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Early voting starts Oct. 26

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Voting machines are set. The city's backup generator is ready. DTE Energy has polling stations on its list of priorities in case power goes out.

Everything's ready for:
◆ absentee voting,
◆ early voting 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 3; and
◆ Election Day voting 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5.

An outdoor drop box for the collection of absentee ballots and applications for absentee ballots is next to mailboxes on the parking lot median near the entrance to city hall.

"I check it three times per day," City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler said.

An early-voting station is in the downstairs lobby of city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

In-person voting stations for all precincts are at Windmill Pointe Park at the foot of Windmill Pointe Drive.

Bowdler wants early voters to drop off their ballots as soon as possible to avoid jam-ups on Election Day.

Municipal officials are planning for the best and preparing for the worst during the voting window.

"I just ordered walkie-talkies for better communications and if we're needed for emergencies," Bowdler said. "We ordered flashlights and backup batteries for our laptops. It's more of an emergency preparedness plan."

"DTE designated our voting locations at Windmill Pointe Park as



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Park City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler gathers absentee ballots from a drop box outside city hall.

a primary location," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "If something were to happen, they'll come and fix the power right away, like at a hospital."

"Our electrician, Mike Kraus, went through the

generator to get everything ready," Bowdler said.

Michigan voters in 2022 supported a constitutional amendment

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Foundation eyes boardwalk work

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Philanthropists responsible for close to 40 years of public improvements throughout the city are getting antsy to receive estimates on what it will cost to do next.

Of prime interest is the price range to renovate the George H. Helm boardwalk at Patterson Park.

The nearly 900-foot lakeside boardwalk, built in 1994, was the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation's second gift to the city since the tax-deductible nonprofit was established a decade earlier. From then through now, the boardwalk is a footling upon which the group persists.

"We don't want it to fall apart, like the (Patterson Park) playground, from lack of maintenance," said Jay Kennedy, foundation president.

"The boardwalk is a crown jewel," said Michael Hindelang, chairman of the recreation commission.

Yet little substantial has come from foundation requests dating back mid-summer for recreation administrators to provide estimates of what it will cost to do whatever has to be done to make the boardwalk shipshape.

"At our last foundation meeting," Kennedy said, "I was pushing for expansion of pickleball (courts), but could sense that members wanted to

keep the boardwalk and fix it up. I was supposed to have (construction estimates) to present."

Kennedy wants the accumulation of estimates shifted into hurry-up mode. The fundraising season is approaching.

"We have to have numbers," he said.

He spoke in the anxious tone of a diner at risk of missing the opening curtain because a waiter won't bring the bill.

"We'd like to have something to put in our fundraising letter," Kennedy said. "That comes out at about Thanksgiving."

"We have a couple engineering firms I've reached out to for them to make a site visit and provide assessments," said Chad Craig, recreation director, during a commission meeting Oct. 10.

Craig asked commissioners, "I'd like to ask you guys to also stop down there (at the boardwalk), take a look and get your own assessment and thoughts on the current condition and any other ideas or recommendations you might have for that space and area and how we utilize that."

"How was it determined that this would be a focus of the foundation?" Commissioner Howard Bouton asked. "Did they approach us with this idea?"

"I met with Jay

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City hopes small savings stack up

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As the City continues to place a heavy focus on cutting costs and sustaining its annual budget, council Monday night voted to save approximately \$2,000 monthly by changing contractors for compactor services in The Village.

By switching from

longtime provider Waste Management to Detroit Disposal, the compactor hauling and rental costs will go down marginally; however, the savings rests in no longer having a \$450 inactivity charge per compactor — The Village has four — built into the city's contract.

"If we don't call them (Waste Management) to come and change the compactor in a particular month, they still charge

us for that month," City Manager Joe Valentine explained. "We were receiving that charge."

He anticipates the level of service also will increase with the transition.

"I think there's stability with this company," Valentine said. "We've had a lot of transition with waste management in our contacts over the month, they still charge

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Run it up the flagpole

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — There actually is a word for the study of flags. It is "vexillology." It comes from the Latin word "vexillum," meaning "flag," and the Greek suffix "logia," meaning "study."

That would make Steve Dothage, who has lived in the City of Grosse Pointe about two years, a vexillologist.

"I've tinkered around with flag design for fun," according to the statistician with the U.S.

Department of Agriculture. "It's a good creative outlet, since I'm not in the most creative occupation."

His most recent design is a flag that can apply to all of the Pointes, in more ways than one. He posted it on the Grosse Pointe Reddit page, which is how the Grosse Pointe News learned of it.

"There was another thread about Ann Arbor redesigning its flag with a prompt to design your city's flag," Dothage said. "I lived in Lansing for eight years and loved it, but it's not



City of Grosse Pointe resident Steve Dothage designed this Grosse Pointe flag based on a Reddit prompt.

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exactly brimming with civic pride like Grosse Pointe is. I thought people might enjoy this."

Dothage used the five principles for good flag design sug-

gested by the North American Vexillological Association:

- ◆ keep it simple;
- ◆ use meaningful symbolism;

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Abigail Nixon
Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Wayburn woman nurtures monarchs from eggs to butterflies



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The great cookie debate STR numbers up

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — While early in-person voting doesn't start until Saturday, one local business has been letting customers make their preference known in the presidential race since earlier this month.

Delight Bakery, 21211 Mack, is selling cookies with the names of former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris on them. The \$2 butter cookies are topped with white royal icing and the names Trump in Republican red and Harris in Democrat blue.

"I probably make 50 to 100 of each every night, depending on how many we sold that day," co-owner Tim Bradshaw said.

The cookies sit in two large jars at the cash register, with a small chalkboard keeping a running tally.

When visited by the Grosse Pointe News one day late last week not long before closing, Bradshaw said he had just sold his last Trump cookie of the day. The



Delight Bakery is selling cookies to gauge customers' preference in the presidential race.

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Harris jar appeared to be about three-quarters full. At the time, Trump was leading Harris 516 "votes" to 343.

"When we started, people were mainly coming in to buy something else and would see them," Bradshaw said. "Then we posted it on social media and word got around and people started coming in specifically for them."

He added most people are enjoying the friendly competition.

"I'd say about 95 percent of the people get a laugh out of it," Bradshaw

said. "Some are just disgusted by it. They favor their candidate and don't like that we're also selling the other candidate."

The bakery has even had some requests for a third option from people not happy with either choice.

"Maybe we'll add that next time around," Bradshaw laughed. "It would be fun, but also more time consuming."

Delight ran the same contest during the 2020 presidential race, but didn't start until about a

week before Election Day.

"I don't remember what the final tally was, but they were within five or six of each other," Bradshaw said of Trump and President Joe Biden.

The bakery plans to run the contest through Nov. 5.

"I'm thinking for Election Day we'll take specific orders, for people who might be getting together to watch the results," Bradshaw said. "We don't want a ton of leftovers."

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Prior to conducting an inventory eight weeks ago of short-term rentals in the city, Assistant City Manager Warren Rothe estimated there were between 25 and 40 of the rental businesses operating in the city.

Now, having completed a second inventory of short-term rentals this month, he still suspects there's between 25 and 40 operating in the city.

The verified number of short-term rentals (STRs) he found during both inventories is at the lower end of his estimate.

This month, Rothe said he found 29 listings, five more than eight weeks ago in August.

Of the new total, 18 were owner-occupied, meaning the owner of the property also is a permanent resident of the site. Six were investor-owned, the property owner living elsewhere. Five were of undetermined title.

His first inventory in August turned up 24

short-term rental listings. Some 15 were owner-occupied, the rest undetermined.

The disparity between Rothe's estimate and actual findings is due to many STR operators not registering with the city nor obtaining a rental permit. Such intransigence is being addressed in an update of the municipal zoning code.

Commissioners and members of the city council will use the inventory to devise STR regulations in the code. Provisions will include the maximum number of STRs allowed to operate in the city and where they will be allowed to operate. The zoning ordinance rewrite has been going on more than a year and is nearing its final draft.

The draft defines short-term rentals as property rented or sublet on a premises for 28 days or less.

The commission and council are having a joint meeting Wednesday, Nov. 20, about short-term rentals. The planning commission is

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Kennedy," Craig said. "He gave a handful of potential opportunities for projects. This is one that stuck out to them."

"Is it a priority for you?" Bouton asked. "I want to make sure it's the

right thing to be talking about."

"It will help once we get a couple engineering firms to give us assessments," Craig said. "There might be a few other items that might be a bit more important right now and needed for the community overall than that."

In the meantime, Kennedy can't realistically rank the importance of boardwalk renovations until he knows how much

they'll cost.

"If the cost is a couple hundred thousand, I think the foundation can raise that," he said. "If it's half a million, maybe it's not worth it. I hope we get numbers before our meeting in November."

Plans may be complicated due to the boardwalk being located along a public waterway. Environmental rules are different now than when donors funded boardwalk construction.

"It creates a lot of bureaucracy," said Councilman Tom Caulfield, liaison to the commission.

"We have to decide," Kennedy said. "I told Chad that by the end of this month, I want to hear what the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) says, what EGLE (the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) says and what contractors are coming up with."

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Homes, business honored with beautification awards

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In a coincidence the beautification commission joked was not at all an inside job, the Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Awards this year included the homes of Mayor Louis Theros and former director of public safety Dan Jensen.

“There’s a can up on my car to help with the water bills,” Jensen joked. “All that new shrubbery needed a lot of water this year.”

In total, six homes and one business were honored for maintaining aesthetic landscaping during the 36th annual awards Tuesday, Oct. 15. Organizers of the All Pointes Tree Sale also received special recognition.

“What you guys do to take care of your homes rubs off on your neighbors,” Theros said to fellow honorees, “so I appreciate all of the winners here today, because it really does set a standard for us here in Grosse Pointe Farms.”

This year’s business winner, Sine and Monaghan Realtors at 18412 Mack, was nominated for exemplifying beautification through



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Top, 110 Moran is owned by Patrick and Karin Gulyas. Above, 184 Lothrop is owned by Elias and Maria Melham.

its thoughtfully designed and well-maintained landscape. Vibrant pink and white flowers add seasonal color to its property and are combined with manicured hedges and tall topiary shrubs providing structure and symmetry.

“As you drive along the picturesque Mack

Avenue in the distinguished city of Grosse Pointe Farms, a striking flash of red signage catches your eye, gently urging you to slow it down a bit,” Sierra Donaven, beautification commission chair and councilwoman, said. “... Located in a high-visibility area, this property enhances the aesthetic

value of the entire neighborhood. Its vibrant landscape and clean design contribute to the community’s charm and appeal, making it a pleasant sight for pedestrians and passersby.”

