroit Public Schools, where she spent her career educating young children. She and her former husband, Harold R. Boyer Jr., lived in the

City of Grosse Pointe for many years.

In addition to her students, Susie was devoted to her Cavalier King Charles spaniels, whom she spoiled dearly. Susie also was a fashionista who always looked her best. She loved to entertain and put effort into setting a beautiful table. She would say guests will forgive you when your meal turns out poorly if you have set a nice table. Every week, Susie had a fresh bouquet of flowers on her table, regardless of whether or not she was expecting company.

She enjoyed gardening, walking her dogs, shopping and playing bridge.

A memorial service will be held for friends and family at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, gpaas.org/donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Haunted Garage Productions is up and running for the season.

Frights & fun for the family**Haunted Garage open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays in October**

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When Glen Williams first began inviting guests to his haunted attraction, he thrilled visitors with a walk through his heavily decorated, Halloween-themed garage and handed out miniature pumpkins at the end of the route.

An ever-evolving production, now his haunt — nestled between his front and back yards, as well as the yards of his parents next door — features a full acre of Halloween fun, from witches and scarecrows to spiders and aliens.

What's more, a portion of the proceeds of Haunted Garage Productions benefits local charities.

HGP invites guests Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in October to experience a family-friendly, old-school celebration of all things Halloween.

"We are the best-bang-for-your-buck haunted attraction in America," Williams said. "And we benefit our local community. You can feel safe bringing your family through this show knowing it's a controlled environment."

Nearly 20 enclosures are set up around the property, featuring Halloween-themed scenes. Those who've been through the haunt before are encouraged to come through again, as Williams and his crew work hard to keep things fresh.

"We change the scenes around so return customers can see something different when they come," he said. "Twenty-

five percent change is a good average; we're above that. ... We flip enclosures, make them different, redesign them. We take a look at what will enhance the show."

Among this year's new features is an expanded Jurassic Park enclosure, including a trio of raptors, courtesy of Distortions Unlimited.

Williams and his team of volunteers spent a month building the infrastructure, then zeroed in on the details, which were all-consuming up until curtain time on opening night.

In addition to a variety of props — many of them animated — sprinkled throughout the grounds are costumed actors who add a thrill to the mix.

"Our actors are not going to pursue you, come at you in a threatening way or scream at you," Williams noted. "And we have no-scare blinky lights for nervous customers. This is something families can enjoy."

Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$24 VIP, which brings guests to the front of the line. Tickets may be purchased three ways — through a school PTO, online at hauntedgarageproductions.com or at the gate.

Additionally, hot and cold cider, doughnuts

and other items are available for purchase.

"We're open four Fridays, four Saturdays and four Sundays — and we need all those days to fit all our charities in," Williams said, noting close to 30 school PTOs and nonprofit organizations will receive a portion of the proceeds.

"We're just trying to rescue old-school Halloween," Williams said. "This has turned



This giant is among several creepsters that will greet visitors to Haunted Garage Productions this season.

something fun into not just a fundraiser, but general customers coming from schools are viewing it as an event. It's a place they can safely come with their families without blood and gore. We want you to be entertained and enjoy the show itself — the props, the visuals and the atmosphere."

Williams doesn't do it alone. In addition to the help he receives each year from his parents, 96-year-old Ray and Joan Williams, a team of volunteers is key to HGP's success.

Ron Carloni and Mike Bilski are set designers, while Teresa Hellrung

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**Power of Pink is Oct. 15 at Ford House**

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Van Elslander Cancer Center and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce invite one and all to the inaugural Power of Pink event Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

This free event is open to the community and features a variety of resources to navigate cancer survivorship and prevention.

"This event is a great opportunity to serve as a free resource to guests," said Abigail Turnbull, chamber membership and events coordinator. "On Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be free mammograms available for guests and during the expo portion, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests can enjoy light bites while learning

from three presenters and several panelists that are health experts from the Van Elslander Cancer Center, as well as from local organizations including Gilda's Club, the American Cancer Society and The Pink Fund."

The presentation schedule features Dr. Allison Jay discussing the genetics of breast cancer at 11:15 a.m.; Dr. Jeffrey Falk sharing breast cancer screening guidelines and risk assessments at 11:45 a.m.; and Cheryl Beshada discussing reflexology for better health at 12:15 p.m.

"With the wide variety of exhibitors and speakers, this event goes beyond serving as a resource for cancer survivors alone," Turnbull said, "but will serve family members and friends impacted by cancer,

too."

The event also features information about nutrition, self-care and stroke awareness.

"The chamber is thrilled to be collaborating with the Van Elslander Cancer Center," Turnbull said. "With cancer research ever changing, this event will be a fresh take on the latest and greatest information for people to consider in all aspects of their health and lives related to cancer prevention and understanding. Working closely with the cancer team at the Van Elslander Cancer Center this year, we decided to develop this event and are excited to grow this event and provide an excellent resource for the community."

For more information, visit grossepointechamber.com.



Velociraptors, left, are new to HGP this year, but a returning favorite is The Dead Beats, right.



Christ Church invites youngsters to Chorister for a Day

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Experienced and non-experienced singers from second grade through high school are invited to get a feel for Christ Church Grosse Pointe's Chorister program during Chorister for a Day, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12, at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The community-building recruitment effort features games and special activities.

"We want to introduce kids who are not familiar with music in a community setting or a choir setting to the fun that comes along with that," said Jackson Merrill, assistant director of music at Christ Church. "It's a microcosm of our annual choir camp. We'll play Capture the Flag and do some community-building exercises."

"And we'll try to make singing as much fun as we can," Music Director Scott Hanoian added. "It may not be as much fun as kicking a soccer ball, but by the end, they may disagree with that statement."

Becoming a chorister takes commitment. In addition to twice weekly rehearsals, the choir performs 200 pieces a year, including a massive Christmas concert, and travels abroad each summer. Next summer, they'll perform at St. Paul Cathedral in London.

"We offer something unique here," Merrill said.

That uniqueness comes in several forms, one of which is the choir's 24 young members being



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Above, choristers pose outside of Bath Abbey in Somerset, England. Left, from left, Max H., Will H. and Jackson R. get goofy at Stonehenge during a summer trip overseas.

accompanied by 16 professional singers.

"They get the experience of singing at a high level themselves, but with the best singers in the metro area backing them up," Hanoian said.

Additionally, choir members mentor each other. Rather than arranging or separating singers by grade or age, Hanoian and Merrill purposely will seat an 8-year-old next to an 18-year-old, for example.

"Just by the nature of them being there, they're teaching the person next to them," Hanoian said.

"... They have very different levels of experience and ability, but that's how you get the 8-year-old, when they're 18, to that level of experience."

Added Merrill, "Our older kids take seriously their responsibility to mentor and nurture the

younger kids. ... The same mentorship is there with the professional singers. It's an amazing opportunity to sing with people who do this as part of their living as adults."

Another uniqueness comes outside of rehearsals. While the youngsters work hard in the choir room, the directors believe they should play hard together, too.

"We take high school kids to see movies, play laser tag, have activities on the front lawn," Hanoian said. "... We like to balance things."

For children and teens interested in becoming a chorister, there are next steps.

"We meet with the families to gauge initial interest," Merrill said. "The experience is open to anybody. You don't have to be a member of Christ Church to participate. We love bringing people who have never been here before to experience this."

"They'll work with me and with Scott before they're singing every Sunday," he added. "We'll introduce them gradually so they don't feel overwhelmed."

Hanoian noted the commitment involved with joining the program, as well as his goal of creating community within the choir.

"We want to demystify what it's like to be in a church choir," Hanoian said. "... Bonds of affection are created among the kids just by being here. That's extended through what Jackson and I provide, what the

professional singers provide, the church members provide and the community as a whole provides when they sing every Sunday."

Watching the youngsters develop skills and self-confidence brings joy to the directors and a sense of pride to the group.

"What I like about choir is I can make music, but be part of a team," Merrill said. "It's a group activity. You depend on each other to do well, which is a great lesson for kids and a great lesson for adults, too. It's an environment of doing this together."

Added Hanoian, "There's something special about shared artistic expression when your body is the instrument. There's a vulnerability in bringing your human voice to that setting. ... Singing in a group sounds great. Maybe by yourself you don't feel that sense of accomplishment, but together the sound is a magical experience. The sense of pride is palpable."

"Someone who is not a soloist can step into a place where they're comfortable, with other people, and produce something high quality that gives them a sense of pride," he added. "They grow into their ability to be a soloist later on. That's what gives me joy. Even if it's just a four-measure solo that they've worked so hard on, they give their best and give the congregation or audience something genuine."

While the Chorister for

a Day program gives prospective choristers a glimpse into the music program, it is not a prerequisite for joining the program, which runs September to May.

"It's rolling admissions," Hanoian said. "We will accept anyone at any point."

He also invited those interested to visit a rehearsal — Tuesdays and Thursdays after school — or attend a worship service to see the choir firsthand.

"We want people to experience all we've described," Hanoian said. "If they feel they might see themselves here in this program, (Chorister for a Day) is a casual, informal way to introduce kids into the program and demystify things people do not know about us. They can come here — those

who've experienced music already and those who've never experienced it — and learn what it's like here in a short amount of time."

"I see that as our strength," Merrill agreed. "Having different kids from different backgrounds creates a richness that isn't common."

To learn more about Chorister for a Day or register for the program, scan the QR code, visit christchurchgp.org/chorister-for-a-day or call (313) 885-4841, Ext. 103.



Choristers are all smiles at Camp Skyline in Almont.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its next Lunch, Laugh and Learn event Thursday, Oct. 17. A meal is served at noon and the program begins at 1 p.m. Historian and author Bruce Kopytek will share stories, photos and research from his book, "Hudson's — Detroit's World-Famous Department Store." The public is welcome to this free event; a free-will offering will be collected at the door. Call (313) 884-4820 to reserve seats. Deadline to sign-up is Tuesday, Oct. 15.

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and Daris and Diane Silcox help build sets. Animation is maintained by Jim Weime.

Ticket sales are handled by Dawn Magnuson and concessions are helmed by Liz Fildew and Christine Robinson. Steve Robinson is the liaison between HGP and the PTOs; Marco Maceri hosts the website; and

Jamie Hackett provides social media support.

The HGP staff — from crossing guards and ticket takers to puppeteers and concessions workers — numbers around 50 people.

“I cannot take all the credit,” Williams said. “I’m blessed with family, blessed with friends and blessed with former students that want to come back and help with the show. They’re people as passionate as I am who

want to make it real and make it fun.”

Haunted Garage is located at 19520 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms. Hours are 6 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 6 to 9 p.m. Sundays. Children 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information or purchase tickets, visit hauntedgarageproductions.org or call (313) 407-7979.



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HGP operates Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout October.

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Martell Bivings

Bivings is a lifelong Detroit and Cody High School graduate. He attended Howard University, where he studied policy and government.

Following college, his experience includes banking, service as community liaison, policy analyst and small business developer. He served four years as business liaison for the Detroit Economic Growth Corp.

Bivings is the eldest of five siblings and a homeowner in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood of Detroit’s east side.

Griffin Wojtowicz

Wojtowicz, who campaigns for the State House of Representatives as Griffin, is an educator serving in Dearborn Public Schools. Before teaching, he graduated



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Candidates Griffin Wojtowicz, left, and Martell Bivings

high school with a certification in construction and technology from Oakland technical schools and believes schools should offer students more hands-on training.

He graduated magna cum laude from Oakland University, has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and toured Europe with the Oakland Chorale.

Wojtowicz resides in Grosse Pointe Woods with his wife and three young children.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets the third Tuesday each month, September through May, at the War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Stay up to date at EastsideRepublican.Club and “follow” the ERC on Facebook and X.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Readers’ Choice Book Discussion Group, noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Media Mania: Stand-Up Comedy Fundamentals with Heather Joy, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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.

◆ 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.

◆ American Romanian Festival — 20th anniversary concert, 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. Tickets are \$25 general admission, \$10 for students.

◆ Mysteries of the Moorings: A Spooky Tour, 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16. This candlelight tour of the Alger House includes a complimentary cocktail.

◆ Civility Session with Stephen Henderson and Nolan Finley, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

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:

◆ Flu Clinic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11.

◆ The movie “A Million Miles Away” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members.

◆ 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.

◆ Lunch and Learn: “Simplify Your Move — Stress-Free Downsizing,” noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15.

◆ AARP Smart Driver Tek, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, with instructor Roger Doster.

◆ Preparing for the Unexpected, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, with attorney Maura McKeever, community educator Rachel Powell and social worker Frank Wilberding.

Moross Greenway

The Moross Greenway Project hosts its fall clean-up volunteer day 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12, rain or shine. Volunteers will plant bulbs, pick up trash and pull weeds. Organizers will provide safety vests, collection buckets and trash bags. Volunteers should meet in the parking lot of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 21150 Moross, Detroit. Sign up online at morossgreenwayproject.org.

GPA

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.

◆ Acrylic Non-Representational Painting with a Focus on Spatial Relationships of Marks and Lines, with Marcia Hales, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16.

◆ Landscapes in the Style of Frederic Church, with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21.

◆ Acrylic Non-Representational Painting with a Focus on Spatial Relationships of Marks and Lines, with Marcia Hales, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. The following programs take place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, unless otherwise noted. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org or RSVP to maryjo@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.