Owned by Anthony and Maria Urbani, 14 Scherer Place was nominated for its exquisite landscaping, which brings out the natural beauty of its surroundings.

Donaven noted manicured hedges create formality and elegance; a paved driveway lined with trees and low hedges leads the eye toward the entrance; and diverse foliage creates layered visual appeal that shifts with the seasons.

Property owners Anthony and Susan Capizzo accepted an award for 76 Grosse Pointe Blvd., where mature trees provide shade and add a sense of grandeur, while the manicured lawn and symmetrical garden beds offer a welcoming entrance behind the classic wrought-iron fence.

“I can start,” Anthony Capizzo said, when the couple was asked to make remarks. “My

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Daffodil sale underway

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The tip-off is the big yellow sign leaning against the front counter in the main office of city hall reading: “DAFFODILS FOR SALE.”

“The sale goes until the bulbs run out or if we get really cold weather,” said Lisa Kyle, chair of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission. “If the ground freezes beyond the planting point, we’ll store unsold bulbs in the basement and bring them out for the spring plant exchange.”

Bulbs cost \$5 for a baker’s dozen, 13.

“We ordered 1,000 bulbs,” Kyle said. “(The supplier) gave us a bonus pack of 100 that we gave out at the plant exchange. We usually sell 90 to 100 percent of the bulbs.”

It isn’t a money-maker.

“We break even,”

Kyle said. “Money collected goes right to the city.”

Daffodil is the official flower of the Park.

“Ours are the traditional yellow ones,” Kyle said. “It’s the standard yellow. It looks like a little teacup.”

Alike with the forbidden fruit, daffodils counter their beauty with a toxin poisonous to various rodents.

“Squirrels do not eat daffodil bulbs,” Kyle said.

— Brad Lindberg



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- ◆ use two or three basic colors;
- ◆ no lettering or seals; and
- ◆ be distinctive.

Dothage’s flag (pictured on page 1A) uses green to represent the land, a nod to the ribbon farms of French settlers, and blue to represent Lake St. Clair.

“There’s another nice tie-in because I used the same green and blue that the high schools use but lightened them a bit,” he said. “The gold stars rep-

resent the five Pointes and are also the same color of the high schools.”

The sail represents the area’s strong boating ties and the white represents peace and calm.

“I made the sail look like it’s blowing forward to represent progress,” Dothage said.

Dothage added that he doesn’t have plans to lobby any of the cities to adopt it or market it.

“I wouldn’t want it to be adopted unless there was a contest open to everyone,” he said. “It was just a fun thing to do as a form of community engagement.”

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holding a public hearing on the ordinance Monday, Dec. 2.

Rothe began a summary of his second inventory during an Oct. 21 planning commission meeting with a disclaimer, reinforcing his assurance that the tally was conjectural: “The listings in this inventory and associated information are subject to change and further verification by the city. The city makes no representations to the accuracy of the information in this inventory.”

“With that out of the

way,” said Rothe, he briefed members of the planning commission on the number of verified short-term rentals operating in the city.

Of this month’s five newly discovered STRs, one was investor-owned and located in the 1300 block of Lakepointe, according to Rothe.

“We had an unknown address on Beaconsfield marked as a loft,” he said. “We had three other properties that appeared to be owner-occupied, one of which was, again, a loft in someone’s home versus an entire home rental.”

The methodology used by Rothe and city staff

members conducting the inquiry consisted of internet searches of short-term rental booking offerings, city property tax data and what he termed “other things.”

“There’s room for error here,” Rothe said. “I wasn’t expecting to see such a high percentage be owner-occupied. A lot of them are in areas of multi-family housing.”

“It gives me a sense of the scope of the short-term rentals in our community,” Commissioner Kristin Taylor said.

She requested an inventory last summer.

“It’s reassuring,” Taylor said, “to see how many owner-occupied short-

term rentals there are, which is probably more consistent with the fabric of our community than investor-occupied or investor-owned short-term rentals. It’s a very illuminating snapshot.”

Commissioner Jimmy Saros said STRs should be policed.

“It’s not like this is a new thing being introduced into our community,” he said. “They’ve been here 20 years. Most people haven’t realized it.”

Rothe said the draft includes a three-strikes-you’re-out clause which, if in place now, would result in at least one STR being shut down.

VOTING:

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allowing early voting.

“We had our first rounds of early voting in February and August this year,” Sizeland said.

Both rounds consisted, as now, of nine consecutive days of the early-voting station tended by up to three temporary workers paid \$15 per hour.

“Our staff is here on weekends, too, helping residents that want to vote early, submit absentee ballots and apply for absentee ballots,” Sizeland said.

Each round of early voting cost the Park about \$5,000 of the \$34,000 it costs to put on an election.

In February, early turnout totaled 126. Voters more than doubled in August to 283. The total of 409 averages \$24.44 per ballot.

“It’s important for residents to get context in terms of what resources go into it and what it yields,” Councilman

Max Wiener said. “We get reimbursed from the state for the primary,” Bowdler said. “They reimburse us for the cost of early voting as well.”

A \$10,000 election security grant from the Institute for Local Government is being used to help pay for

\$26,500 worth of installations at city hall.

“All cities were allotted money for security,” Bowdler said. “We are having a (Plexiglas) window put on our counter and a security door. We had key fobs installed to get in. We have locks on the election room and will put film on the win-

dows. It’s to help secure ballots, the office and polls.”

She’s also applying for another set of grants.

“It’s a \$6,000 grant,” she said. “We’d get \$1,000 per poll.”

Money will be put toward the radio purchases and other backup measures.



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From eggs to butterflies

Wayburn woman raises monarchs

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Last month, Abigail Nixon released into her Wayburn backyard the last of 16 monarch butterflies she raised to maturity this summer after collecting them as eggs off milkweed in the alley behind her house.

A hobby she returned to this year after pausing during COVID, Nixon's butterflies spent the summer safe from predators inside an enclosure, which takes up more of her dining room table than she'd prefer.

"I enjoy getting up in the morning, drinking my coffee, looking at my

butterflies and just sitting there," she said. "I'll read and talk to them. Tell them they're doing great and they're awesome. Like, 'You're so beautiful and you're going to do so great going to Mexico.'"

As the weather gets colder, eastern North American monarch colonies migrate to Mexico;

however, last winter saw a 59 percent decrease in the species' population, according to the World Wildlife Fund.

"It's going down significantly, so that's probably why I do it is to help ensure my kids get to see butterflies and the kids after that, they get to see monarchs," Nixon said. "There's a chance that people won't be able to see them in a couple years. No one realizes how their population is dwindling down to nothing."

The process is simple, she added, and anyone can do it with a butterfly enclosure purchased off Amazon.

In May and June, Nixon gathers milkweed leaves with monarch eggs on them from the Wayburn alley, wraps them in misted paper towels until they hatch and then uses a paintbrush to move the caterpillar onto a new leaf, where there is more room to eat.

The caterpillars will form chrysalises on anything they can hang off, so sometimes the process includes repositioning them by taking the strand of silk from the top of the chrysalis and pinning it in a more ideal location.

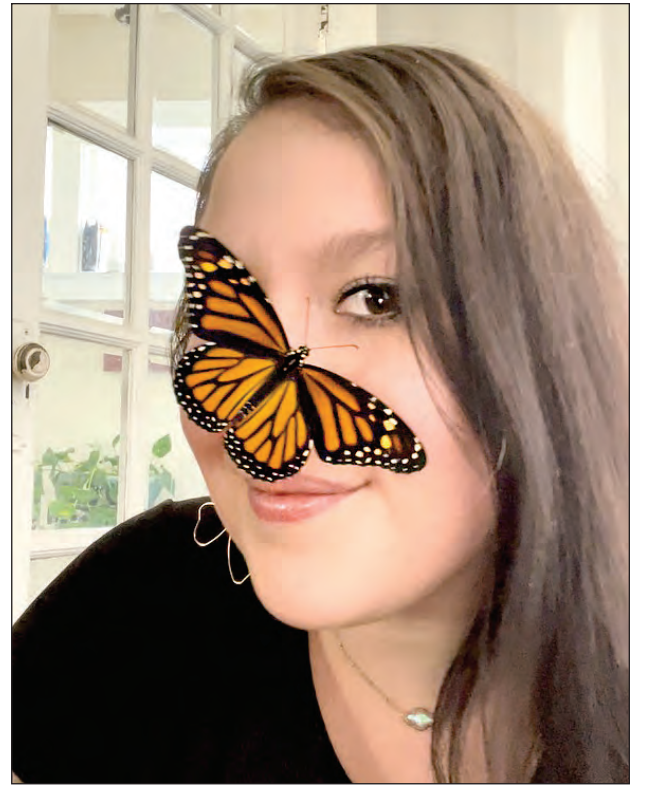
It takes two to three days after the monarchs emerge for their wings to fully dry. Nixon also likes to make sure their mouths work and they are capable of eating before releasing them back into her backyard, from where they'll begin the trek to Mexico.

"It's fun," she said of releasing them. "I kind of chuck them. You can't drop a butterfly."

When she's not working at Village Grille on Kercheval, Nixon is often reading, knitting, painting and making pottery at her home, which she calls her tiny zoo.

The monarchs come and go each year, but a small painted turtle she found up north six years ago is with her for the long haul.

"She's a family heirloom now is what I say," Nixon said. "Like my kids are gonna get a turtle eventually one day. Painted turtles can live up to 50 years."



This summer, Abigail Nixon raised 16 monarch butterflies in her Wayburn home.

Right, when the monarch first emerges, its body is very thick and it must push the liquid containing its staple orange color out to the ends of its wings. Below, the chrysalis grows very dark when the monarch is nearly ready to emerge.



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Living harmoniously alongside 8-year-old St. Bernard, Joy, and 4-year-old pit bull, Peach, also are two jumping spiders Nixon keeps in enclosures on her dining room table.

She collected them both while in her backyard reading. The female crawled over while Nixon was turning a page. The male, she noticed hanging from a web nearby and calmly stayed on her finger as she brought him inside.

"The spiders' (names) are Monday and Tuesday, because those are the days I found them," Nixon said. "The first spider I had was Wednesday, (which) I released because she wasn't eating. I was like, 'Right, you probably

would do better in the house as a house spider, not a pet spider.' So she's somewhere in the house.

"I think of 'It's a Bug's Life.' They're just living their life, so why not? Rather than being outside where you could eat and have to deal with all the weather, you can live in my house plants and eat the bugs."

Next summer, depending on permits, Nixon hopes to build a bigger monarch enclosure in her backyard and host the whole cycle outside.

"Ideally, it'd be really cool if I could have one that I could sit in," she said. "Like a little tiny area I could just sit and have my bugs behind me and then I could read in there if I really wanted to."



The enclosure, where the monarchs are nurtured through their full cycle, takes up a large section of Nixon's table.

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AWARDS:

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wife deserves all the credit. And that's all I have to say."

At 110 Moran, the home of Patrick and Karin Gulyas was nominated for its timeless elegance with a harmonious design that effortlessly integrates the landscape with the residence's stately architecture.

A large, second-story window box with overflowing blooms and a monogrammed front door are features of the "welcoming atmosphere that radiates both comfort and serenity, inviting all who pass by to pause and appreciate its beauty,"

Donaven said.

"When we received some mail from the city, we thought we were in trouble or we forgot to pay our taxes," Patrick Gulyas said of the invitation to the awards ceremony. "We're very honored and privileged to accept this award."

Karin Gulyas added, "If you've driven down Moran, about five years ago we had a giant tree come through our house and it destroyed all of our landscaping. I would never have said it at the time, but there were some things that maybe needed some tweaking, so there were some good changes that came out of it."

The home of Elias and Maria Melham at 184 Lotherop was nominated

for its classic, sophisticated architecture, featuring dark shutters against a light-colored brick exterior, as well as an elegantly planned mix of landscape, hardscapes, trees, hedges and perennials for year-round vibrancy.

The property at 336 Kerby, owned by Dan and Lori Jensen, "has recently undergone a remarkable exterior transformation," Donaven said. "(It's now) a tranquil and inviting space, perfect for Dan to relax on the porch reading newspapers and enjoying his favorite beverage with his pup at his side."

The extensive renovation involved landscaping beds, deck and fencing, ceiling fans

added to the porch and matching the detached garage with the house's aesthetic of white siding and brown accents.

The residence of Louis and Patricia Theros at 464 Chalfonte was nominated for its warm brick facade and classic appeal with thoughtfully designed landscaping, including deep green arborvitae, rose of Sharon trees, ornamental grasses and lime green hydrangeas.

"A welcoming arbor invites you into the rear yard where climbing hydrangeas display delicate white blooms," Donaven said. "This is like a perfect scene for a wedding. (A) detached garage with white carriage-style doors add a touch of elegance and

symmetry to the overall structure. The long, sweeping driveway gracefully leads to a circular turn, anchored by a breathtaking Cloud Nine dogwood tree, serving as the centerpiece of this exceptional scene."

Before the ceremony's conclusion last week, a 2024 special recognition award — intended for those who make an extra effort to keep the Farms beautiful — was presented to organizers of the All Pointes Tree Sale, which took place twice this year, encouraging Pointers to buy trees at wholesale prices.

Suzy Berschback, Brian Colter, Ed Gottfredson, Seth Krupp and Rick Whitney cre-

ated the sale following the windstorm in July 2023, which resulted in the loss of many large trees throughout the communities.

"Can you imagine Grosse Pointe Farms without any trees?" Gottfredson said. "None of us would live here. It's so important and when we grew up, we walked down the street in a rainstorm and there was a canopy on every street. You wouldn't get wet."

"When you drive around tomorrow, notice the canopies are not many. ... We've lost so many trees — the elms, the ashes and the maples are at their 100-year lifespan. So there's never a better time to plant."

City of Grosse Pointe

Stealth

A 22-year-old Detroit man was cited for not having a driver's license at 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, after being pulled over at Mack and Neff for driving without headlights.

Bad luck

A random inquiry of a vehicle's license plate at Mack and Lakeland at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, revealed the registered owner had a suspended license. The 26-year-old Southfield man was stopped and cited.

Drunken driver

A 38-year-old Clinton Township woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 10:55 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, after running a red light at Jefferson and Fisher.

Fraud

A man defrauded a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval of \$450 at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, by requesting money be put onto his Green Dot card. Through misdirection, he never gave the cashier the \$450 and when questioned, he ran with the card.

Signs

A political sign in the 600 block of Rivard was stolen between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.

Another political sign in the 500 block of Lincoln was damaged between 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, and 8:30 a.m. the next morning.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Nice try

The theft last week of a ladder was traced to a Detroit man, 55.

Police said he was recorded on surveillance video at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, taking the ladder off the roof of a vehicle parked in the area of Maryland and Kercheval.

"(He) left on foot westbound toward Alter Road," according to police. "(He was) cited for larceny."

It wasn't as though the man saw the ladder and

snapped. He actually put some thought into it.

"Video shows (him) ride into the area on a bicycle and seeing the ladder attached to the roof of a vehicle," police said. "(He) returns to the area later, on foot, and steals the ladder."

Jeep theft 1

Someone stole a black 2024 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked overnight Tuesday, Oct. 15, in front of a residence in the 1100 block of Bishop.

Police said the theft happened between the hours of 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, and 6 a.m. the next day.

Jeep theft 2

The second of two Jeeps stolen last week occurred between midnight and 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, in the 1300 block of Devonshire.

An unknown perpetrator took the vehicle, a white 2022 Jeep Grand Cherokee, while it was parked in a driveway.

— *Brad Lindberg*

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— *Ted O'Neil*

Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Threats

An employee at a restaurant was overheard saying he was sick and tired of the place at 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17,

and was "thinking of coming here and shooting the place up."

The 38-year-old Detroit man then quit, but since has been advised he'd be arrested for trespassing should he ever return.

Stolen Toyota

A 2008 black Toyota Tundra was stolen from the 400 block of Touraine between 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, and 6:45 a.m. the next morning.

The owner believes a

spare set of keys were possibly in the center console.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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Grosse Pointe Shores

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— *Ted O'Neil*

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OUR VIEW

Enough is enough

It has to stop. The name calling, the manufactured outrage, the snide comments, the emotional outbreaks, the “gotcha” pseudo-questions.

We are talking, of course, about the soap opera that detractors of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education have created.

The meetings have almost become too painful to watch. It is akin to attending a sporting event with all the cheering, hissing, hooting and hollering. At least the posters have disappeared ... for now.

We are not saying the board majority is completely blameless. For example, could Trustees Valarie St. John and Colleen Worden be included more in planning discussions that occur between meetings? Probably. Do their tactics at meetings dissuade the other board members from having contact with them between meetings? Probably.

Take, for example, the recent Facilities and Finance Committee meeting. As we noted in this space earlier this month, auditors reported at the meeting that the district finished the 2023-24 fiscal year with a \$1 million surplus and a fund balance above 10 percent. That put an end to three consecutive years of declining fund balance and deficit spending.

To be honest, however, deficit spending is a sugar-coated way of saying overspending. When government entities spend more than the amount of money they take from taxpayers, it is overspending. Full stop.

As we also noted here three weeks ago, 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 of the meeting, 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.

At least the audit was not delayed until after the election the way it was in 2022, although that ploy to hide bad news ended up not helping two incumbents who lost their bid for re-election.

Things have gotten to the point where a former board member publicly declared they will not vote for the sinking fund millage next month because of the current makeup of the board, calling them “undisciplined.” They went on to say they would vote for the millage in the spring, “when we have new board members.” The social media post had dozens of likes, leading us to believe there will be other down votes on the millage simply because of who is on the board.

Such actions strain credulity, particularly when one of the main claims against the board majority is that they do not care about students.

It also defies logic. Undisciplined people do not create \$1 million budget surpluses. Undisciplined people overspend \$9 million in two years and slash healthy fund balances in half. Plus, there will be at least two new board members next year no matter who wins in November. Will the no votes switch to yes votes even if their favored candidates lose, or will it be more of a “I’m taking my ball and going home” attitude?

The good news is that the grandstanding will not work. Our recent reader poll showed at least 67 percent of respondents said they would vote in favor of the millage. Our guess is that it will pass with, or possibly top, 70 percent.

Although it has not been mentioned recently, we believe much of the vitriol boils down to one issue,

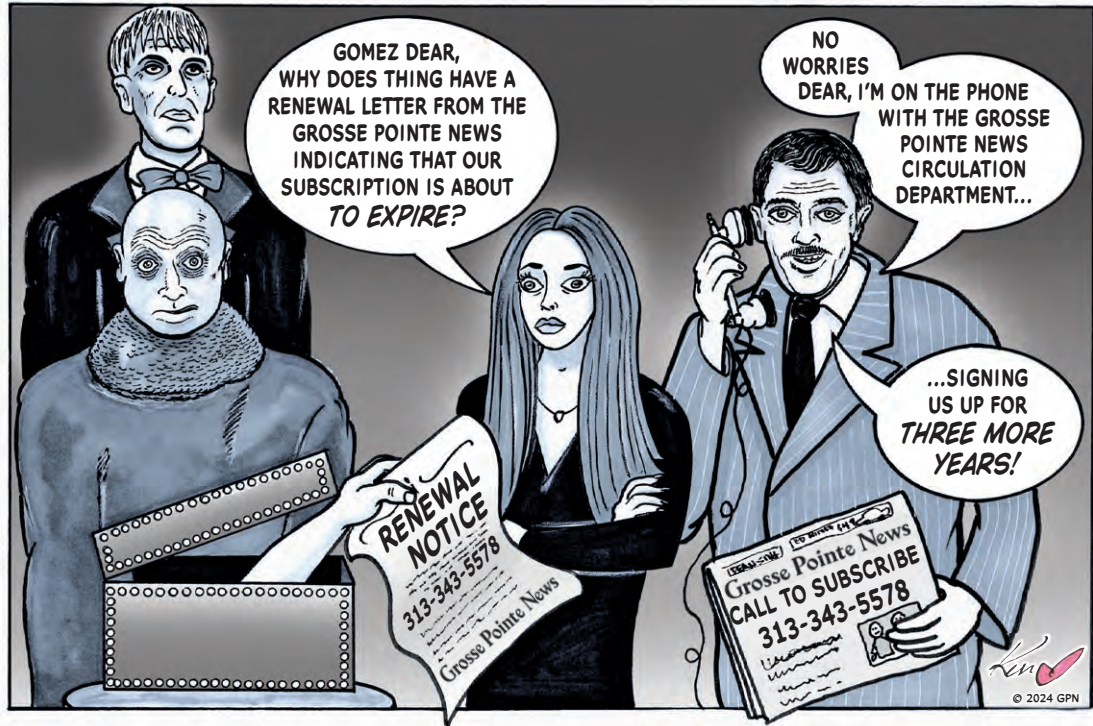


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that being the proposed clinic at Grosse Pointe North High School that was quashed in January 2023. We have our guesses as to what the real intent behind the clinic was, but everyone is free to draw their own conclusions. It also is the common denominator among the slate of candidates endorsed by the Grosse Pointe Education Association in that they all supported the plan.