◆ Preparing for the Unexpected, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Panelists will discuss trusts and wills, end-of-life wishes and advanced directives, as well as ways to support those who are grieving. Desserts and beverages will be served.

◆ QPR training, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Next Chapter Books, 16555 E. Warren, Detroit. QPR training is like CPR for mental health. Ages 15 and older are welcome to this free training, which helps participants recognize suicide warning signs, understand ways to initiate conversation and refer someone to appropriate resources.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Molly Mitchell of Downtown Boxing Gym speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Lions

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests are welcome.

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amazing,” Browne said.

She added that she was impressed with the patients who visited when the hospital opened.

“They’re living in primitive conditions,” she said, “but they’re clean and their clothes are clean and pressed. They come in their best dresses. Their kids are scrubbed within an inch of their lives because they’re seeing a doctor.

“And they’re so grateful,” she added. “They would share anything with you. Even though they don’t have enough to eat, if they had food they would offer you some.”

To meet its remaining needs, the hospital needs around \$200,000.

“Every little bit helps,” Browne said.

“We hope to withdraw in two years and make it self-sustaining,” she added. “Then we’ll move on to a new project, or build a school or who knows? We have so much and they have so little. The smallest



Building Up sponsors pop-up clinics, during which a team travels to outlying villages and gives free care for the day. Above and left, patients wait to see a doctor at a pop-up clinic.

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amount can mean so much.”

To raise funds for the hospital, Building Up hosts a few annual fundraisers, including a charity run in May and a golf outing in July. Next up is

its raffle.

“We’re doing another trip to Italy, all expenses paid, for two,” Browne said, noting alcohol and souvenirs are not included. “If the winner doesn’t want to go to

Italy, they can pick another destination (through the travel company) for the same price or less. The person who won last year had already been to Italy, so they switched it to a trip to

South Africa.

“They have two years to take the trip,” she added. “We will draw a name out of a hat.”

Just 250 tickets are being sold; cost is \$100 per ticket.

The raffle closes Saturday, Nov. 16, but Browne said tickets usually are gone by the end of October. A winner will be drawn Sunday, Nov. 17.

“You can watch it on YouTube,” she said of the drawing.

For tickets, call (313) 647-3100 and ask for a raffle ticket.

In addition to monetary donations, Browne said churches interested in sending missionaries are welcome as well. A group is heading to Uganda this month on a non-medical mission, bearing pillowcase dresses, crocheted dolls, toy cars and trucks, as well as washable menstruation kits and medical supplies.

Though started at a church, Building Up is a secular organization. It also is looking for people to join its advisory board, which meets quarterly on Zoom.

“It’s for all walks of life,” Browne said. “You just need to help spread the word, tell the story, think of fundraisers and be a general support.”

For more information, visit buildingup-phw.org.

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Clint Derringer

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Clint began his career with Van Dyke Public Schools before moving to project management and procurement in the auto industry. He has a bachelor of arts from the University of Michigan and a Masters in Science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Clint will use his experience to ensure that our district prioritizes students, teachers, fiscal responsibility and good governance.



Laura Hull

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Laura has been a teacher for more than two decades, including in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. She graduated from Alma College with a Bachelors in Science and a Master's of Arts in Education from the University of Michigan. As an experienced educator, Laura is committed to amplifying student voices, supporting teachers and unifying our community.



Tim Klepp

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Tim began his career at Deloitte, where he earned his CPA license and is currently a Partner with IBM Consulting. He has a bachelors in accounting from Michigan State University and a Master's in Business Administration from Indiana University. Tim will apply his decades of accounting and finance experience to safeguard our district's fiscal health and growth.



Colleen Worden

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Colleen currently serves on the Grosse Pointe School Board and works as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Special Victims' Unit of the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Miami University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law. Colleen is running for reelection because she cares about children, their welfare and their futures.

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Grosse Pointe Theatre unveils heartfelt drama: 'Rabbit Hole'

Grosse Pointe Theatre opens its Purdon Studio Theatre season with the poignant play, "Rabbit Hole," Oct. 18 to 27.

This production, a gripping exploration of love, loss and healing, marks the first of two Purdon Studio Theatre black-box productions for the season and promises to leave audiences deeply moved.

"Rabbit Hole," written by David Lindsay-Abaire, tells the story of Becca and Howie, a couple grappling with the tragic loss of their young son. As they navigate their grief, they must confront their relationships, their pasts and, ultimately, each other. This powerful narrative resonates with any-

one who has experienced the complexities of loss and the struggle to find hope in the aftermath.

Director Kenneth Franzel is excited to direct this play, his first at Grosse Pointe Theatre. "I think it's a beautiful story," Franzel said. "I first came across this script in 2017, and it was a great comfort to me in a difficult time. I think the characters are so well written and the show perfectly balances a wonderful sense of humor along with the difficult themes at its core."

"Grief is something that everyone experiences and something that none of us can easily escape; grief does not respect pat-



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"Rabbit Hole" cast from left, Bridget Hillyer, Sterling Orlovski, Mateo Manriquez, Ashley Chalela and Rachel Settlege.

terns, relationships or time. This show tackles grief in a very real way and shows us that it's OK

to grieve in your own way and at your own pace," he added, noting the actors' performances are "so powerful and emotional they will leave audiences fully captivated."

The cast includes Bridget Hillyer as Becca; Ashley Chalela as Izzy; Sterling Orlovski as Howie; Rachel Settlege as Nat; and Mateo Manriquez as Jason.

In addition to Franzel, the crew includes Meg Berger, producer; Kristin Pagels Quinlan, assistant producer; Colleen Hughes, stage manager; McKenzie Dera, apprentice director; Jeff Berger,

technical director; Raven Latonia, sound and lights; Michael Kieliszewski, costumes/assistant stage manager; Camy Sylvestre, properties; Bree Murphy, marketing; Rachel Settlege, makeup/hair; Shelley Frost Groh, set dressing; and Anthony Dondero, wellness coordinator.

Grosse Pointe Theatre created its Purdon Studio Theatre in 2010, due to the generous legacy bequest of Jac and Carol Purdon. The black-box theater program will perform two shows this season as GPT expands its Purdon program.

"There are so many brilliant plays out there that just aren't meant for large audiences and being able to bring a show like 'Rabbit Hole' and its powerful themes to the stage can be daunting, so having a safe place for shows like this to live and thrive is so important," Franzel said. "That a group as big and established as GPT would allow such a space to nurture the creativity that shows like this provide is really amazing. And being able to provide a smaller space for more actors and tech crew to learn and grow their craft cannot be understated; we have several members of our crew that are tackling their roles for the first time and being able to do that in a smaller less stressful space has been great."

The intimate setting of the black-box theater at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church will provide an immersive experience, drawing audiences closer to the emotional depth of the story.

Tickets are available for purchase at gpt.org/psst.

"All I ask is that audiences go into any show with an open mind and an open heart," Franzel added, "and that they not be afraid to feel the emotions of the moment. I hope everyone walks away from this show with a little more comfort in their hearts than when they arrived."

ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

Why we keep enabling — and 4 ways to stop

When family members are worried about a loved one's substance use, they often do the wrong things. They enable the problem without realizing it, thinking they're being loyal and supportive. They're making things worse, but they don't realize it, because it feels like they're doing the right thing. It feels good.

There are two phases of enabling: innocent enabling and desperate enabling. Let's look at one fictional example.

The parents of a young woman in her third year of university are aware she's drinking heavily. Her grades are sliding and even her best friends — who aren't angels — are concerned. Then, one night, she crashes into a parked car while intoxicated. She is charged with drunken driving.

Her parents think, "Maria's just going through a phase. She can't be an alcoholic at 21. She just needs to get her act together and graduate." They have an old-fashioned stereotype of an alcoholic and Maria doesn't fit the picture.

Instead of getting advice from an addiction professional, they focus on the legal problem. They hire a lawyer, who ultimately makes a good deal with the judge. They get the car fixed and give her a stern warning. Maria is sorry and embarrassed, but she's in denial, too.

The parents are diminishing the negative consequences of Maria's drinking. They're making her problem less of a problem (for her). They're enabling the illness to continue, making it easier for their Maria to rationalize her behavior. It's innocent enabling — done out of love and concern — but it's enabling nonetheless.

When a greater crisis comes along, this will change. After a remorseful pause, Maria resumes her party life at the university. Other substances come into play, like Adderall (which initially helps her study harder).

Though she is on probation, she is still drinking and driving. Seven months later, she has a second and more serious car accident, injuring herself and another person. Her parents panic: "She's going to go to jail. We've got to do something!"

But they're still focused on the legal consequences and less focused on the drinking. They realize alcohol is a serious problem now, but they still don't seek out professional help. They've moved into desperate enabling. They realize she may wind up behind bars, just like a real alcoholic. They're driven by fear and determined to fix the situation.

Desperate enabling only makes Maria's problem worse. She hasn't received any meaningful treatment, so the disease progresses. Although her parents know there is a serious problem, they see it as a lack of willpower, instead of recognizing it as a medical issue. They are enabling the disease to continue. Desperately enabling.

They could be addressing both problems at the same time. They could work with both an addiction professional and a lawyer. They could be planning a loving and comprehensive intervention and tak-

ing appropriate legal action.

Most people suffering from substance use disorders (addiction) have an enabling system. This enabling system is comprised of well-meaning friends and family members who unwittingly help the disease get worse. The enablers may be the source of money or alibis, housing or jobs. Or they may simply ignore the problem.

But just as families can make things worse, they also can make things better. When the enabling system turns into an intervening system, the disease becomes much harder to maintain. Friends and family cannot cure addiction, but they can have a very positive impact on the problem and open the door to recovery. Families can break the cycle of enabling in four ways:

1) Talk openly with the alcoholic about the problem. Stick to the facts and don't be judgmental. Only have the discussion when the person is sober. Talk about what you will do to help and talk about what you will no longer do to enable the problem. Also, talk openly with other family members, so everyone is on the same page. Do not talk to the alcoholic one-to-one. Make sure there are at least two or three of you present to address the problem.

2) Do not give or lend money for the addiction or to cover debts caused by the addiction. Be vigilant in protecting the silent victims of addiction, like children caught in the middle. Financial help can always be given after the person goes to appropriate treatment.

3) Start your own recovery. Al-Anon, Nar-Anon and Families Anonymous are helpful groups. It is often too difficult to stop enabling without the help of people with more knowledge. Join a group and draw on their experience, strength and hope.

4) Learn more about the problem and the solution. You can download a copy of "Love First: a family's guide to intervention," 3rd edition, (Hazelden, 2021) and start reading it right away. It will teach you about the dynamics of addiction and how to organize a family intervention team. It will walk you step-by-step through the process of planning and carrying out a good, structured family intervention.

When the enabling system turns into an intervening system, things begin to change. A family intervention focuses the love and concern in a specific and organized way. It can bring relief to the family and treatment to the alcoholic or addict. As we say in "Love First:"

"If we are focused on the alcoholic, we are focused on the problem. When we take our eyes off the problem, we're no longer being trapped by it. We put our focus on our power to act in ways that create solutions."

Jeff and Debra Jay help families resolve addiction problems. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms and have been working in the treatment field more than 30 years. Contact them through their website, lovefirst.net.

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GROSSE POINTE Gabby



POINTING YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION WITH REAL-LIFE ADVICE!

Transparency in new relationship is key to maintaining old friendships

Dear Gabby: I'm in a happy, long-term relationship, but recently, an ex reached out wanting to "catch up." It's been years, and we ended things on good terms, but my current partner doesn't know about this and I'm not sure how they'd feel.

Should I respond and meet up, or is it best to leave the past in the past? — Torn up in the Park

Dear Torn up,
Ah, the unexpected

"let's catch up" message from an ex — the classic curveball life throws just when you think everything's humming along.

First, ask yourself — why are they reaching out now? And what do you hope to gain from reconnecting? If it's pure curiosity or nostalgia, tread carefully.

Sometimes, we romanticize the past, forgetting why certain chapters closed in the first place.

Now, about your cur-

rent partner, transparency is key.

If you're hiding the message or unsure how they'd feel, it's a sign that meeting up could stir unnecessary tension. Have a conversation with your partner first — be honest, and ask for their input. That way, you can avoid misunderstandings and make a decision together.

At the end of the day, the past is in the past, but it's the present and

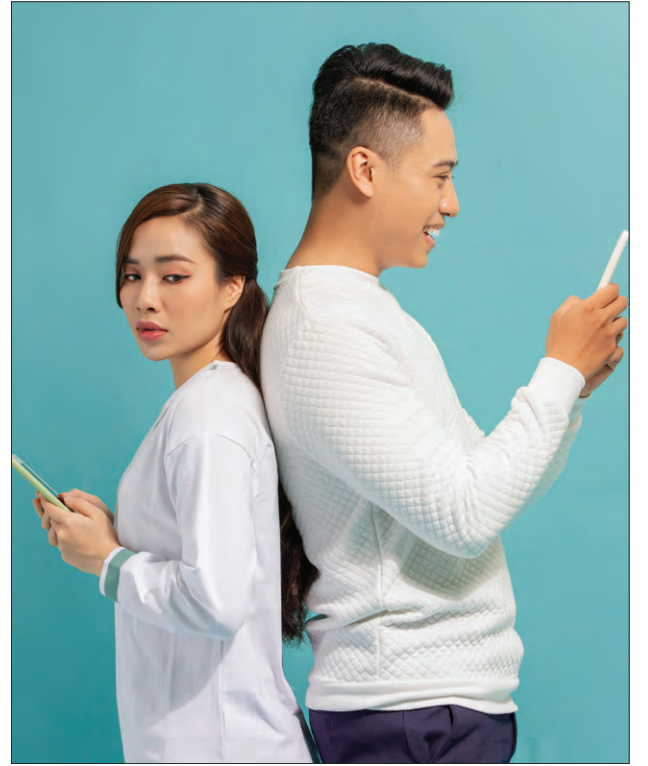
future that matter most.