In late 2022, without having been discussed at prior board or committee meetings, the plan for the clinic suddenly popped up. In a short amount of time, the cost to the district to build the clinic ballooned several hundred thousand dollars to \$1 million.

The hospital slated to run the clinic was to receive a state grant to staff it and would have had a steady stream of referral patients. GPPSS not only would have spent money to build out the clinic, it would have been responsible for ongoing maintenance.

The \$1 million would have come from the district’s sinking fund, or about one-third of what it takes in annually under the current sinking fund millage. For those who were OK with such a scenario, which sinking fund projects would you have scuttled? Mark all that apply.

- ◆ Upgraded safety and security measures in schools?
- ◆ Fixing playgrounds that did not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and were the target of a federal civil rights complaint?
- ◆ Continued damage to the historic auditoriums at Grosse Pointe South High School and Pierce Middle School due to leaky exteriors?
- ◆ Technology upgrades?
- ◆ Crumbling parking lots that were dangerous to pedestrians and vehicles alike?

The current board, or most of it, thankfully realizes they are spending someone else’s money. A foreign concept, apparently, prior to Jan. 1, 2022.

As a newspaper (of the year, three years running, by the by), we fully support the Freedom of Information Act. As the saying goes, sunshine is the best disinfectant. We have filed FOIA requests with the district and local municipalities, but have done so judiciously.

Local residents have every right to file FOIA requests with GPPSS, but are some being done frivolously and out of spite? If such a request is not filed with a legitimate policy issue in mind, it ends up taking valuable time away from district employees’ focus on students.

Finally, it is unconscionable that any board member should feel so threatened as to have to file a police report. Let that sink in. Actions by one or more of you caused multiple members of the current board to fear for the safety of themselves and/or their families.

This has included suspicious envelopes mailed to their homes, vile social media posts and finding screws in vehicle tires.

How about modeling the behavior expected of the students in our schools? That would be refreshing.

LETTERS

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A note of gratitude

To the Editor:

A very sincere note of gratitude to the team at Ford House. We attended the successful Little Goblins event on Saturday. The impeccable Ford House grounds were completely decorated with smiling ghosts and goblins, dragons, skeletons and dozens of cleverly decorated pumpkins. The Halloween decorations were everywhere — trees, bushes and in the beautiful gardens. There also was a cornstalk maze, a hay maze, wagon rides and, of course, doughnuts and cider.

The trick-or-treat tables each were a wonderful and generous experience. This was a master class in hosting a community family event. The culture of kindness at Ford House is so impressive, led by President Mark Heppner, in a complete medieval armor costume greeting every family for four hours. And Tommy Karr, managing and taking pictures at the beautiful Halloween family photo booth. No one scrambled to find someone to take their photos.

And a note about the very clear and visible entrance and exit signing for parking across the street, the parking greeters and the street crossing team — all well done.

Thank you to every Ford House team member. Your work, patience with so many young children and kindness is appreciated. It was a lovely and joyful experience.

Theresa Selvaggio
Grosse Pointe Farms

Incredibly fortunate

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for Kerby Elementary School’s new principal, Mrs. Katy Vernier. Since stepping into her role after the retirement of Mr. Walt Fitzpatrick last year (and boy, did he leave big shoes to fill!), Mrs. Vernier has been an incredible addition to the Kerby community, going above and beyond her “principal” duties to ensure that every student thrives.

My son in particular has been navigating some “big feelings” as he adjusts back to school this fall and Mrs. Vernier has worked tirelessly, along with his teacher, to give him the extra attention he needs, showing him patience and understanding every day and making sure he feels safe, heard and cared for. Her compassion and dedication to his success has made such a world of difference both for him and for our family.

I’m also so grateful that Mrs. Vernier shares her own parenting experiences with me (she also has elementary-aged children herself), giving me her own advice and encouragement ... so not only is she help-

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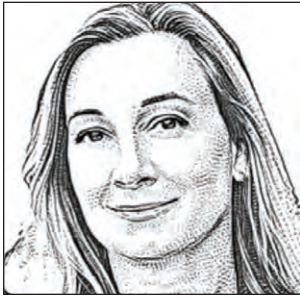


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I SAY By Anne Gryzenia



The buck stops here: On leadership, transparency and our endorsements

As the publisher of the Grosse Pointe News, I take my responsibility to this community seriously. Every decision, from the smallest story to the most prominent endorsements, is made with care, based on the values of integrity, transparency and service to our readers. I am so proud of this newspaper team, who has managed to win the Michigan Press Association Newspaper of the Year in our class three years straight. Yet, I am keenly aware of a trou-

bling perception — one that questions my ability to lead, assumes my decisions are influenced by others and dismisses the independence of the editorial board.

Let me be clear: I make the final call on what we print. The editorial positions of this newspaper are not dictated by outside influences, hidden agendas or the preferences of others, but are the product of thorough analysis and thoughtful deliberation. I am proud of the team I lead, but the responsibility for this paper's voice ultimately rests on my shoulders. Sometimes it's not fun and it's not easy. But

when Sean Cotton asked me to take over as publisher about two years ago with no strings attached and editorial free rein, I happily (but honestly, somewhat trepidatiously at the time) accepted. He means what he says and he says what he means — and for that I am very grateful. It is very obvious to me those who blindly criticize the Cotton family on social media and otherwise have never actually met them.

I have heard about Facebook rants, especially from other women in the community, suggesting I lack the authority or independence to lead this paper. These assumptions

not only are unfounded but also profoundly disheartening. As women, we face enough obstacles in leadership without undercutting each other's abilities. I encourage anyone who disagrees with our positions to contact me directly. I welcome the feedback and I am always open to hearing different viewpoints. You know the old adage about people who assume — they make an "ass" out of "u" and "me."

I also want to address specific concerns regarding our recent endorsements. Our decisions are based on facts, not fear-mongering or fabricated claims. For instance, there has been much rhetoric about finances, "mass teacher exodus" and book banning in our community. Let's set the record straight (again):

The number of teachers leaving has decreased over the last three years and the number of books banned is exactly zero. The financial situation of GPPSS a few years ago was in dire straits, with gross mismanagement of funds and a shell game covering up the real state of affairs. It is now on track. We need to stop amplifying false narratives and start focusing on the real issues.

When we endorsed candidates, we considered their financial acumen, their ability to navigate complex issues and their commitment to the well-being of this community. We evaluated them on their experience and track record in managing budgets, ideas on addressing challenges in education and fostering constructive conversations. These are

the qualities that matter in leadership, not hyperbolic or false claims designed to stir up fear or division. The real question should be why certain candidates and their followers feel the need to lie and create fake issues. Or why groups from outside of our community are spending so much money to push these false narratives and get certain candidates elected.

As we move forward, I hope we can focus on facts, engage in respectful discussions and understand that the decisions made at the Grosse Pointe News are based on a desire to serve the best interests of this community. I invite all of you to email me directly — agryzenia@grossepointenews.com — if you have concerns or disagreements.

Very sincerely,
Anne Gryzenia

LETTERS:

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ing my son at school, but she has helped me better understand his needs and made me a more confident parent at home.

We are so incredibly fortunate to have such a caring and capable leader guiding our school. Mrs. Vernier's positive influence reaches far beyond the classroom and I truly believe she is a gift to the Kerby community. I know many other families feel the same gratitude that I do.

MEGHAN ZELDES
Grosse Pointe Farms

Calling attention

To the Editor:

The residents of Wayne County will be selecting several judges on Nov. 5. It can be difficult to make an informed choice since information regarding the attorneys running for these judgeships

is not readily available. This is why I want to call attention to an article in the Sunday, Oct. 20, edition of the Detroit Free Press by M.L. Elrick.

Mr. Elrick exposes the background of the Wayne County probate judicial candidate, Daniel Mercier. I urge your readers to access and read the article in its entirety. Keep in mind the purpose and "job" of probate court.

Probate matters that are under the jurisdiction of the court include: wills, administration of decedent estates and trusts, guardianship, conservatorship, mental illness cases and developmental disability cases.

Importantly, the individuals involved with probate court cannot speak for themselves. They depend on the honesty and competence of the judge making life-changing decisions for them and their families.

There is an alternative and local candidate who will be an honest and competent probate court judge, Todd Briggs.

ULLI SHERER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Brunch with Santa

Registration for Brunch with Santa begins 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 4.

The brunch is Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Tompkins Community Center, Windmill Pointe Park, at the foot of Windmill Pointe Drive.

Choose from three time slots: 9 to 10 a.m., 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. Each slot has a limit of around 60 families, depending on the sizes of families, according to

Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

"It will be a nice visit with Santa, a brunch buffet, story with Santa, some arts and crafts and a little baggie to go," Craig said. "On their way out, they can jump on a trackless train and enjoy that as well for each time slot."

The cost is \$20 per person, both children and adults.

"No registration or pay-

ment is required for children under age 2, but you will need to inform staff that they will be attending the event," Craig said.

He prefers people register online at recpro.grossepointepark.org.

"Parents need to make sure their children are in the system to register them for the event," Craig said.

Registration also is available in person at the Lavins Activity Center.

"We try to make it as convenient as possible for everyone," Craig said.



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Concerns over video filmed inside Parcels

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A cell phone video taken inside Parcels Middle School and posted to social media caused concern among parents and staff. The four-minute video was filmed after students were dismissed Monday, Oct. 14, and posted that day to a Facebook page titled "Grosse Pointe Public Schools Concerned Parents." It was removed from the page some time before 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16. It showed the inside of

a classroom with someone sitting at the teacher's desk, their face obscured, and a pride flag hanging in the background. The narrator, who Superintendent Andrea Tuttle identified as a parent, says the flag is inappropriate and is, "political, divisive, non-inclusive, intimidating and controversial." In the short time the video was available to the public, it garnered more than five dozen comments, with some calling it an act of hate and others in support, saying teachers should not bring their personal

beliefs into the classroom. "We want to bring your attention that a video has recently been circulating on Facebook and we are aware of the concerns it may raise within our community," reads a letter Parcels Principal Jason Wesley sent to families. "The video did not contain any threatening content; rather it was political in nature, as expressed by a parent. Please be assured that we are actively investigating the situation in collaboration with

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No tricks, all treats

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Parents doing the drop-off/pick-up routine at Parcels Middle School probably have noticed Lisa Klick and her ever-changing costumes.

Klick, a hall monitor at the school, wears a different costume each day leading up to Halloween.