If you think there's unresolved business with your ex, consider whether it's worth risking the harmony of your current relationship.

Sometimes, the best response to an ex is no response at all.

— Gabby

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Healing after accusations and heartbreak

DEAR ANNIE: A relationship I had for two and a half years has recently ended. I met a woman, "Marie," through mutual friends, and we quickly became best friends, eventually turning romantic.

She was the first woman I ever dated, and while our relationship had its ups and downs, the challenges were unique. She had rare health problems and a history of being treated badly by men. Over time, I became somewhat of a caretaker for her, and we were inseparable.

But things changed. She began accusing me

of being "manipulative" and a "gaslighter." While I made mistakes — this was my first relationship — I always apologized when I realized I was wrong. But she would refuse to explain what I had done, leaving me apologizing without understanding why. We tried counseling, but after one session, she didn't want to continue.

Two weeks ago, I moved from Arizona to South Carolina, while she stayed behind for work. Despite my efforts to stay in touch, she told me she didn't deserve how I treated her and that I needed to move on

and treat the next woman better. I'm heartbroken because I haven't done some of the things she accused me of, like turning friends against her.

To complicate things, her mother has thanked me for everything I did for her daughter and even sent me photos from their family vacation. Seeing those pictures hurt deeply, as I don't think she'll ever smile at me the way she does in them. I feel broken. — Broken

DEAR BROKEN: You may feel broken now, but you're on the path to building a much better

life for yourself. While the pain is real, remember that this was someone who wasn't willing to work on the relationship through therapy and often turned things around by accusing you of manipulation and gaslighting. That's name-calling, not healthy communication. In the long run, it's better that you've parted ways. Stay strong; better days are ahead.

DEAR ANNIE: Every year, my wife and I take our grown kids and their spouses on nice vacations. We've flown them business class to various



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

overseas locations, and since we don't live in the same cities, we cherish this time together.

The issue is our son-in-law, "Pete." He behaves like he's paying for the trip, constantly boasting about his latest business ventures, though our daughter is the real breadwinner. He always orders the most expensive items on the menu and complains if the liquor selection isn't top-tier. This is not how they live at home, and his entitlement is frustrating.

Pete also doesn't like children and makes it known how irritated he gets when any are around. His thin skin means that even the slightest comment causes him to sulk for days. Overall, his behavior has made these vacations unpleasant.

We brought this up with our daughter in what we thought was a civil conversation, but she brushed it off, saying he's just "maximizing" his vacation. To us, "maximizing" feels like him taking full advantage of our generosity.

We've thought about ending these trips, but we love spending time with our son and his wife, who are a joy to be around. We don't want to stop the vacations entirely because of Pete's behavior. What do you suggest? — Frustrated Generous Parents

DEAR FRUSTATED GENEROUS PARENTS: Pete sounds like quite the handful! I think it's time to let him foot the bill for his top-shelf liquor. You're already treating them to flights and luxury accommodations; he can splurge on his own taste in spirits. His entitlement isn't doing anyone any favors, least of all your grandchildren, who certainly don't need that kind of role model.

It might be time for a reality check. Letting him take responsibility for his actions (and expenses) could cool his britches a bit. Nothing like paying for your own extravagances to bring things into perspective.

DEAR ANNIE: I'm a

50-plus married empty nester with a full-time job and three dogs. Life is still busy for us.

My mom, stepfather and younger half-brother live in another state. My father died when I was young, and my mother remarried and had my brother. At 17, I moved out and have been mostly out of sight, out of mind to my family. Although we talk on the phone and see each other on some holidays, I have always been on the outside of their circle, which I have learned to accept and don't harbor any negative feelings about.

Recently, my mom and stepfather have separated, and I've since learned that they have no savings or retirement funds. My mom and brother want my stepfather to come live with me, and my mother plans on moving in with my brother.

The emotional battle that is taking place in me is almost too much. Am I supposed to say yes out of duty? He doesn't drive, and we aren't public transport accessible. I'm not ready to give up my job to take care of or keep someone else entertained. Am I the worst?



I feel like I am only being asked because there is literally no one else to ask. My mother and brother are inseparable, leaving my stepfather out of their circle as well. If I say no, I'll lose all three. If I say yes, I could lose my own spouse and, possibly, my sanity. Thank you for your advice. — Midlife Guilt

DEAR MIDLIFE GUILT: No, you are not the worst. Your mother and brother should not be guilt-tripping you into taking on a responsibility that you aren't equipped for. And there's nothing selfish about protecting your marriage, your job and your well-being.

Explore some other options with your family; this might involve some creative thinking.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



This weekend, I had the pleasure of making the viral pasta that's been taking social media by storm, thanks to Gigi Hadid. Tasked with cooking for a group of busy, hungry teens, I decided this dish would be the perfect choice.

With my hands full and the kitchen bustling with the chaos of four kids running around, I was relieved to find this recipe was not only simple but incredibly satisfying.

After picking up the ingredients from Trader Joe's, I dove into the cooking process. The recipe itself is straightforward and quick, which is ideal for a busy environ-

ment or quick week-night dinner.

The pasta turned out creamy and spicy, striking a perfect balance that was both flavorful and comforting.



It was a hit with the kids, who devoured it and asked for seconds.

If you haven't tried this recipe yet, it's no surprise that it's gone viral. It's a great mix of creamy and spicy with easy preparation that fits perfectly into a hectic night.

Here's a quick run-down of how to make it, directly from the recipe:

Gigi Hadid Pasta

- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 tbsp. garlic, finely minced
- ⅔ cup tomato paste
- 1½ cup heavy cream
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese, more to taste
- 2 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 2 tsp. dried basil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 cup pasta water
- 8 oz. pasta (I used Trader Joe's organic

fusilli corti bucati)

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Cook pasta and reserve at least one cup of pasta water and then drain.

Heat olive oil in a pan over medium heat.

Add minced garlic and tomato paste and cook for four to five minutes.

Pour in the heavy cream and stir well. Cook for two to three minutes.

Add red pepper flakes, dried basil, salt and pepper to taste. Stir.

Add Parmesan cheese, butter and ½ cup of pasta water. Add more pasta water if you think you need it.

Toss in the cooked pasta and mix to coat evenly. Top it off with

more Parmesan cheese if you wish.

Enjoy.

Recipe credit: Moribyan. This dish has earned its viral status for good reason. It's delicious, easy to make and a sure-fire hit for any meal. I'm giving this 5 aligators.

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

5 Out Of 5



Fall Ready

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

I am finally accepting that fall is now in full swing. I can't walk two feet without tripping over a pumpkin and I'm OK with that. My sweaters are out and my iced coffee is now hot.

I love fall but always take time to transition out of summer cooking and its seasonal produce. Corn and tomatoes are giving way to squash, apples and beets. My oven is on much more and my soup pot is ready to go and waiting! This month I'll plan to share the best of fall's seasonal recipes.

This week I'm pairing apples and cinnamon with brown butter to make blondies. Blondies are similar to brownies in that they are soft and chewy dessert bars. Instead of a rich chocolate flavor, they have a deep caramel and nutty flavor from the brown butter and brown sugar. And since I'm embracing fall weather and all things that are fall cuisine, apples and cinna-

mon were the perfect additions to them.

Brown butter is a cook's secret weapon to transform a dish from great to heavenly. A simple browning in a saucepan makes the butter taste nutty and almost caramel-like. You need to keep a close eye on it so it doesn't burn. Once it turns brown it is immediately removed from the heat so the milk fat crystals don't burn. The extra step makes all the difference in creating this truly memorable apple blondie.

Any apple will do in this recipe and the best part is there is no peeling involved. Celebrate fall in the kitchen by making this goodie. It's so easy and gets eaten so fast, I've already made it twice this week!

Cheers, Mombeau

Brown Butter Apple Blondies

1¼ cup salted butter (2½ sticks)

3 Honeycrisp apples

3 tbsp maple syrup
2 tsp cinnamon
2⅓ cup all-purpose flour
1½ tsp baking powder
1⅔ cup brown sugar
2 large eggs
2 tsp pure vanilla extract
1½ cup powdered sugar
2 tbsp milk
Pinch of salt

Begin by making the brown butter. Add butter to a small saucepan over medium to low heat. Melt the butter and let the mixture begin to bubble. The butter will begin to foam up. Swirl the mixture and simmer.

Once the foam subsides, you'll notice some milk fat crystals form on the surface. Keep swirling, it may foam up again. Continue to cook

and swirl until the butter turns golden brown.

This process should take about seven minutes. Take off the heat and immediately transfer to a heat-proof bowl so it does not burn. Set aside.

While the butter browns, dice the apples into a medium sized dice, leaving the skin on but removing the core. Add to a skillet along with the maple syrup and one teaspoon of cinnamon. Cook on medium low until the apples begin to soften, about five minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees In a large bowl or standing mixer, add one cup of the brown butter, reserving ¼ cup for the glaze, and brown sugar. Mix on low, then add the eggs and one and a half teaspoons of vanilla.

Once the eggs are combined, gradually add the flour, baking powder, remaining teaspoon of cinnamon and pinch of salt. Keep mixing until the batter is smooth and then fold in the apple mixture.

Pour the batter into a buttered, parchment paper lined, 9x13 baking dish. Smooth out the top of the batter. Place into



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the preheated oven and bake for 35 minutes.

Remove from the oven and let cool, preferably to room temperature.

While the blondies are cooling, make the glaze. If your remaining butter has solidified from earlier, reheat it. Pour into a

bowl and gradually add the sugar, milk and remaining half teaspoon of vanilla. Whisk together until smooth. Pour over the cooled blondies and let sit until the glaze has hardened and set. Slice into squares and enjoy.



by Dan Berger

Unlevel playing field

Most commercial domestic wines are too expensive compared with imports, and one reason is that imports often have a major financial advantage.

Wine is, ultimately, an agricultural product, so it is susceptible to all kinds of risks, including pests, climate change and market fluctuations. But because wine has alcohol (horrors!), it's often ignored by the U.S. government.

Many other U.S. commodity products, by contrast, such as milk, eggs, pork bellies and corn, are analyzed well by the government, which steps in when upheaval strikes. This has almost never occurred with U.S. wine.

I'm not for or against government aid. But stories out of Europe indi-

cate the uneven playing field in which U.S. wineries are expected to compete — and why many imports are cheaper by comparison.

By now, most people have heard of wine's current difficulties. Wine sales worldwide are down, U.S. wineries are going bankrupt, many growers can't break even this year, and experts suggest that between 50,000 and 100,000 acres of grapevines must be torn out to stabilize the market.

One expert suggested that 150,000 acres needs to be removed — about 25 percent of all U.S. winegrape acreage.

This country isn't alone in the economic hardships that wine is facing. Every major winemaking nation in

Europe is in the same boat. But instead of ignoring the problem, European governments are stepping in.

France allocated 120 million euros to aid growers in removing up to 75,000 acres of vines in Bordeaux due to unfavorable market conditions. EuroNews said that's an 1,800 euros per acre reimbursement.

One report said the Bordeaux program is part of a government plan to eliminate 220,000 acres of vines (15 percent of the total.)

Wine economist Mike Veseth writes in his The Wine Economist newsletter, "American growers will rue the fact that they generally don't receive subsidies from anyone" if they are encouraged to replace vines with other crops. France "isn't the only country that has to pull out surplus vines and this isn't the first time, either."

He writes that in the past he was "skeptical about the EU (vine-pull) program when a similar situation occurred in 2008. New Zealand's ear-

lier vine-pull scheme turned out well, but ripping out vines is only a temporary fix unless there are associated policy and structural changes to alter the market balance. I expect the same holds true today."

U.S. wineries and growers do not expect any assistance in the current crisis. Part of the reason lies in the mentality existing in this country since its founding.

Prohibitionist belief has pervaded since John Calvin's day, and the current wave of neo-prohibitionism surely will make government aid a non-starter. Far too many politicians believe in public abstention — although they probably do not abstain personally.

Meanwhile, trade accounts from U.S. ports indicate that import fees in the last few months have dropped about 3.5 percent nationally, which lowers importers' costs.

The U.S.'s winery bankruptcies that we have seen this year probably will result in lower prices for some closeout wines, but that benefit to

consumers will evaporate rapidly and the current downturn won't end until at least 2026.

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HOME, Spooky HOME



Get in the Halloween mood with decor that makes the season more fun!

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Halloween just seems to keep growing in popularity as a day to let down one's hair, be silly from behind a mask and overindulge in favorite candies. Every year there seems to be more festive and irresistible decorations available — for both indoors and outdoors, from scary to cute to classy.

Grosse Pointe loves a great celebration, so we are not surprised to find area homes and businesses steeped in Halloween spirit. Our roving photographers have captured some of the best to share with you and inspire you.

Whether just enjoying the season with your kids and trick-or-treaters, throwing a monster's ball to remember or you want to be THE home that goes all out with spooktacular haunted house-worthy decor, you'll find what you need at some of these incredible local shops.

Take a peek at the amazing finds we hunted down to get you started on your own bewitching Halloween decorating and entertaining plans — and treat yourself to something fearfully fun!



Bat pinata and various sized cauldrons, above, from Party Adventure .



Cute, plush textured ghost pillow, above, is perfect for the sofa (and to clutch during scary movie nights!) From Small Favors.



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Top of page: Plush skeleton bats, left, are from Small Favors. Shearling and plaid stuffed pumpkins look homey for fall, from Opal's Hallmark. Above: Viviano Flower Shop has incredible flowers for sure – but they also have the cutest Halloween decor for the home and kitchen! Serving platters, candle holders, kitchen towels and more make the spooky season pop in your home.



"Witch" way to the candy? This adorable yard sign, right, points the path to your door. From Great Lakes ACE.

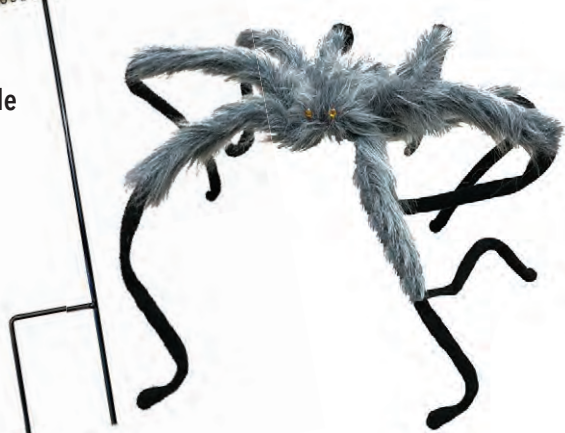


Jellybean witch rug, left, adds color and fun to your doorstep. From Great Lakes ACE.

Fresh mums in pretty fall colors, right, bloom in abundance at Great Lakes ACE in St. Clair Shores. Beautiful for your porch or as accents in Halloween yard displays.



Giant bendable fuzzy spider, far right, gets your fright on – from Party Adventure.



Small Favors' cute plush pumpkin, left, makes a sweet centerpiece. Assorted decorative paper plates, above, bring the party table to life. From Party Adventure.

GROSSE POINTE SPIRIT ALL AROUND THE TOWN

There's something about having your neighbors and friends join together in the name of fun that makes Halloween even more enjoyable. As kids anticipate the big night of candy, doorbells and local parties, it's heartwarming to see homes and local businesses decorated in their frightening best.

We scoped out some pumpkin-friendly streets to bring you a taste of the trick-or-treat magic happening all over the Pointes and beyond. Enjoy the great effects and efforts these good folks put into making the local Halloween scene just a little more colorful and fun. Happy haunting!



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Even the skeletons have style in Grosse Pointe Woods, as this "couple" shows while they hang out enjoying the last few days of warm weather and sun.



Martha Stewart would approve of this tasteful St. Clair Shores display.



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"Ghouls" just want to have fun at this skeleton playground in Grosse Pointe Woods. (Better not play too rough and break a bone.)



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This Grosse Pointe Michigan State fan urges fans to go green this Halloween.



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A roof witch watches out for flying traffic in Grosse Pointe Woods this season.



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Lazing in the grass and catching some rays in Grosse Pointe Woods.



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Time to do the wave and cheer on the clever costumes to come in Grosse Pointe Woods.



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It's always Happy Hour at the Ghost Bar in the City of Grosse Pointe. Old Frank mixes up a mean "mar-ghoul-rita" for those brave enough to stop by.



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Farms residents are reminded not to pick up hitchhikers through October.



This big guy waves in customers at Roy O' Brien Ford. His car will need some extra leg room.



Three witches, right out of a Shakespeare play, mix their brew in St. Clair Shores.



A headless horseman and his big buddy greet patients at Greater Chiropractic on Mack Ave.



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Somebody is just popping out to say hello in Grosse Pointe Woods. Here's hoping there's no rain this Halloween.



A corner home on Oakgrove in St. Clair Shores goes all out in spider webs and tombstones against pretty foliage.



Jefferson Ave. is all spooked out with a little help from the folks at this beautiful waterside home. A haunted schoolbus and gathering of scary characters make the home a Halloween hit.



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A spooky Sleepy Hollow cemetery in Grosse Pointe Farms is scary fun.

Entertaining ideas

Halloween can be just as much fun for adults as it is for kids. There are many spooky home and table items created specifically for grown ups. Wine glasses, kitchen accessories, napkins and more make Oct. 31 a hauntingly good time for moms and dads too! Check out these fun and festive things for your next Halloween get-together with your besties.



A witchy little mouse in the house, far left, is a cute accent or gift favor. Kitchen towels, left, make even prep a party! Both from Viviano Flower Shop.

Below left: Stemless wine glasses and brightly colored napkins are ideal for serving up the fun.

Both from Party Adventure.



Ghostly keychain and napkins from Party Adventure.



Viviano Flower Shop has a charming collection of seasonal home ware, like this cute collection in terra cotta and orange tones, left. Assembling a grouping in your home or on the table makes an attractive focal point.

BLACK CAT
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HALLOWEEN
RECIPE FOR
ZOMBIE
PARTY PUNCH

A festive punch can be the highlight and conversation piece of any party. It's something with big impact that is easy to make — that everyone can enjoy. Here's a green punch that will add color to your gathering and you can top it off any way you wish to tie into your unique party theme.

Zombie Party Punch

Ingredients

- 1 gal. Hawaiian Punch Green Berry Rush juice drink
- 1 12-oz. can frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
- 2 cups cold water
- 2 cups orange juice
- 6-8 cups ice cubes

Directions

Mix all liquid ingredients and pour into a punch bowl or small-to-medium size plastic Halloween cauldron. Make sure all liquids are blended well. Add ice and stir.

To decorate, float gummy candies on top of mixture. Gummy worms or spiders, gummy eyeballs, wax or gummy vampire teeth, etc. are available on amazon.com.

For a foggy cauldron effect, use dry ice. **To safely use dry ice, NEVER put it directly into your punch.** The foggy effect can be safely done by nesting your punch bowl inside a larger bowl. The dry ice goes inside the larger bowl, between it and the outside of your bowl of punch. To activate it, add a small amount of water to the larger bowl. Supervise at all times and never let children touch or eat dry ice.

Easy party pie art!

By just adding a step to your seasonal pies you can create masterpieces that will leave guests amazed. In just 5-10 prep minutes more you'll have pie art that adds pizzazz to your party!

For baked fruit pies, cut a scary face into the top crust before placing it on the pie and baking.

For custard or pudding pies, decorate the top by purring a cut paper stencil over the finished pie and shaking powdered sugar over the stencil. Remove the stencil to reveal your design.

Pumpkin pies can become a jack o'lantern by piping on a cute



or scary face with googly eyes and cake decorating frosting or cutting the eyes, nose and mouth from black rolled fondant (available at cake supply shops or on amazon.com.) Boo-tiful!

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Deadline to enter is October 16, 2024. Winners will be contacted by October 18, 2024. Prizes must be picked up at the Grosse Pointe News offices at 16980 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, (313) 882-6900.

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June Squibb as Thelma goes for a joyride in the 2024 movie "Thelma," written and directed by Josh Margolin.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "Thelma"
 2024 - PG-13
 1 hr 38 min
 ★★★★★

There's nothing quite like a good old-fashioned revenge movie for an evening's entertainment. It's such great fun rooting for an underdog searching for justice. When compiling a list of go-to female leads in this genre, actors like Jennifer Lopez, Angelina Jolie and Catherine Zeta-Jones come immediately to mind. Over the years, they've delivered some memorable and thoroughly engaging action-packed films.

You might be surprised when I tell you a 93-year-old actor by the name of June Squibb has recently joined their ranks.

The nonagenarian who's had an impressive 70-year acting career stars in the new movie "Thelma." The movie is based on events involving first-time writer/director Josh Margolin's own grandma.

To help set the tone, there are several references to Tom Cruise movies and even the soundtrack by Nick Chuba is inspired by classic Hollywood thrillers. Ultimately, it's a sweet little comedy that's sure to delight the entire family.

Thelma (Squibb) is a 93-year-old grandma who lives on her own, even though her beloved husband passed away a couple years ago. She's fiercely independent and has no desire to go into an assisted living facility.



Thelma's grandson Daniel, played by Fred Hechinger teaches Thelma (June Squibb) how to use a computer.

Her grandson Daniel (Fred Hechinger) is devoted to her and he's charged with keeping her safe. He's a bit of a lost soul in that although he's in his mid-20s, he's not sure where his life is heading. But he's dedicated to his grandma's

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



well being and the two spend lots of quality time together. It's especially fun watching him teach her how to use a computer and introducing her to the world of the Internet. He truly has the patience of a saint.

And it's this newly discovered world of social media that ultimately gets Thelma in trouble. She's been posting on sites like Facebook, totally unaware of the potential dangers they may lead to. One day, she receives a call from Daniel who's apparently in jail and needs bail

pesky little problem of getting her 10 grand back. So the two of them set out on Ben's motorized scooter to hunt down the culprit. Hang on to your hats folks, a moderately-paced ride awaits!

Figuring out that the scammer is in a nearby neighborhood, the couple hits the road. When Daniel's parents Gail (Parker Posey) and Alan (Clark Gregg) discover Thelma's gone missing, they begin their mission to track her down. Naturally, the crafty Thelma is constantly one step ahead of them. On

I was saddened to read that this was Mr. Roundtree's swansong. What a great ending to a marvelous career. He was such a gifted actor. On a brighter note, I also read the real Thelma is still alive and going strong at 104 years of age. You go girl!

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Hoopla. Also to rent on Apple TV, Amazon Prime, and other services.

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

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

★★★ Pretty good. In

fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

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

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Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](https://www.moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).



Daniel (Hechinger) with his parents Alen (Clark Gregg) and Gail (Parker Posey).

money immediately. Knowing all the scams out there, we're suspicious something's amiss. But Thelma falls for it and is quickly bilked out of \$10,000. When she discovers that she's been robbed, she instantly starts forming a battle plan to get her money back.

Thelma visits an old friend Ben, played by Richard Roundtree of "Shaft" fame. He's comfortably ensconced in an assisted living facility and he takes great pride in describing all the amenities available to him. Thelma, however, wants nothing to do with it. She's loves living alone and is determined to keep it that way. But first things first. There's that

her way to meet the con man, the couple pays a visit to an old friend, who they know secretly has a gun hidden in her house. It makes for a comical scene, where you keep your fingers crossed, hoping she gets away with finding and absconding with the pistol.

The movie is a series of one comical moment after another, which make it such a joy to watch. It's hilarious seeing Thelma and Ben bombing around Los Angeles on a scooter. The entire cast is great and I should mention the con artist who stole Thelma's money is none other than Malcolm McDowell. He sure excels at playing villains.



Malcolm McDowell as the villain.



No action flick is complete without an explosion.



Left, Richard Roundtree as Ben and June Squibb as Thelma.

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Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, October 10, 2024:

You are well organized. In fact, you take pleasure in creating order out of chaos, and you like to help others get organized as well. This year is a nine-year cycle for you. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities. Be prepared to take on a leadership role.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

This is not the day to ask for permission or approval from authority figures, bosses, parents or the police. People are quick to anger today (including you). Tread lightly and work to be part of the solution, not the problem. Tonight: Understanding.

♉ TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Steer clear of discussions about controversial topics today. They will quickly become arguments that could turn nasty. This might be about something in the media or universities, politics, religion or racial issues. Whatever the case, everyone is touchy! Tonight: A resolution.

♊ GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Today fiery Mars is in your sign opposing the Moon, which is opposite your sign. Meanwhile, issues about home and family are on the table. This is a setting ripe for disputes and arguments. Hey, don't even go there. Keep your head down and your powder dry. Tonight: Life is easier.

♋ CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

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♌ LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

People are quick to argue today. You might be one of them (but probably not). In any case, steer clear of something that looks like an argument ready to bubble over into a geyser. Walk or run the other way. Better yet, why not be a role model for others? Demonstrate grace under pressure. Tonight: Calm down.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Be patient when dealing with friends today, as well as talking to your kids. Romantic partners will also have to be patient with each other. Be smart and make sure you don't say or do anything that you will later regret. Zip thy lip. Tonight: Relax.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Be patient with family, authority figures and the police, because everyone seems to have a short fuse today, or they seem to take things personally. Some people are irritated, which means they're ready to argue about anything. Tonight: Cocoon.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You are a powerful sign, and you have tremendous self-discipline. However, most of you don't realize that you can also be intim-

idating to others when you're steamed up about something. Keep this in mind if you find yourself arguing with someone. Go gently. Tonight: Compromise.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Avoid money squabbles or arguments about your possessions or who owns what. Ditto for disputes about debt, credit or shared property. Studies show that people are more secretive about their finances than they are their sex life. Tonight: Check your belongings.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Pay attention to everything you say and do today to avoid accidents. You might be distracted because you're irritated or angry about something. Do what you can to keep the peace, for your own sake. Tonight: It's OK.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Work-related issues or something to do with someone from another culture could irritate you today. You can choose to fuel your angry energy, or you can put a lid on it and do what you can to keep things congenial. Tonight: Seek privacy.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Lovers' quarrels, problems with kids and disputes about shared property or shared expenses are classic today. If you want to be calm and relaxed, you will steer clear of this kind of conflict. Tonight: Consider your own happiness..