"The kids get a kick out of it and I do get a lot of comments from parents," she said. "I think it helps the kids be more open to me, because hall monitors can be scary. It builds trust and they're more willing to come to me for help."

These aren't any ordinary, store-bought costumes either.

"They get more flamboyant every year and the kids like coming up with names for them," Klick said. "I try to make them better and more creative every year."

Klick said she gets her inspiration from visiting thrift stores and antique shops, as well as from YouTube videos and Pinterest posts.

She started wearing costumes while working at Brownell Middle School 15 years ago, usually to mark certain events or holidays.

"I would do it once in a while, but my daughter was recovering from a boating accident so I started doing it every day in October to take my mind off things," she said.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Lisa Klick, hall monitor at Parcels in her costume, which she named Alanna, Queen of Storyland.

Some of Klick's favorites include the queen of hearts — which she also wears for Valentine's Day — a haunted doll (think Wednesday from "The Addams Family") and a Sleestack from "Land of the Lost."

Klick, who lives on Fisher across from the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch, said the costumes and makeup can be so elaborate that she gets up an

hour earlier than normal on the days she dresses up.

"I'll get up and get ready, then walk my dog," she said. "The kids at Grosse Pointe South (High School) will wave and honk."

It's not just students and parents who appreciate the costumes.

"I get a lot of staff asking to borrow them," she laughed. "Maybe I should rent them out."



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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.

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Above, Amelia Healy and her parents, Kyle and Jessica Healy, came out to adopt a ghost from Amelia Jusko and Nora Rennpage. Right, one of the ghosts up for adoption. This one is named Willa.



Strong business spirit

Pierce Middle School sixth grader Amelia Jusko was inspired by something she saw online and wanted to take the idea further, which is why she opened a ghost adoption service.

Jusko bought enough felt to make 36 “ghosts.” She researched what kind of professions people had from the 1400s to the 1800s, as well as popular male and female names of that time. After giving each ghost a name, she then made a scroll for each ghost that included their name, profession,



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Amelia Jusko and Nora Rennpage open up a pop-up shop for Ghost Adoption Services on Sunday, Sept. 22, and were very successful.

the day they died, their likes and dislikes and a quote.

She packaged each ghost with their scroll in a little box with a cellophane window and lined them up on a table for people to “adopt.”

Jusko set up her business the afternoon of

Sunday, Sept. 22, on a corner of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Her friend, Nora Rennpage, a sixth grader at Parcels Middle School, helped with sales.

The duo also sold apple cider. Within two hours, all 36 ghosts were adopted out.

VIDEO:

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our central office and district officer to determine the appropriate steps to take. Our top priority is the safety and well-being of our students and we are committed to addressing any issues that arise from this incident.”

In an email to Parcels staff, Tuttle said “the parent in question has been issued a no-trespassing order by law enforcement, prohibiting him from being on any school property until further notice.”

Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said the person would be ticketed for trespassing if he vio-

lates the warning.

Tuttle’s email went on to say Wesley had given all staff members a photo of the man and said if anyone sees him on school property they should report it immediately to administration or law enforcement.

“I greatly appreciate your dedication to supporting our students, particularly during these

challenging circumstances,” Tuttle’s email to staff continued. “Your commitment is invaluable. We will continue to review our protocols and procedures to enhance safety and security within our buildings.”

Wesley’s letter also noted the school would have an increased police presence during the week.

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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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Full Circle celebrates milestones at Nov. 7 gala

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Full Circle Foundation hosts its annual gala, “An Evening Under the Stars,” from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Roostertail, 100 Marquette, Detroit.

“This year is special,” said Stephanie DiVirgil, Full Circle director of operations. “It’s Full Circle’s 15th anniversary and it’s our 10th anniversary celebrating at the Roostertail, so we thought it would be appropriate to have as our honorary chairs, Tom and Diane Schoenith, the owners of the Roostertail. So there will be a little extra celebration because of our anniversary and Tom will be putting his special stamp on the night.”

Gala guests will assemble in the second-floor event space — “a bigger room,” DiVirgil said — to enjoy a sit-down dinner, open bar and live and silent auctions.

“We’ll have those awesome silent auction baskets we’re known for,” she added.

A highlight — and returning feature — of the gala is performances by the Full Circle Singers.

“Formerly the Full Circle Choir, the Full Circle Singers have been working with Kercheval Dance again, so they’re our entertainment for the evening,” DiVirgil said. “They’ve got five or six songs they’ll be dancing



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Full Circle Singers entertain in costume during a previous gala. They’ll be back again this year to perform.

to and it’s going to be absolutely amazing. They are by far the best part of the night.”

The night is sure to run smoothly with returning emcee, FOX 2 Detroit anchor Ryan Ermanni, at the microphone.

Tickets are \$225 per person and available on the event website, fcgala.cbo.io or by calling (313) 469-6660.

“Proceeds benefit the foundation as a whole,” DiVirgil said, “but our dedicated giving portion is for TEAM 26, which is a program for those who have exited the school system.”

TEAM 26 offers activities to adults with special needs that address life skills, job skills, physical

fitness, health and wellness while developing social skills. Participants work with support coordinators, who help identify meaningful goals and priorities for learning.

“It’s been growing rapidly,” DiVirgil said. “Since we’ve partnered with First English (Evangelical Lutheran) Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, we have extra space for more people. There are 15 to 20 participants who are there every day during our weekly programming. The Full Circle Singers are 25 or 30 participants now, too. Almost every day I get inquiries from families asking about the program.”

TEAM 26 is just one facet of programming

offered by Full Circle, which was created by Mary Fodell in 2009. The

organization and its participants also operate the Upscale Resale Shop on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park; the Edible Garden, located on a three-acre site provided by the Riverview Rehabilitation Center in Detroit, through which students learn about gardening techniques and producing fresh food; and a variety of micro-enterprises such as shredding services, online selling and laundry services.

Full Circle also offers its Summer Activity Program, a six-week experience that involves learning while having fun during cooking classes, community trips, movie nights, yoga and other activities.

Proceeds from “An Evening Under the Stars” make sure Full Circle con-

tinues its smooth operation.

“This is our biggest fundraiser,” DiVirgil said. “We have a lot of donors year-round, but this is an opportunity to get everybody together to celebrate Full Circle and celebrate our donors. This event continues to help bring awareness to what we do and the need for what we do.”

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit fcgala.cbo.io or call (313) 469-6660.

The Full Circle Foundation is a fully accredited charitable organization working in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to provide opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs in the community.



Attendees of a previous gala browse and bid on silent auction items, which include several popular themed baskets.

Cancer support group honors leader, expands reach

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Several special guests were on hand during the local Young Survival Coalition meeting Oct. 8, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

Members of Kristy Allison’s family and friends honored the YSC Detroit group leader’s life posthumously; she succumbed to cancer Aug. 14, at age 55.

“We had a celebration of life honoring Kristy,” said Heidi Hannan, who co-leads the Detroit chapter with Patty McKee. “Dr. Carrie Dul, Kristy’s doctor, spoke about Kristy’s efforts. Kristy’s family was there, her husband and three daughters. ... People spoke about their experiences knowing her, how she helped them.”

The group planted a hydrangea shrub near the entrance of the Van Elslander Cancer Center, in front of a garden stone engraved in Allison’s honor. It joins a garden stone honoring YSC founder Michelle Tubbs, who passed away in 2016.

“The Young Survival Coalition is a national organization,” Hannan said. “In 2008, Michelle Tubbs started the local chapter for support. Kristy, Patty and myself got involved. When we lost Michelle in 2016, Kristy really stepped in.

“... Kristy had such a



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A garden stone, honoring the memory of Kristy Allison, was dedicated during a celebration of life ceremony Oct. 8, in front of the Van Elslander Cancer Center. Allison was one of the Young Survival Coalition’s group leaders.

bubbly personality,” she added. “She was down to earth, a great listener, very welcoming and approachable. I don’t know the date of her diagnosis, but she was at least 14 years out from her original diagnosis with breast cancer. ... About two years ago, she had a recurrence; it was metastatic. She heroically did all the things she needed to do to maintain, to stay here, and she was still involved in the support group.”

The Detroit chapter of YSC meets the second Tuesday of each month at

the Van Elslander Cancer Center. Women who receive cancer diagnoses by age 40 or younger are welcome to attend.

“Women 40 and under with breast cancer have different concerns, different things happening in their lives, than those, for example, with their kids out of the house,” Hannan said. “I received my breast cancer diagnosis in 2005, when I had a 2 1/2-year-old. I went to an existing support group and they were lovely, but they were older women. We were at different stages of life.”

The Detroit chapter has steadily grown through the years. Its private Facebook page has more than 500 members.

“A good number of them come to the support group,” Hannan noted.

“In prior years, we’d have speakers come in to talk about nutrition, wellness, the latest research and treatments,” she added. “We’re probably going to start getting more into that again.”

“The biggest benefit to me and other women is you go and see women who were diagnosed at a young age and are still

here,” she continued. “I was diagnosed 19 years ago, at age 35, and I’m still here 19 years later. That’s the reason I keep going back. It’s what a newly diagnosed person needs to see — that there’s life beyond breast cancer. You could meet many of us and never expect we’d gone through such a difficult time. We’re healthy, we have vitality, we’re living life beyond the experience we had.”

She also noted it’s important to stay on top of the most current research. YSC members share information they’ve learned from their doctors so other members can ask questions of their own physicians.

“I’m a big proponent of support groups,” Hannan said. “Sometimes it’s a short-lived experience, maybe just a couple weeks, but I think the connections are helpful during a difficult period. I’m thankful to the Van Elslander Cancer Center for letting us meet there.”

Hoping to reach more women and grow its own numbers, the Detroit chapter of YSC recently decided to open the group beyond breast cancer survivors.

“All of the members are very open to having any woman who would like to join who is dealing with a cancer diagnosis,” she said. “Our format is, if someone is new, we intro-

duce ourselves briefly. We ask them if they’d like to speak about why they came, but they don’t have to. They can ask questions about others’ experiences. It’s so informal. They can share their concerns, ask questions, talk about things you don’t want to burden your other friends and family with. And it’s also for resource sharing and connecting with other people who have been there.”

The local YSC group, in partnership with Texas Roadhouse, will host a fundraiser in Allison’s honor Tuesday, Oct. 29, which would have been her 56th birthday.

The Texas Roadhouse locations in Roseville and Madison Heights will donate 10 percent of their food sales that day to METAvivor.

“It’s a breast cancer organization that is making sure funding goes toward research for metastatic cancer,” Hannan said. “They’re researching it so when cancer comes back, we understand more how to handle that.”