BORN TODAY

Dan Stevens (1982), actor Bradley Whitford (1959), actor Charles Dance (1946).

Contract Bridge

RATIONALE OF GOOD DEFENSE

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 8
♥ 7 3
♦ K J 10 6 2
♣ K Q 5

WEST
♠ A 7 3
♥ Q J 9 5 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 10 4 3

EAST
♠ 6 4
♥ A 8 6 4
♦ A 5 3
♣ 9 8 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 5 2
♥ K 10
♦ Q 9 8
♣ A J 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

To defend well is difficult, but certainly not impossible. It's mostly a matter of gathering clues available from the bidding and/or play, and taking advantage of them.

Assume you're East and win partner's queen-of-hearts lead with the ace. What should you return? Considering all the factors, your best return is a low diamond! If you make this play, the contract goes down one.

Declarer wins in his hand and leads a trump. Following your line of

defense, partner rises with the ace and returns a diamond. You win with the ace and play a diamond, and partner ruffs to score the setting trick.

How can you be expected to find this extraordinary defense without seeing all four hands? Actually, it makes a lot of sense — if you stop to reason things out.

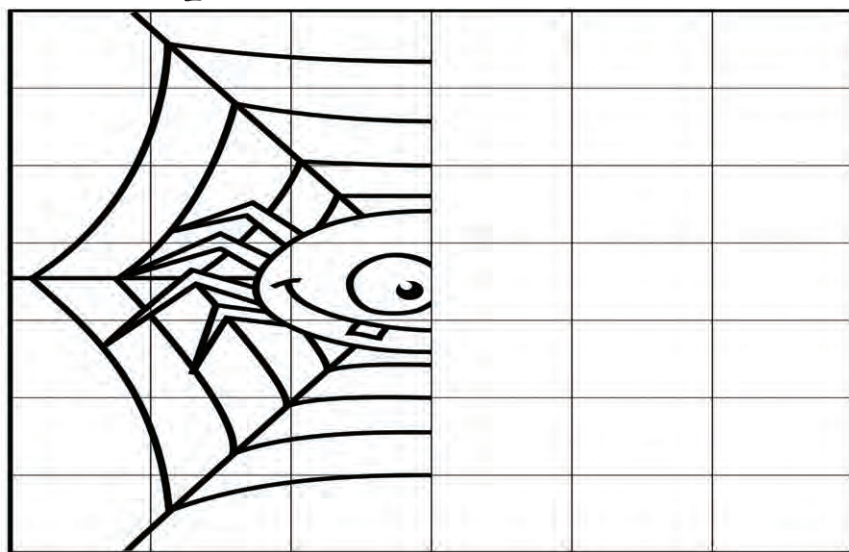
To begin with, you should conclude that you have virtually no hope of defeating the contract unless partner has the ace or king of trump. You therefore assume that he has a trump trick coming. You also know from the queen-of-hearts lead that partner does not have the king, so that a heart return is futile.

Next, you know from South's three-diamond bid that he has either three or four diamonds. If South raised with four diamonds, the best defense is to play the ace and another diamond. But if South raised with three diamonds, the best defense is to lead a low diamond at trick two.

To solve this problem, you make the reasonable assumption that if South has four diamonds, your partner, who is presumed to hold the trump ace or king, would have led his singleton diamond. Therefore, you say to yourself, partner must have two diamonds, so the best chance to beat the contract lies in a low diamond return at trick two.

by Steve Becker

Complete The Picture



EXTRA SUPPLEMENTAL HALLOWEEN Comics

Mother Goose and Grim

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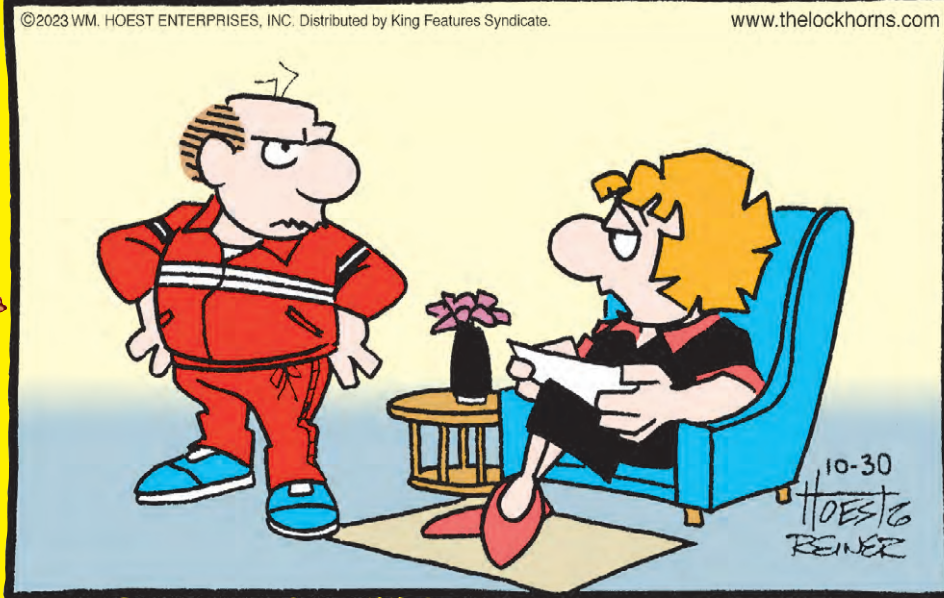


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"ATHLETIC WEAR? OH... IS THAT GOING TO BE YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME?"

Reality Check Dave Whamond

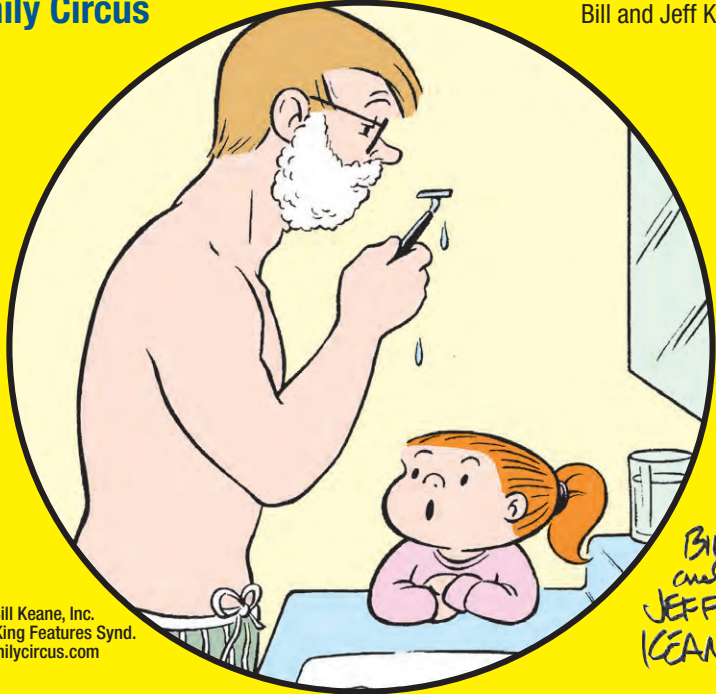
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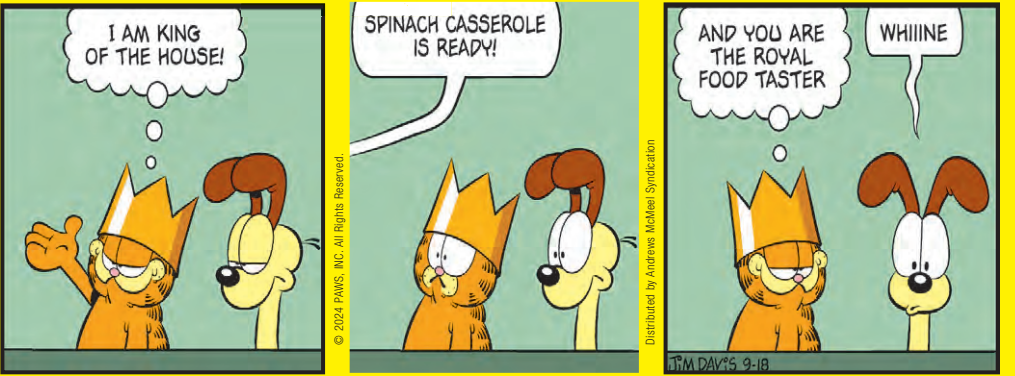
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“Why do you keep letting your beard grow if you’re just gonna shave it off anyway?”

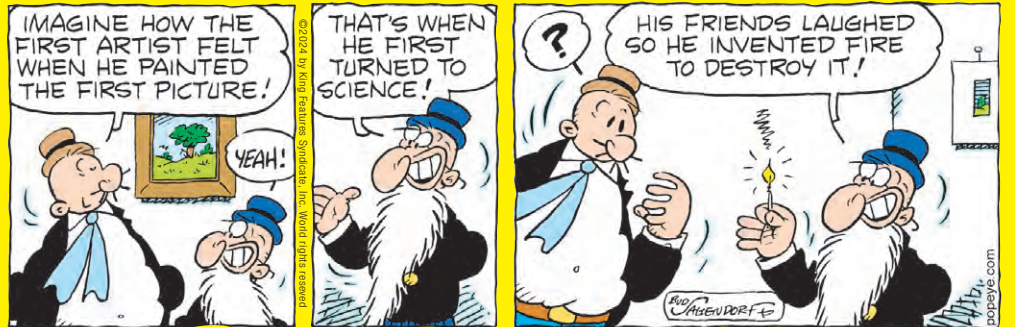
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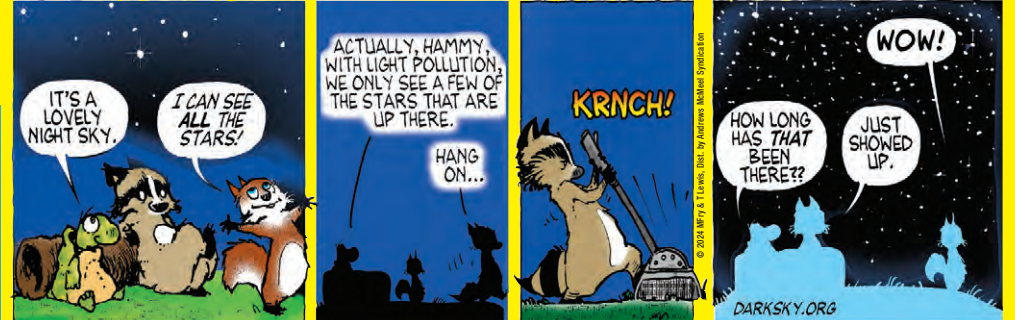
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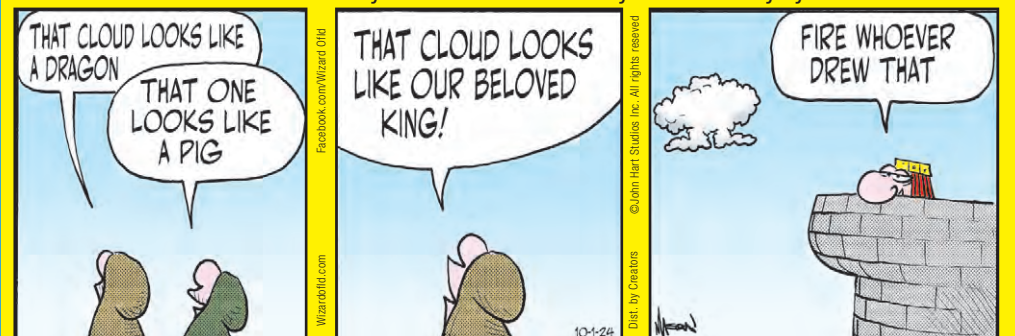
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Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



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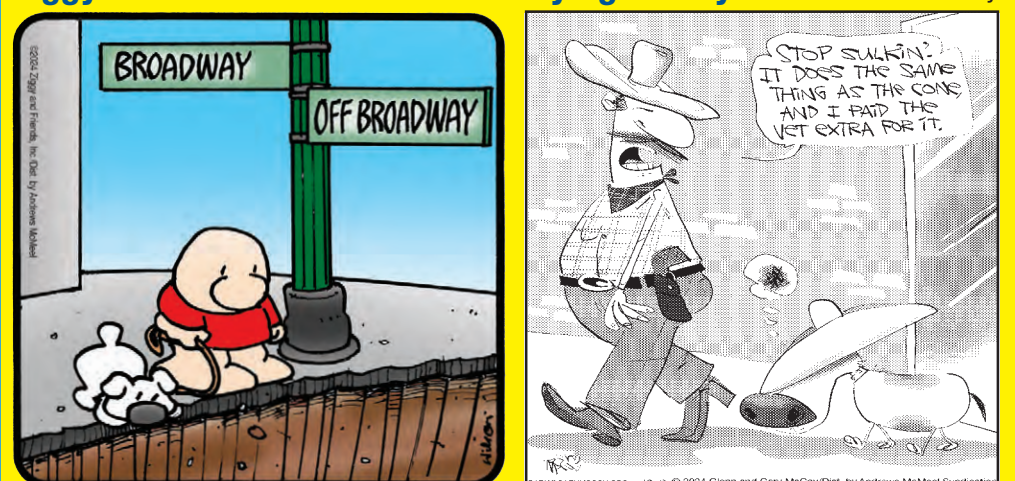


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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10/3 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by Taylor Johnson October 10, 2024

ACROSS

- 1 Lady with 13 Grammys
- 5 Wall art
- 10 The Arabian Peninsula's continent
- 14 Biblical garden
- 15 Computer character set acronym
- 16 Sing without words
- 17 Establishments that might specialize in banana daiquiris?
- 19 Range in "The Sound of Music"
- 20 "Sadly ..."
- 21 Decide
- 23 Summer top
- 24 Archipelago
- 26 Homes known for having a rodent-friendly attitude?
- 29 Unruly hairdo
- 30 Vote into office
- 32 Flowy locks
- 33 Waikiki's island
- 35 Sch. near Harvard
- 36 Secret agent
- 37 Basketball venue where players have hops?
- 42 the Lion (MGM's roaring mascot)
- 43 Life story, briefly

- 44 Lowly worker
- 46 Invite to enter
- 49 Little change?
- 51 Like dry wit
- 52 Green space for catching some rays?
- 54 In solitude
- 56 Understand
- 57 Patriotic Uncle
- 58 Food thickener
- 59 "Let's get from here!"
- 61 Retailer where you might experience a Kodiak moment?
- 66 Philosopher
- 67 Remove, as paint
- 68 Kill, as a bill
- 69 Pick a card
- 70 Mummies' places
- 71 Comedian and activist

- 9 Speech therapist's concerns
- 10 "I figured it out!"
- 11 Ottoman Empire leader
- 12 Hinder
- 13 Evaluate
- 18 Effortlessness
- 22 Pace, in music
- 24 "If u ask me ..."
- 25 Relax in the tub
- 26 Golda in Israeli history
- 27 Month in which many jack-o'-lanterns are displayed
- 28 Settle a debt
- 31 "That's hilarious," in a text
- 34 Totally dark
- 36 Non-English Brit

- 38 Trait transmitters
- 39 Sty cry
- 40 Edited heavily
- 41 Ripped
- 45 Dec. 31
- 46 Home of the Norse gods
- 47 Kebab stick
- 48 Samurai's sword
- 49 Regained consciousness
- 50 Long story
- 53 Blue Ribbon brewer
- 55 Caterpillar, e.g.
- 58 Concert equipment
- 60 Longbow wood
- 62 Something up one's sleeve?
- 63 Tease
- 64 Greek H
- 65 Male cat or turkey

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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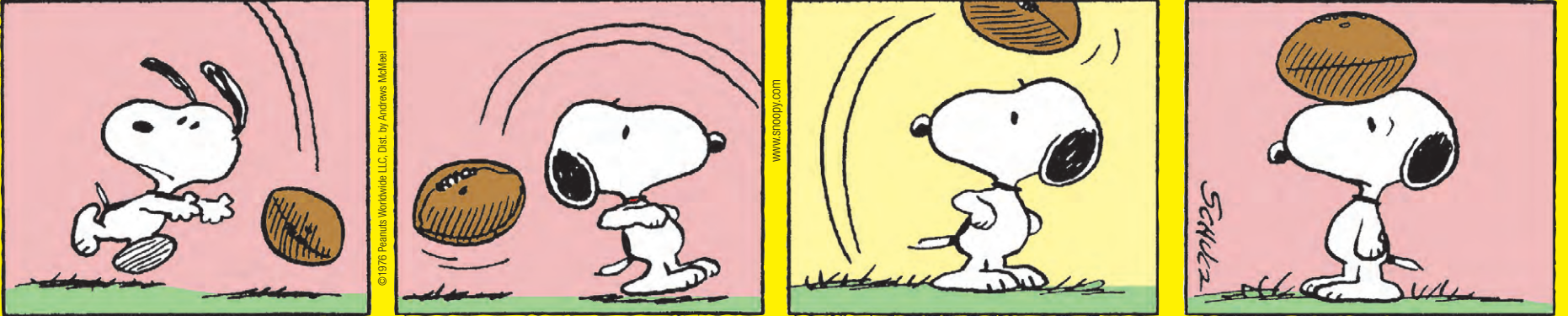
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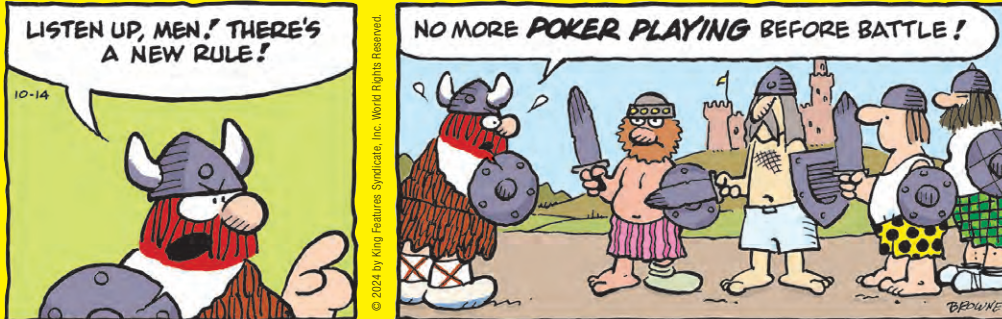
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Hagar The Horrible

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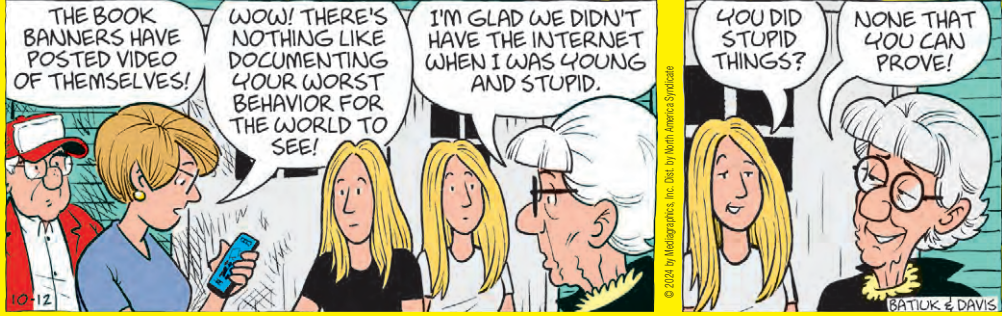
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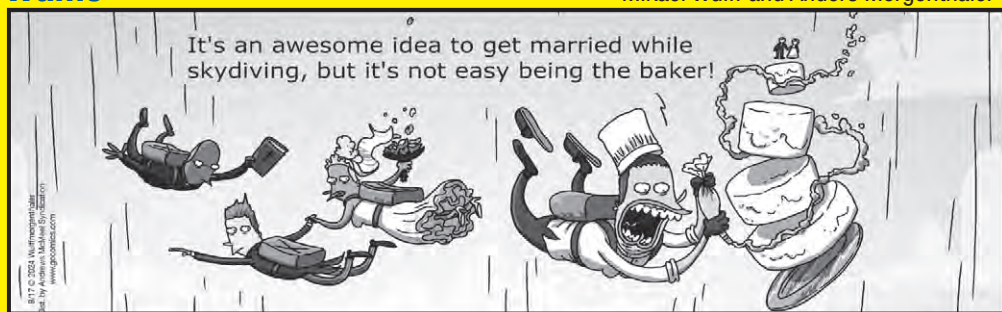
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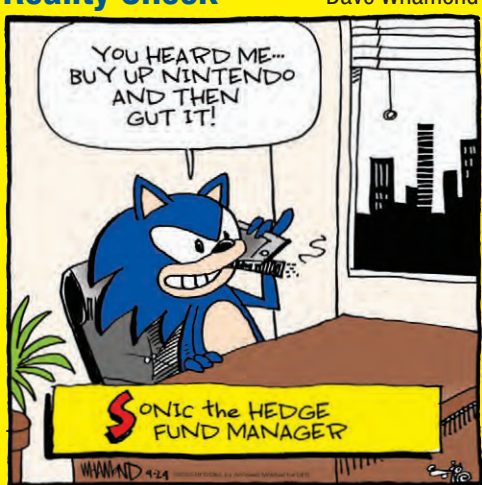
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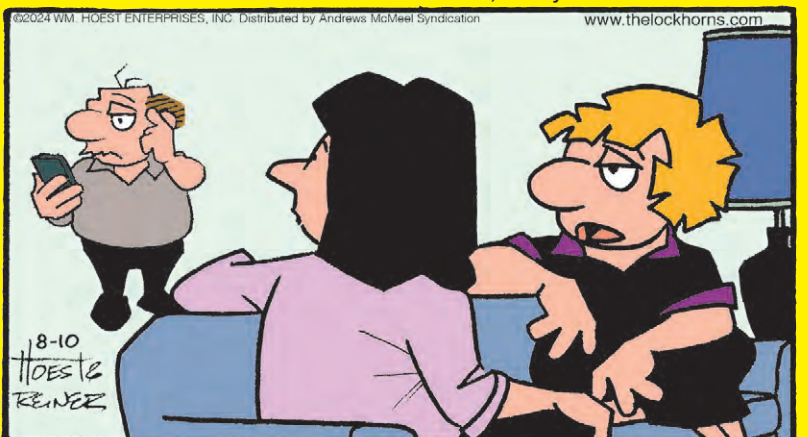
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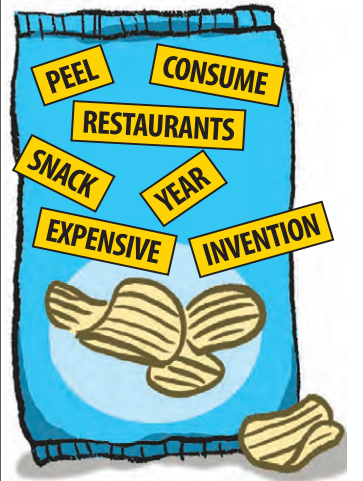
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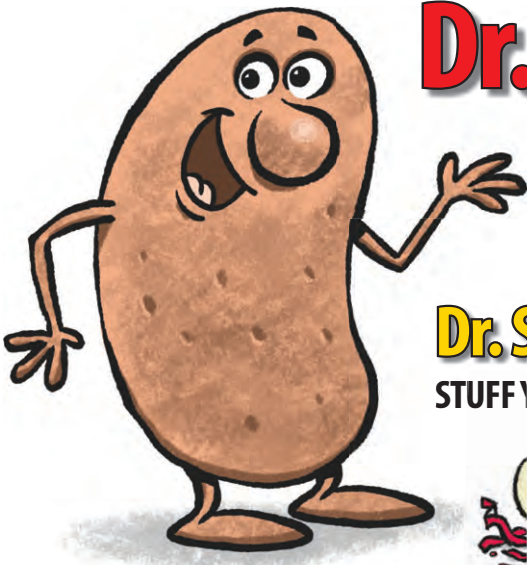
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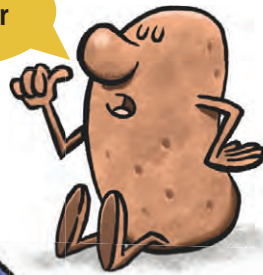
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3. Place a small amount (about 1/4 teaspoon) of one of the foods on your friend's tongue. Tell your friend not to chew the food, but to roll it around their mouth. Ask your friend to guess which food is in their mouth.



4. Repeat with each of the foods. Be sure to have your friend rinse their mouth between tastings. Do three taste tests with each food item. Use the chart to keep track of the taste tests.

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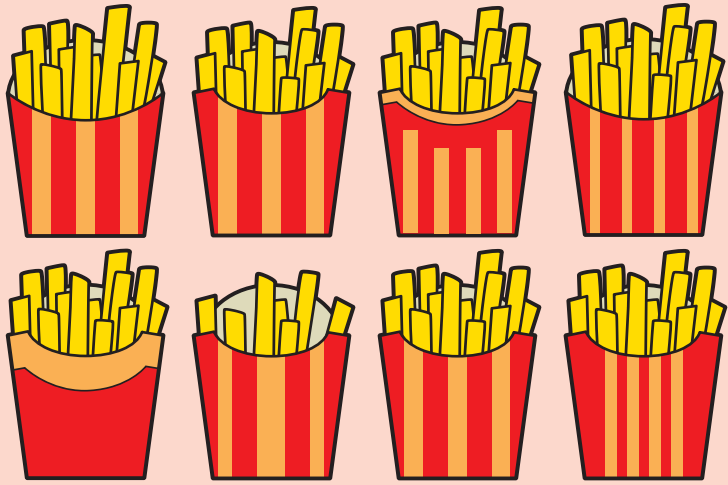
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- CHEW
- CHIP
- CODE
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- NOSE
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- POTATO
- SMELL
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- TESTS
- WORLD

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



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South volleyball looks for steady improvement on quest for MAC Red title

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

More than a month into the 2024 season, the Grosse Pointe South varsity volleyball team has seen its share of highs and lows. The Blue Devils enter mid-October with an 11-9-1 record, but believe it does not truly reflect their strengths, especially considering they have played some of the strongest competition the area has to offer.

South currently sits second in the MAC Red Division standings behind Eisenhower, to whom the Blue Devils lost 3-1 Tuesday, Oct. 1. They bounced back Thursday, Oct. 3, with a 3-0 victory on the road over Dakota to secure another division win, with South taking the sets 25-23, 24-14 and 27-25.

“It was a true team effort,” South volleyball head coach Janeil DiVita said. “It shows that facing a team for the second time, even though we beat them the first time, going to their place and not having the energy of the home gym and everything, I think that was a good accomplishment for the group and letting them know what we’re capable of.”