“... Kristy didn’t let breast cancer define her, but she took the opportunity to give back throughout her whole experience, even this far out,” Hannan added. “Her commitment at that level, even when she was experiencing recurrence, was brave and commendable.”

AREA ACTIVITIES

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:

◆ The movie "The Fall Guy" is shown at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ The movie "A Haunting in Venice" is shown at noon Friday, Oct. 25. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

◆ Cooking with the Platinum Chef, "Supermarket Haul: Cost and Health Conscious Groceries," 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4.

◆ Out to Lunch Bunch, noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7. The group will dine at Waves in St. Clair Shores. Cost to ride the bus is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ The movie "Find Me Falling" is shown at noon Friday, Nov. 8. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Dinner with a Doc, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, with Dr. Robert Deeb, senior staff surgeon with Henry Ford Medical Group. Cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres hosts its next meeting 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at the home of member Helena Thurber. Dues will be collected

and the group will discuss what Christmas charity they will partake in this year. Dinner will be served by Thurber and Audrienne Guthat.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast group meets at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Maureen L. Martin, associate for parish life and community engagement at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Library

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

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Reader Dog, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-Up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Horror Writing for

Newbies, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ It's Wimpy Time!, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Parent Child Drawing Workshop, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Teen Takeover: Horror Edition, 6 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Day of the Dead Craft, 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen Laser Tag, 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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

◆ Halloween Spooktacular & Community Trunk-or-Treat, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. The event includes public safety and military vehicles, cider and doughnuts, a magic show, a petting zoo, crafts, outdoor games and more. Admission is \$5 per person, \$10 per hosted trunk.

◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra concert, 7 to 9 p.m.

Hellenic Museum of Michigan offers matching gifts program

October is National Museum Month and the Hellenic Museum of Michigan has introduced a new initiative that will amplify the impact of contributions.

Thanks to a couple of generous benefactors, every donation made to the Hellenic Museum of Michigan during the month of October will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$30,000, through its Matching Gifts Program.

Financial contributions help in several ways:

◆ Preservation of history: Donations help the museum maintain and expand its collection of artifacts, ensuring that future generations can learn about and appreciate Hellenic history and culture.

◆ Educational programs: Donations allow the museum to offer educational programming to the community.

◆ Community engagement:

Contributions enable the museum to host events and exhibitions that bring the community together and celebrate its heritage.

The museum itself has additional needs as well.

"We are in desperate need of an elevator, air conditioner, new windows, kitchen and so much more," said Olga Tecos, volunteer event coordinator for the museum, via email. "It is a historical building by the DIA. We are passionate about our Greek heritage and want to preserve it in Michigan by having a special place to display our pride."

Donations may be made online at hellenicmi.org, by texting "HMMOCT" to 53-555.

The Hellenic Museum of Michigan is located at 67 E. Kirby, Detroit.

For more information, call (313) 871-4100 or visit hellenicmi.org.

Sunday, Oct. 27. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for college students and free for students in kindergarten through high school.

◆ A Masquerade Evening: An Opera Soiree with Detroit Opera, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30. Concert-only tickets are \$35. Dinner and concert tickets are \$75. Dinner, concert and wine pairing tickets are \$95.

◆ Bootleggers Delight: The War Memorial's Speakeasy Series, 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$45 VIP.

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.

◆ Movember Men's Night Out, featuring a panel of men's mental and physical health experts, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6. Appetizers are provided; drinks are available for purchase. Register with maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ Narcan training, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. Participants learn signs and symptoms of opioid overdose, as well as how to administer Narcan. Training is free and par-

ticipants receive a free Narcan kit. Registration is required by emailing maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, De La Salle High School, 14600 Common, Warren.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, Holy Innocents-St. Barnabus Parish, 26100 Ridgmont, Roseville.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Dawn Drozd of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Andrea Tuttle speak. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Ford House

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

◆ Autumn Landscape Guided Tour, 11 a.m.

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Provencal-Weir house, by artist, Suzanne Berschback



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Students of Yoga Moves MS — being rebranded as Yoga Moves Any Body — is expanding its student reach.

Yoga Moves MS rebranding underway

Gratitude Gala fundraiser is Nov. 16

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Yoga Moves MS founder Mindy Eisenberg often asks people with neuromuscular conditions to close their eyes and answer a question: Have you thought about yoga, but are too fearful to try?

Typically, she said, 20 percent of the room will raise their hands.

“There’s a fear they can’t do yoga, that their body is too stiff and rigid,” she said. “They never enter the (yoga) room because they’re fearful.

“I say give yourself a chance,” she continued. “Bring a buddy; they don’t have to have MS, but they will hold you accountable so you can dip your toes in the water. And give it more than one class; the first class can be overwhelming.

“... I’ve been doing this almost 20 years and I still don’t know how to break through the fear.”

“This” is teaching adaptive yoga classes through Yoga Moves MS, which she created in 2008. The organization



Yvonne Hampton, aka Miss Positivity, demonstrates a pose.

became a nonprofit in 2015, and currently is undergoing a rebrand, changing its name to Yoga Moves Any Body.

“In the past we were specific to people who have MS in metro Detroit,” said Bettyanne Hodges, who teaches adaptable yoga classes at Full Lotus Yoga in Grosse Pointe Woods. “Since COVID, we started treating people virtually, reaching people in other states and countries. We also realized not everyone in our classes has

MS. Some people have Parkinson’s or other neuromuscular conditions.”

The realization led to the discussion of rebranding, widening the audience and their abilities. “Our reach was more, so we’re morphing our student base, too,” Hodges said. “We have a good partnership with the Kirk Gibson Foundation. Kirk is a Grosse Pointe guy; he’s real supportive of us.”

Hodges’ Grosse Pointe class has around a dozen

students, who range from those with MS and Parkinson’s to veterans, disabled veterans and people rehabbing after surgery. She has the help of an assistant these days, allowing students to do more standing poses because someone is there to lend a hand.

“This is not chair yoga,” she said. “In some classes you are in a chair, but mostly you use the chair as a prop to help you stand up. Or you lay down and put your legs in the chair.”

“This is not your typical yoga room,” Eisenberg added. “Sometimes we use more than one chair. If they can’t go down to the mat, or if they’re fearful, there are several poses they can do with two or even three chairs. What’s great with adaptive yoga is you can get creative.”

Clients can come by

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DAAA to host data-collection forum at The Helm

The Detroit Area Agency on Aging will host an Age-Friendly Communities Forum from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Stemming from the results of a 2002 report, Dying Before Their Time, which found that residents were dying before the average age of their peers, DAAA set out to gather information from residents in the communities it serves — Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. It formed the Inclusive Health Care Taskforce to identify and address levels of action that need to be taken.

In June, DAAA hosted a forum in Detroit. Participants were asked about community walkability; access to exercise equipment, internet and technology devices; as well as their mobility status and social isolation issues, among other topics.

Hoping to reach more of the population it serves, the Age-Friendly Communities Forum seeks to further collect information from seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

“We’re gathering information from our senior residents so we can understand what the communities are doing, what they’re good at or what gaps they’re seeing,” said Courtney Todd of DAAA.

“... The goal is asking the same questions and gath-

ering from this particular population what communities are doing well, where there are gaps — as well as who are the change makers and can you reach out to them or are you separated from them — to add to what Detroit residents are saying.”

Check-in and refreshments begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by a welcome from Anne Holmes Davis, vice president of planning and program development with DAAA and the lead facilitator of the Inclusive Health Care Taskforce.

During the session, guests will split into breakout groups to discuss what’s happening locally in the areas of housing, transportation and technology. Results will be shared with the whole group before a second breakout session takes place focusing on the path to advocacy.

The forum will allow the task force to get a more complete view of the DAAA service area and how the community is serving the aging population.

“Hopefully, we’ll turn this into advocacy tool,” Todd said. “In areas where they do well, we’ll take it and show other communities what they’re doing. Or where there are gaps, we’ll advocate how to get those gaps filled. We’ll use what’s collected to present to policymakers... to advocate for Age-Friendly Communities.”

To register, call (313) 446-4444, Ext. 5804.

EVENTS:

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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.

◆ Family Workshop: Fused Glass Ornaments, 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

GPA A

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 grossepointeartists.org.

◆ 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.

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OBITUARIES

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

Jeanne Barr Carey

Jeanne Barr Carey of Falmouth, Mass., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024.

Born Dec. 18, 1958, in St. Clair Shores, to Robert Wilson Barr and Cecelia Frances Klein Barr, Jeanne was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Jeanne was a cherished member of the Barr family and sister to Susan Elizabeth Barr O'Donovan and Sheila Frances Barr Holman. In 1984, she married her beloved Stephen Charles Carey of Charleston, Mass., in a beautiful ceremony at Lakeshore Presbyterian Church in St. Clair Shores, marking the beginning of a shared life filled with love and devotion. Their great, enduring love blessed them happily for 40 years.

Jeanne's life was one of dedication and service. A 1977 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, 1981 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing and 1986 graduate of New England School of Law, Jeanne worked as a nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital and later as a medical malpractice lawyer. Her commitment to her communities shone brightly through her volunteer work. Jeanne was a woman of action and both led and motivated

others to achieve. She was an avid reader and consistently sought out ways to enrich her life and the lives of others with education.

Jeanne's love extended to her daughters, Allison Carey Firely and Megan Elizabeth Carey, and her beloved grandchildren, Charles Robert Firely and Rose Carey Firely. Jeanne will be remembered for her unyielding love and fierce advocacy for her family. She embodied the best of unconditional love, strength of spirit and unending generosity, which could be seen in her care for her family and friends.

Jeanne also will be remembered as a warrior, defying the odds of various health struggles during the course of her life. Her unwavering strength and determination to survive with optimism and joy leaves her memory as an inspiration to all who knew her.

Jeanne's life was a testament to the beauty of a life well lived, the lives she touched and the love she shared. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her legacy will bloom eternally in the hearts of those she left behind.

Predeceased by her father, Robert, Jeanne's memory is honored by her devoted husband, Stephen; daughters, Allison and Megan; sons-in-law, Adam Robert Firely and Ian Forrest Duncan; and grandchild-

ren, Charles and Rose. Her mother, Cecelia; and sisters, Susan and Sheila, also survive her.

Virginia Margaret Burton

Virginia Margaret Burton passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family and clergy, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024, after a short illness. She is survived by her beloved children, Bruce and Glenn; daughter-in-law, Jane (Bruce); sister-in-law, Ann M. Burton; and grandchildren, Nathan, Sarah, Joan (Conor Medlow), Webster, Robert and James. She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Ralph M. Burton.