Helping to lead the charge this season for the Blue Devils is junior outside hitter Gabby DiVita. After making her commitment during the summer to play college volleyball at the University of Nebraska, DiVita has been a driving force of South’s offense.

While DiVita is one of South’s most reliable players, this season especially has presented her with more challenges. She is being defended heavily by opposing teams, but the Blue Devils’ coaches do not necessarily see that as a bad thing, as it is allowing them to come up with more diverse game plans.

“We know that we can count on her for a lot on the court,” Coach DiVita said about her daughter. “It also presents us with more challenges, too, because she’s a focus for other teams who know they have to stop her or slow her down. ... It’s a little bit more challenging for her because she knows that she has to take on a lot and is usually pretty good with that, but we know these other teams are keying in on her so we try to spread out the offense.”

Some of those other pieces who have stepped

up in that more spread-out offense include junior middle hitter Sydney Hoffman and senior outside hitter Olivia Kowal. Anna Groustra also has been impressive at the libero position as a freshman who was promoted to varsity earlier this season.

With almost a month left in the regular season, there is still plenty of time for South to attempt to overtake the top spot in the MAC Red and add more wins to its record. To do that, the Blue Devils may need to take on the age-old mantra that defense wins championships.

“Defense is always something we know we can continue to get better at,” DiVita said. “That starts at the net with our blocking. If we can get as many touches at the net to slow the ball down, it’s going to help the back-court defense. We also want to be serving tougher and more aggressively.”

South visited crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North after press time Tuesday, Oct. 8. They return home Tuesday, Oct. 15, for a MAC Red Division matchup with L’Anse Cresue North starting at 7 p.m.



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South junior Gabby DiVita strategically places a tip in a match against Dakota with senior Elizabeth Davey (No. 10) looking on.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

North’s Perettie focused on making big plays in football, basketball

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

Anyone who has been to a varsity football or

boys basketball game at Grosse Pointe North the past couple of years surely has seen what Leo Perettie is capable



COURTESY PHOTO

North senior Leo Perettie flies past a defender in the team’s game against Lamphere earlier this season.

of. The senior is a star on the gridiron and the hardwood for the Norsemen and is looking to leave an impression in the record books during his final seasons.

Just a few weeks ago, Perettie became North football’s all-time leader in receiving touchdowns. However, there were some doubts inside Perettie and among his team if he would even put the pads on this fall.

“Early in the summer, I was really focused on basketball,” Perettie said. “There was a bit of wear and tear and I ended up breaking my wrist in August. I wasn’t able to play much or be able to be around the guys and practice. I got cleared the week of the first game and I started physical therapy and getting my body right. ... I was on the fence a bit, but playing for the culture and the team is

what I’m all about and I didn’t want to let anybody down.”

Ultimately, it seems like Perettie is not regretting his decision to suit up for his senior football season. So far this season, he has four receiving touchdowns and two punts returned for touchdowns while playing in just four games.

“He’s able to take a four-yard hitch pass and turn it into something special and run by a defensive back and add 60 yards after the catch,” North varsity football head coach Joe Drouin said about

Perettie. “... With Leo on the field, there’s always going to be a big play.”

He enjoys making big plays and helping the Norsemen win, but being a senior also presents the opportunity to be a leader and set the kind of example and standard he has spent his whole career achieving.

“I feel like a lot of the younger kids look up to

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Leo Perettie

School: Grosse Pointe North
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- 4 Receiving TDs and 2 Punt return TDs for North football this season
- Holds North football record for most receiving TDs in a career
- Varsity starter in football and basketball for Norsemen

me,” he said. “When I was a sophomore on varsity, there were seniors I looked up to who always kept everyone accountable and on track and in line. That’s the culture we have. Nobody wants to be part of a losing culture. We have a higher standard and we know what we need to do to succeed.”

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South boys soccer celebrates progress with MAC White title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Around this time last year, Grosse Pointe South varsity boys soccer was fighting just to get a single win in its division. After back-to-back seasons of finishing in last place in the MAC Red Division, the Blue Devils found a more suitable home this fall in the MAC White Division, a division the team has dominated this season on its way to a league championship.

“From where this group was last year, to now, is leaps and bounds,” South soccer head coach Chris Bolio said. “The guys worked really hard in the off-season and it shows. ... We have a lot of great upperclassmen with this team, but our young kids are showing that we’ve got stability in the program.”

The Blue Devils clinched the division with a 6-1 win over Stevenson Wednesday, Oct. 2. South was helped to victory with two goals from Jonah Bukovec and one



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Blake Sabol, pictured in a game earlier this season against Fraser, found the back of the net in South’s regular season finale against Fraser on Monday, Oct. 7.

each from Onction Zape, Joey Reid, Josh Bowman and Hayden Drouillard.

“We really struggled with Stevenson the first time around, grinding out a tie in a close game at home,” Bolio said.

“The guys went into their place the second time around and came out with a 6-1 win with no moments of uncertainty.”

That first tie with Stevenson, which came Sept. 16, was the only

minor blemish on South’s division record this season. South finished with a 9-0-1 record in the division as the team finished league play Monday, Oct. 7.

South got a win at

home in its final division game of the season Monday, defeating Fraser 3-0. Zape, Jacob Duso and Blake Sabol were the goal scorers for the Blue Devils in the victory.

The Blue Devils now turn their attention to the postseason, which began with them hosting Roseville in the opening round of district play after press time Wednesday, Oct. 9. If South wins, the team moves on to the district semifinals, which also will be hosted by South Tuesday, Oct. 15.

After securing the division title, South now has its sights set firmly on winning the district and going beyond in the postseason. The team has seemingly had a playoff mindset all season long and looks to continue it by bringing the same energy into the state tournament.

“I think we’ve made a pretty steady climb upwards with the second half of the season,” Bolio said. “The boys knew that every game was basically a must-win situation if they wanted to close out the MAC White. ... I don’t really like to get overly confident with much of anything, but this group is special.”

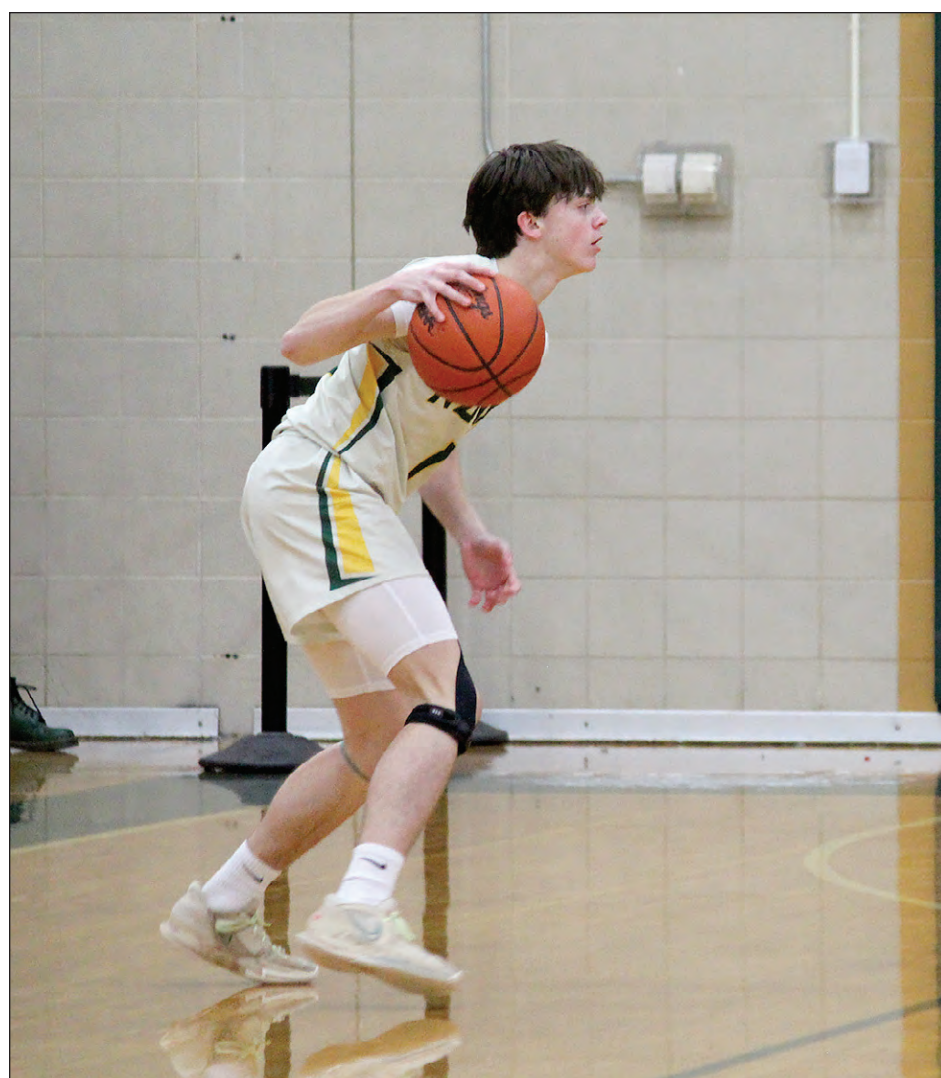


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In addition to being a starting receiver for North’s varsity football team, Perettie is also a starting guard for North varsity boys basketball.

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top receivers, Perettie presents a speedy and elusive option for North’s offense. It is the same on the basketball court as a point guard.

The best thing the Norsemen can do is get the ball into Perettie’s hands and let him work. It is, in his words, what he does best.

“I would really just say I’m a playmaker,” Perettie said. “When I have the ball in my hands, I feel like I can

make a lot of big plays. My coaches believe in me and what I can do and when I have someone believing in me, it’s really hard for me to be stopped.”

It all goes hand in hand. Perettie is a quick player and quick thinker, making him perhaps North’s most dynamic athlete in any sport.

Once his final season on the gridiron ends, Perettie will be back in the gym with North’s varsity boys basketball team. His leadership from football will carry

over onto the basketball court as he welcomes the opportunity to be one of the senior leaders on that team as well. And as always he will bring everything he learned on the football field into the hoops season.

“Playing football kind of gives me that fearless aspect when I’m doing something like driving to the lane,” Perettie said. “Being used to the contact really helps in basketball, just not being afraid of anything and being able to take screens and take hits.”



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Former Norseman earns conference recognition

Grosse Pointe Woods native and former Grosse Pointe North Norseman Ben Sheffield, who is currently in his junior season of NCAA Division I soccer at Bucknell University, was named Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week on Monday, Oct. 7. Sheffield was recognized for his defensive performance in Bucknell’s game against No. 7 ranked West Virginia on Oct. 1 and for tallying a goal and an assist in the team’s 2-2 draw against Lehigh on Oct. 5.

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Norsemen outlast Lake Shore for third straight gridiron win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Three consecutive losses to open the 2024 season for Grosse Pointe North varsity football have been followed by three straight victories. The Norsemen evened their record to 3-3 Friday, Oct. 4, in a close battle against MAC Gold Division foe Lake Shore, with North able to come away with a gritty 14-6 win.

"I don't think either team was able to get into a rhythm offensively," North football head coach Joe Drouin said about last Friday's game. "... Our defense was on the field a lot, but that's just more experience they're getting. It was sort of a bend-don't-break defense."

Points were few and far between in the game last Friday. The Norsemen and Shorians played through a scoreless first quarter and the only points of the first half were scored in the second quarter by North's Deon Doe. The junior quarterback kept the ball and ran his way into the end zone to give the Norsemen a 7-0 lead before halftime.

Lake Shore answered in the third quarter with what would be its only points of the game, scoring a touchdown but fail-

ing on the two-point conversion to keep the score at 7-6 in favor of North. The Norsemen remained up by one going into the fourth quarter.

The Norsemen had their biggest play of the game early in the fourth quarter to extend their lead. Senior receiver Leo Perettie split the Lake Shore defense, making himself open for Doe to find and connect on a 62-yard touchdown toss and catch.

Up by eight, North held off Lake Shore the rest of the night. The real drama began when the Shorians got the ball with just over five minutes remaining on their own five-yard line, setting up for a long final drive.

Lake Shore moved the ball downfield, eventually getting into North territory and the red zone with less than two minutes left in the game. The Norsemen eventually had Lake Shore backed into a corner, forcing fourth down and 17 yards to go, but a pass interference penalty against North's defense set the Shorians up with a first down on the Norsemen 10-yard line with three seconds to go in the game.

Lake Shore's final attempt to come back was stopped short of the goal line as

North's defense got the job done and sealed the victory.

"(Lake Shore) was able to go from their five all the way down to the two-yard line, but we got the stop and our defense played incredible," Drouin said about the end of the game.

The win helped the Norsemen improve to 3-3 this season and 3-1 in MAC Gold Division play. North will take on its final divisional opponent in Week 7, as it goes on the road to face Warren Fitzgerald in a game the team must win if it wants to see at least a share of the division title.

"(Fitzgerald) has really become a rival in the last few years," Drouin said. "We've had some good battles against them and we're good friends with their coaching staff, so it's a game that we have circled as something that we need to win for the Gold."

North visits Fitzgerald Friday, Oct. 11, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

North junior QB Deon Doe had a rushing touchdown and a passing touchdown in the team's 14-6 win over Lake Shore, Oct. 4.