Born Aug. 27, 1928, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Virginia was the daughter of Bruce C. Webster and Louise Webster (nee Peterson). She grew up in Kingsville, Ontario, Canada, and graduated from the University of Toronto, Victoria College, majoring in education. She taught in Belle River, Ontario, Canada, and later in Detroit.

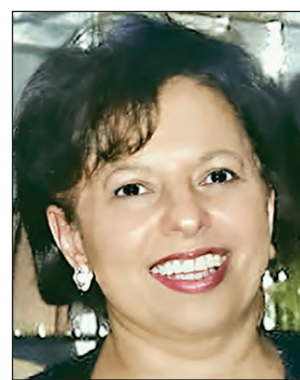
Virginia met Ralph M. Burton when both were recruited to participate in the Leamington, Ontario Summer Theater. Ralph had already spotted her driving a shiny new convertible with a car full of Victoria College and Kingsville girlfriends.



Jeanne Barr Carey



Virginia M. Burton



Mary Kathryn Bailey

They were married in 1952, honeymooned on White Cloud Island, Ontario, Canada, and moved to Detroit, while Ralph clerked in his father's law firm and completed law school.

Virginia was known to say, "Any marriage that could survive a honeymoon would last forever," which Virginia and Ralph's did, until Ralph's death in 2015.

Virginia enjoyed her volunteer work and association with the Detroit Public Library, Detroit Boat Club, Torch Club, Detroit Club, Bayview Yacht Club and St. John's Episcopal Church, where she was the directress of the Altar Guild. She was an avid reader and correspondent; she wrote encouraging cards to family and friends, or even someone she had just met who was, or would become, important to her.

The family is forever thankful to her friends from Bayview and St. John's who were supportive of Virginia after Ralph died, especially Lynn Dubay, who was her constant companion for 10 years.

A memorial service for Virginia will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2326 Woodward, Detroit.

Mary Kathryn Bailey

Mary Kathryn "Kathy" Bailey passed away suddenly Friday, Oct. 18, 2024. She was 79. She and her twin sister, Joyce, were born 22 minutes apart Feb. 27, 1945, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Detroit. A native of Grosse Pointe Park, she attended St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School through eighth grade before attending Dominican High School, graduating in 1963.

Kathy began her career with Northwest Airlines and moved to Hawaii in 1969. She met her husband, Hal, in Hawaii; they married in California in 1972, and settled in San Francisco. They were married until his death in 1995. After retiring from Northwest, Kathy moved back to Grosse Pointe in 2000.

A lifelong traveler with a great sense of adventure, Kathy took advantage of the perks of her job to travel the world and frequently visit far-flung family and friends. Her generosity was legendary; if someone mentioned they appreciated something she owned — whether it was a small trinket or a fur coat —

she more than likely would send them home with it that day. Effortlessly funny, undeniably authentic and genuinely kind, she made friends with everyone she knew. She was a devoted aunt to her many nieces and nephews and a devoted sibling to her sisters, who will miss her company and her conversation every day.

Kathy is survived by her siblings, Joyce Ronan (Peter) and Susan Martin (Donald); sister-in-law, Gwen Rashid (Robert); nine nieces and nephews; 16 grand-nieces and grand-nephews; and many cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her husband, Hal; and her siblings, Robert Rashid (Gwen) and Judy Rashid.

A memorial service takes place at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathy's name to Capuchin Services, csk.detroit.org/

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Brenna Doyle Pelerin



Being a mother was Brenna's focus and greatest pleasure. She created homes filled with love, humor, celebration, healthy food, and fun. She instilled the values of family and faith in her children. Not a holiday passed without fanfare, special jammies, and plenty of cousins gathered around. Brenna loved her children dearly and was extremely proud of their accomplishments.

She loved having her mom, Carol (nicknamed "Lottie"), just around the corner, and cherished time with her father, Pat (nicknamed "Pa"). Brenna found great joy in her "happy place" in Petoskey, Michigan, where she built precious friendships and created lasting memories during summers with family. Brenna deeply loved and admired each of her siblings, Jenny, Patrick, and Bryan. She adored—and was adored by—her grandparents, Doug and Shirley and John and Mary. Brenna's nieces and nephews knew her as "Nonnie"; she treasured them like her own children and made them and their activities a priority in her life.

Friends of Brenna will remember her as a faithful companion—thoughtful, compassionate, spirited, full of life, and generous with her time and love. She was beloved for her funny, quick-witted, and vibrant humor, as well as her approachability and penchant for paying heartfelt compliments and bestowing affectionate nicknames. Her supportive nature was unmatched.

Brenna's passing has left an unimaginable void in the lives of so many. Her tenderness, brilliance, sweetness, and open, loving spirit will forever be ingrained in all she knew.

Brenna was the beloved wife of Ryan Pelerin; caring mother of Michael, Vivienne, and Wallace; daughter of Patrick and Carol Mansfield; stepdaughter of Mary Mansfield; and daughter-in-law of Joseph and Linda Pelerin. She is survived by her siblings, Jenny (Michael) Kowal, Patrick (Alyson) Mansfield, and Bryan (Lia) Mansfield; her half-brother William Mansfield; and her brothers-in-law, Joseph Pelerin, Brian (Jenn) Pelerin, and Adam (Allison) Pelerin. She was predeceased by her brother-in-law, Robert Pelerin. Brenna cared deeply for her nieces and nephews: Olivia, Charlotte, William, and Jack Kowal; Patrick and Theodore Mansfield; and Eleanor, Lillian, and Michael Mansfield.

Visitation took place on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Park, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier Rd, Grosse Pointe Park.

The family will be setting up the Brenna Pelerin Foundation to honor her legacy of love and compassion for others. Checks may be made payable to the Brenna Pelerin Foundation.

Rest easy, our love. You are enough. May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Daniel Timothy Goodnow



Daniel Timothy Goodnow, beloved husband of Susan Goodnow (nee Turner), passed away on Friday, October 18th, 2024, at his home in Grosse Pointe Farms at the age of 86, surrounded by his family. Born to Romalda and Nathan Goodnow, Daniel was raised in Grosse Pointe and resided there for most of his life. His love of Grosse Pointe—the lake, the community, and particularly St. Paul parish—was lifelong.

Dan was a man of incredible self-discipline and generosity toward others. His routine of waking at 5 a.m. for a run, leading a rosary at St. Paul and attending mass was his daily habit until his age and mobility prevented him from doing so. Dan had a daily devotion to the rosary, the chapel and discerning God's will. Dan established a foundation, Helpers of God's Precious Infants of Michigan, to peacefully counsel women entering abortion clinics, offering an alternative option. His gentle spirit, positivity and endearing nature helped him in this pursuit. During his ministry on the sidewalk, Dan and his group were focused on saving lives, one mother and one baby at a time. A heartwarming

story concerns a woman who returned years after meeting him to introduce him to her "Daniel", a two year old boy named after the man who helped his mother in a time of need.

From his early years, Dan was active and fostered a love of the great outdoors, particularly northern Michigan.

Canoeing became a big part of his early life, and he started a canoeing business, Goodnow Canoe Trips, for young Grosse Pointe boys while he was in high school. His love of the Michigan rivers continued with an annual summer canoe trip with his family and friends, frequently on the Pere Marquette River. An All-American Swimmer in high school, Dan's academic and athletic achievements were complementary and indicative of his well-rounded person. Dan attended Colgate University and from there went on to the University of Michigan, where he received a Masters in Business Administration and reconnected with a childhood acquaintance, the beautiful Susie T, who would go on to become his cherished wife of nearly 60 years, and mother to their six children. Their marriage is a testament to true love.

Dan's professional career as an Investment Manager included managing the pension fund for The Bethlehem Steel Corporation and The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, as well as founding two investment funds. His knack for discovering innovative companies to invest in was notable, and he was present in his analytical strategy, which revolved around company culture,

not just bottom line profits.

Dan's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren lit up his big smile until the end and he will be dearly missed by many, especially his family, to whom he is irreplaceable.

Dan is survived by his loving wife Susie, his children Daniel Michael Goodnow (Lauren), Mary Anne Calzolano (Mark), Amy Elizabeth Goodnow Ciano (Phillip), Timothy Atkinson Goodnow, Jennifer Susan Goodnow (Paul Malmfeldt), and Sarah Turner Goodnow Berry (Todd). His beautiful grandchildren Megan Brooks Ferguson (Mike), John Benjamin Goodnow, Nathan Brooks Goodnow, Hannah Grace Goodnow, Nicholas John Calzolano, Camey Elizabeth Calzolano, Daniel Max Goodnow Ciano, Michael Atkinson Ciano, William Theodore ("Teddy") Malmfeldt, Noah Timothy Berry, Annabelle Susan Berry, Emma Grace Berry and his great grandchildren Ava Ann Ferguson, Toby Brooks Ferguson and Susan Marta Ferguson will forever miss their "GP Dan," as will anyone who knew him and his wonderful example.

A mass at St. Paul on the Lake in Grosse Pointe Farms will be held on Saturday, October 26th, 2024 at 10 a.m. to celebrate Dan's life and legacy.

In lieu of flowers the family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to Helpers of God's Precious Infants of Michigan, 18530 Mack Avenue, Box 521, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236, or their favorite charity in Dan's name.

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Robert Charles Brooks

Robert "Bob" Charles Brooks, 90, passed away peacefully Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Bob was predeceased by his loving wife of 51 years, Connie Brooks. He was the loving father of Brigid Zvirbulis (John) and Nora Hard (Gregor); and proud and cherished Papa of Cailey Hard, Liam and Ronan Zvirbulis and Ainsley Hard. He also was predeceased by his granddaughter, Amelia Rose Hard; brother, Stanley Brooks; and sisters, Jane Pillars, Imogene Glover and Katherine Dirks.

Bob was born Nov. 12, 1933, in Detroit, the youngest child of Andrew "Andy" and Maggie Brooks. By age 15, both of Bob's parents died and he started work laying floors. From 1954-56, Bob served in the U.S. Army, during which he earned his GED. In 1965, Bob and one of his friends purchased Pointe Hardware and Lumber on Mack and Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park. The business moved to Kercheval and Maryland in 1972, and in 1988, he sold the business to his partner. Later that year, with another friend, he started Indian Summer Recycling in Marine City. He retired on his 90th birthday, selling the business to his partner.