PHOTO BY COLIN SMITH



South football rolls to 55-0 victory on homecoming night

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The homecoming festivities at the Grosse Pointe South varsity football game Friday, Oct. 4, were accompanied by another huge win for the Blue Devils on the field. South hosted L'Anse Creuse North for homecoming and earned another MAC White Division victory, helping the team move closer to another division title, taking down the Crusaders 55-0.

"It was really a good, well-rounded team win," South football head coach Chad Hepner said. "Offense was explosive

right from the get-go and so was the defense, and we were also pleased with our special teams. It was just a pretty complete game for us."

South lit up the scoreboard early and often in the blowout win. The Blue Devils struck early in the first quarter when senior receiver Vince Vachon caught his first of two touchdowns on the night from senior quarterback Jack Lupo.

Lupo had a perfect night, completing all nine of his passing attempts for 141 yards. He threw his second touchdown later in the opening quarter when he connected with Trey

Grabowski from 15 yards out to put the Blue Devils up 14-0. South continued to pile on in the opening quarter when Charlie Bedsworth scooped up a L'Anse Creuse North fumble and took it to the end zone to extend the lead to 21-0.

Sophomore quarterback Sam Rouleau broke free after keeping the ball on a read option, running 50 yards to the end zone for his first touchdown of the night. By the end of the first quarter, South was up 27-0.

The Blue Devils continued to score seemingly at will in the second quarter. Lupo threw his

third touchdown pass of the night, a 29-yard connection with Vachon, extending the lead to 34. Matt Agnone barreled his way into the end zone on a touchdown run for South later in the quarter to make it 41-0. Charlie Michelotti capped off the first half with a 34-yard rushing touchdown to make it 48-0 in favor of South going into halftime.

With the win all but sealed, the only points of the second half were scored in the third quarter on a 20-yard rushing touchdown by Rouleau. Rouleau was one of four sophomores to score touchdowns for South in

the win, a rare feat and one that gives the program a bright vision for the future.

"We knew this was a talented group," Hepner said about the team's sophomore class. "... This was another chance for them to demonstrate how capable they are and how ready they are for this."

While South put up plenty of points on offense, it also was a major day for the defense. The Blue Devils forced six turnovers in the victory. Bedsworth's fumble recovery was accompanied by five interceptions. Two of the picks were made by

Eugene Agnone while Grabowski, Henry Domzalski and Lucas Ogden had the rest.

"We've been so efficient in our defense that it's forcing teams to do things that are outside of their comfort zone," Hepner said. "When that happens, we're able to take advantage."

The win helped South remain a perfect 6-0 so far this season and was the team's fourth win in MAC White Division play. The Blue Devils are on the road for another division game in Week 7. South travels to Lakeview to take on the Huskies Friday, Oct. 11, starting at 7 p.m.



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South senior receiver Vince Vachon makes his way into the end zone for a touchdown catch while teammate Ben Showalter (No. 31) blocks a L'Anse Creuse North defender.

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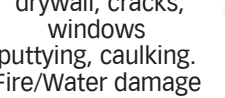


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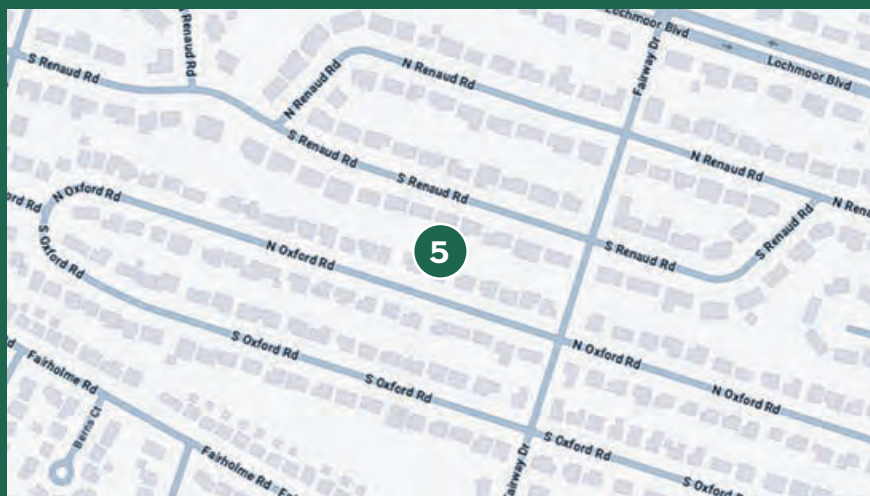
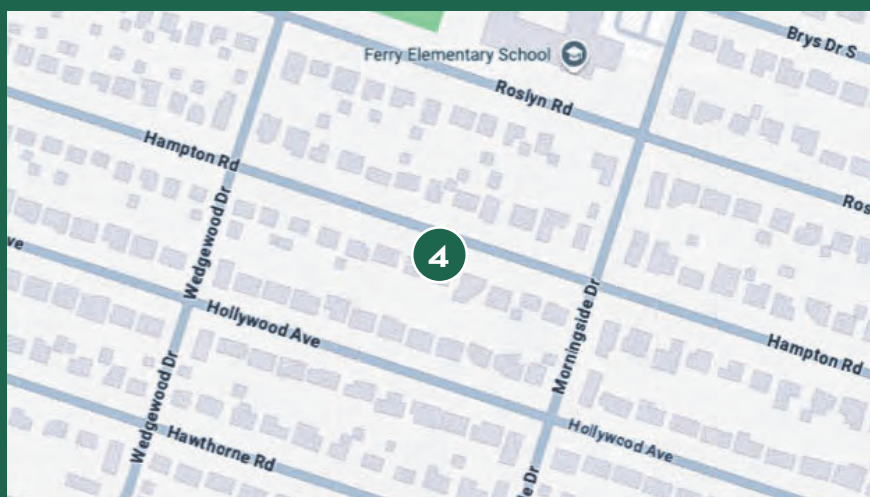
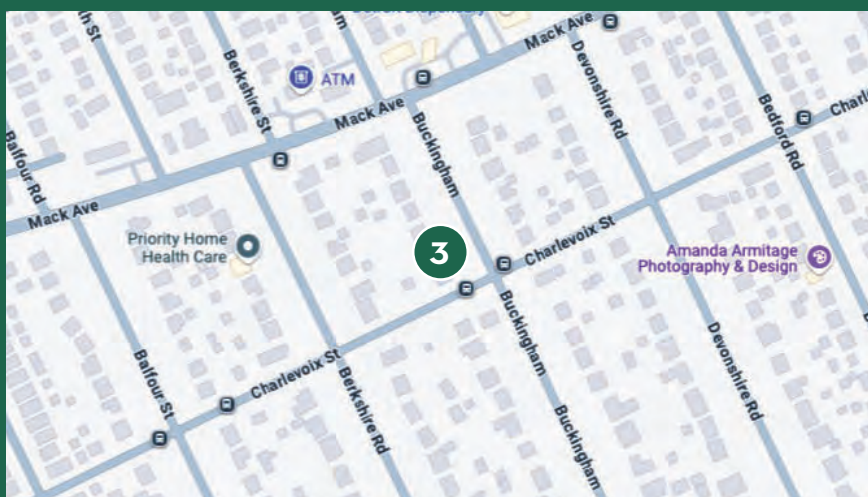
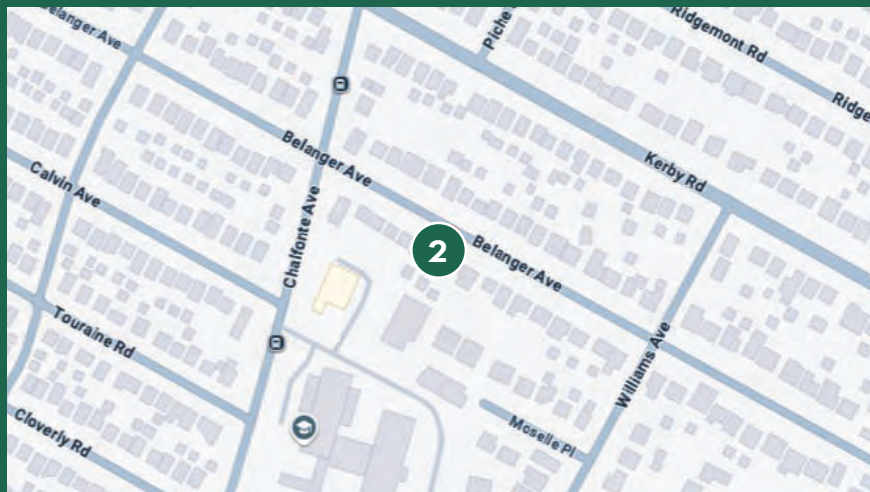
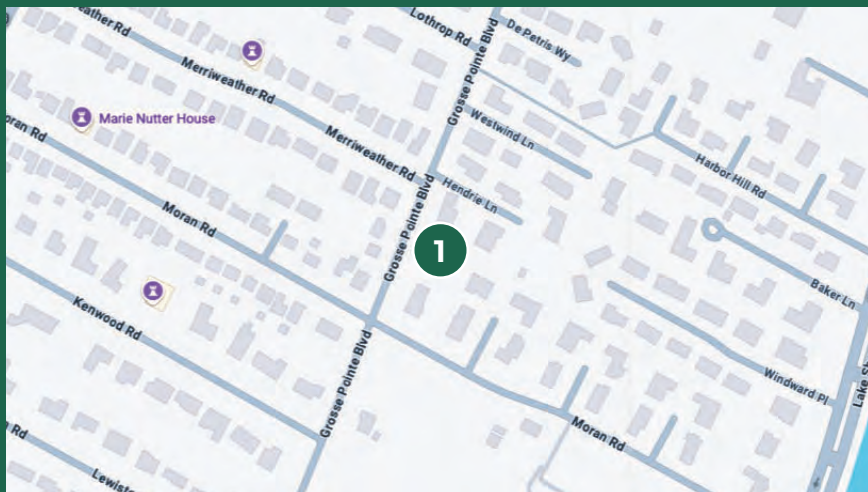


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1. 204 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms
2. 361 Belanger, Grosse Pointe Farms
3. 1405 Buckingham, Grosse Pointe Park
4. 735 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Woods
5. 1110 N Oxford, Grosse Pointe Woods

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6D | SPORTS



PHOTO BY MELISSA SPAIN

North boys cross country runners try to separate themselves from the pack during last weekend's Wayne County Championships.

Norsemen earn strong finishes at Wayne County Championships

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The varsity boys and girls cross-country teams from Grosse Pointe North got to test their speed against some of the top competition last weekend at the Wayne County Championships. The Norsemen traveled to Willow Metropark Saturday, Oct. 5, and both the boys and girls squads finished in the top half of the field.

North's girls team earned 10th place overall in a field of 23 teams. Leading the way for the Norsemen was senior Ashlei Anatalio, who

took 22nd place with a time of 20:59. North's next highest finishers were freshman Erin Doolittle and senior Mimi Trupiano, who crossed the finish line within two seconds of each other to earn 68th and 69th place, respectively.

The entire team for North finished in the top 100. Junior Joelle Latta was 73rd and senior Hope Fegan finished 79th. Junior Avery Boutell rounded out the field in 85th place.

The boys team for the Norsemen took 11th place out of 27 teams. North was without one of

its top runners, senior captain Caleb Kosel, but was led by junior captain Paul Stephens, who finished 43rd with a time of 17:29. Fellow junior Neil Orlovski also made the top 50 and finished in 46th with a season-best time of 17:34. Freshman Dylan Phillips earned a top 100 finish with an 18:30 final time, landing him in 79th place.

Both the boys and girls teams for North are running again Saturday, Oct. 12, as they head to Hudson Mills Metropark for the Father Gabriel Richard Invitational, which is scheduled to start at 12:30 p.m.

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:



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

NORTH & LIGGETT BOYS SOCCER

Grosse Pointe North varsity boys soccer closed out the regular season on Monday, Oct. 7, with a 7-2 loss to Lakeview. The Norsemen host Warren Fitzgerald in the first game of the district playoff round on Thursday, Oct. 10, starting at 4 p.m.

University Liggett School varsity boys soccer earned a win on Monday, Oct. 7, going on the road and defeating Orchard Lake St. Mary's 3-1. The Knights were led by goals from Bobby Harthorn, Sam Van Culin and Brady Ancona.



LIGGETT VARSITY FOOTBALL

The University Liggett School varsity football team suffered a second straight loss last Friday, Oct. 4, falling at home to Riverview Gabriel Richard 48-28. Junior quarterback Nikkos Davis threw for 236 yards and three touchdowns in the loss. Marvin Hartfield Jr. caught two of those touchdowns while the other was caught by Santino Cicarella, who also tallied 129 yards receiving.

The Knights travel on the road in Week 7 to face Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard on Friday, Oct. 11, with kickoff at 4 p.m.

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

The Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School varsity girls swim and dive teams met in the pool last Tuesday, Oct. 1, as part of a tri-meet along with L'Anse Creuse North. Some top performers in the meet included Paige Moutard for Liggett, who took first in the 200 free and was part of the first-place 400 free relay team alongside Ava Noecker, Annabel Klaasen and Liliana Haladjian.



North's Avery Beal won the 100 fly and 100 back and also took first in the 200 medley relay with teammates Hadley Beal, Cailey Hard and Addie Wakefield. Hard also took first place in the 100 free and 50 free while Hadley Beal finished first in the 100 breast.

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Correction: teams take on MAC competition" should have read that the Norsemen ended up getting seventh place out of eight teams in the MAC Red Championships on Sept. 25.