Bob and Connie married in 1969, and resided in Grosse Pointe Shores throughout their married life. In 1974, Bob built the home in which they raised their family. Bob also built their vacation home in Charlevoix, where summers were enjoyed with family and epic New Year's Eve parties were thrown. When not working, Bob enjoyed volunteering at the Full Circle Foundation's Edible Garden. Bob cherished being with his family for any and all life events.

Visitation takes place 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, with Rosary at 7 p.m. Bob will lie in state Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9:30 a.m. until his funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Full Circle Foundation, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, MI

**Robert Charles Brooks**

48230, fullcirclefdn.org/donate; or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, the capuchins.org/donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Dr. Michael Edwin Rollins

Dr. Michael Edwin Rollins, 85, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away in the early hours Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024.

The son of Dorothy and Edwin Rollins, Michael was born Aug. 2, 1939, at home in Algonac. He married Krystn Glancy on April 22, 1966, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. She gave birth to their son, Michael, on Dec. 20, 1969.

Michael graduated after his junior year at the University of Michigan and was accepted for early admission to Wayne State University School of Medicine. He completed an internship at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., and spent his residency at the San Francisco VA Medical Center studying ear, nose and throat under otolaryngologist Dr. Reed. He then joined Dr. Ned Chalot's practice in the Fisher Building, where the two doctors treated iconic stars performing at the Detroit Opera House and Detroit Play House. Soon after, Michael opened his own medical practice with offices in Grosse Pointe and Wyandotte, while also practicing at Harper Hospital and Wyandotte Hospital.

Michael enjoyed playing bridge at the Yondotega Club. He led an active life, playing golf and tennis at the Country Club of Detroit, and could be found throwing dice with friends on the upper deck at The Little Club. Michael later became president of the Bloomfield Hills Country Club, where he appreciated playing golf with many friends there.

Dr. Rollins is survived by his wife, Krystn; son, Michael; older sister, Marie Patton; younger sister, Anne Czajkowski; and younger brother, Fred

**Dr. Michael E. Rollins**

Rollins. Michael was predeceased by his younger brother, Tom Rollins.

A funeral service was held Oct. 11, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Christ Bill Bertakis

Christ Bill Bertakis, 71, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe, passed away Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, surrounded by the love of his life, Helen, and his two precious daughters, Catherine and Sarah.

He is survived by his mother, Catherine Bertakis; and brothers, Mike, Jim (Michelle) and John (Roseanne). He was predeceased by his father, James Bertakis.

Christ loved and adored all of his godchildren, nieces and nephews, and most of all, his grandson, Massimo.

His whole world revolved around his girls. There was never a time they needed him and he wasn't there. He was the most encouraging, supportive and present father throughout their entire lives. Without a doubt, if he was needed, he showed up.

Christ was known and loved for his kindness, patience and generosity. His Greek Orthodox faith remained steadfast and something he loved to share with others. He always saw the good in people, mentoring many children and friends throughout the years. His daughters' friends all referred to him as "Baba," meaning "father."

Christ was a carpenter and dreamer at heart, using his creativity to accomplish things that seemed impossible. The last year of Christ's life was nothing short of a courageous battle, but he fought it like the "The Cretan Warrior" his family knew he was. He will be forever missed and loved, but never forgotten.

Visitation takes place 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, with a Trisagion service at 6 p.m., at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Christ will lie in state at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, until

**Christ Bill Bertakis**

his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 707 E. Lafayette, Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made in his honor to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, bit.ly/47PrHTz; or the Wounded Warrior Project, bit.ly/3YxTVPZ.

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Maura Lynn Reardon Campbell

Maura Lynn Reardon Campbell, 64, passed away Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024.

Maura was born April 11, 1960, in Enid, Okla., on a U.S. Air Force base, to Michael Peter Reardon and Marian Helen Little Reardon. She often laughed when sharing that the military hospital was condemned and slated for demolition.

Thanks to her father's job as a fighter pilot for the U.S. Air Force, Maura grew up all over the country, as well as in Germany. The oldest of three, Maura often took on the role of breaking the ice in new communities and new schools. Her charm, wit, warmth and generous smile stayed with her throughout her life and is what is most remembered by those who loved her.

Despite the frequent moves, Maura considered Colorado her home base, where her cherished grandparents, Joseph Francis Little and Helen Cottrell Little, lived and where her mother was raised. In Denver, after graduating from Hillsdale College, she met her beloved Duncan Campbell, also known as "Dunc the Hunk," in 1984, while they were both working in Colorado politics. They were married March 2, 1985, at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver and honeymooned in the Sonoma wine country.

Maura's professional accomplishments as a strategic communications expert and public relations pro in state government and community partnerships are too numerous to name. They spanned from the Colorado Secretary of

**Maura L. Campbell**

State's Office to the Michigan Governor's Office, to multiple state government agencies — under four different gubernatorial administrations — to the Detroit Regional News Hub.

Additionally, Maura followed in the footsteps of her mother-in-law, Betsy Campbell, as a dedicated volunteer. Maura was an active member and former president of the Garden Club of Michigan, a committee lead for the Garden Club of America, a member of Sigma Gamma and a sustaining member of the Junior League.

A visionary leader, Maura's professional and volunteer career was one marked by her collaborative spirit around bringing teams together to accomplish major — sometimes deemed impossible — feats.

Never was this more true than with Oudolf Garden Detroit. It took many hands to build the garden, but Maura wrote the love letter to Piet Oudolf that kicked it off and was instrumental in assembling the all-volunteer grounds crew that made the garden a reality. Additionally, her experience in state government and Detroit — her adopted home — were crucial in navigating the many layers to build a garden on an island owned by the city of Detroit and run by the state of Michigan. She did this while leading the Michigan Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons as the executive director, all against the backdrop of sparring with cancer and doing everything imaginable to remain with her family on this earth.

A fervently devoted mother, Maura's children, Alexandra, Meredith and Connor, had the great privilege of being parented by a woman who, in the midst of a demanding professional career and obtaining her master's degree from the Newhouse School at Syracuse University, made homemade Halloween costumes, cooked dinner every night and always made them feel like her No. 1 priority. That motherly love extended equally to her Italian

Rotary exchange student daughter, Daiana Contini; son-in-law, Tom Maegdlin; and daughter-in-law, Ashley McGovern. But no role did she enjoy more than that of grandmother, or "Maurie," to Malcolm, Silas, Elizabeth, Florence and William.

Maura was predeceased by her mother and mother-in-law. She is survived by her husband; children and grandchildren; father; and siblings, Michaela Prchlik (Michael), Brian (Lynn) and Joseph (Kristin). She also is very loved by a large clan of nieces, nephews and cousins. Her multitude of family and friends are grieving her loss too soon, but also toasting champagne to a life full of love, grit, humor and ice cream.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Ss. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, 629 E. Jefferson, Detroit. A reception will immediately follow at The Detroit Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Oudolf Garden Detroit, oudolfgarden-detroit.org/donate/donate-fog/.

John Manley Roche

John Manley Roche, 93, of Naples, Fla., passed away peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, at his residence.

John was born Oct. 20, 1930, in Scranton, Pa., to Redmond H. Roche and Helen Manley Roche. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1954, returned home and graduated from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1957. John was a practicing trial attorney in Detroit for 30 years, retiring to Naples in 1987.

John was an avid golfer and a 31-year member of Lochmoor Golf Club in Grosse Pointe, 20-year member of The Cliffs Valley Golf Club in South Carolina and more than 40-year member of Imperial Golf Club in Naples.

He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Redmond H. Roche Jr. He is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 64 years, Maureen C. Roche.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place Oct. 23, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples. He was interred in Naples Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples, tinyurl.com/4u649859

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themselves or bring a care partner, who “benefits just as much as the person who has a neuromuscular condition,” Eisenberg said.

The instructors said they enjoy watching students become empowered. Eisenberg gave examples of students who perpetually use walkers or scooters, then one day decide to try standing; they credit the class for giving them the confidence to do so.

One student had trouble “going down to the mat,” Eisenberg recalled.

“The class was so encouraging that he wanted to do it,” she said. “I had seen change in him the last few weeks. He’s more positive and more willing to try. He did go down to the mat and he got back up again.”

“... Something happens in the yoga room,” she added. “Everyone becomes cheerleaders for each other. I see people doing things they thought they couldn’t do — and the whole room is clapping. ... We tend to



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Yoga Moves Any Body classes typically are fun for participants.

attract very positive people who are looking for ways to feel better. They’re usually very helpful.”

Added Hodges, “With this community, you’re surrounded by people who are positive and encouraging. They’re trying to make their situation better. As they say, iron sharpens iron.”

“... Community is more than half of it,” she continued. “They can see they’re not the only ones dealing with this. They’re encouraging each other,

learning from each other, sharing knowledge, sharing resources.”

Students work together on targeted movements for rigidity, elasticity and balance.

“They’re also teaching each other how to get up after a fall, by using a chair or a wall,” Hodges said. “They’re learning mindful movement when they think it’s not possible with these conditions.”

Fatigue is common among people with neuromuscular conditions,

but students of Yoga Moves leave class feeling energized.

“The class is going to work for whoever comes in that room, whether it’s someone with Parkinson’s, MS, veterans, someone new to exercise, someone with chronic pain or arthritis,” Hodges said. “That’s one of the big things — chronic pain. With arthritis, it’s about getting in and moving. When you get the blood pumping, you automatically feel better.”

“It helps you become more aware of your body,” Eisenberg added. “Those with chronic pain always feel better when they leave.”

“... You can’t replace the magic in a yoga room,” she continued. “You can’t replace the socialization and support. Yoga is the whole body. It’s a mind-body focus.”

Eisenberg said the rebranding, while underway, likely will be finished in early 2025.

Until then, the Yoga Moves MS website

remains fully functional. More information, as well as virtual classes, are available online at yogamovesms.org.

Gratitude Gala

Yoga Moves MS hosts its 13th annual leadership recognition dinner, Gratitude Gala, Saturday, Nov. 16, at The Mint, 27000 Evergreen, Lathrop Village.

“We try to choose a place that’s central for people,” Eisenberg said, noting Yoga Moves students hail from the Grosse Pointes, as well as Rochester, Flint, Livonia and other cities.

“It’s our big event of the year,” Hodges added. “There’s entertainment, music, an auction. There’s one big raffle and tin can raffles, and we give awards to doctors who have been instrumental in helping us.”

This year’s dinner will recognize the efforts of Anthony Emmer, D.O., with Neurology Consultants in Southfield; Robert Pace, M.D., with Memorial Healthcare Institute for

Neuroscience in Owosso; and Lindsey Dembs, a Yoga Moves MS community leader.

“We try to pick people who’ve been leaders in the community for MS,” Eisenberg said. “The reason we do it is to recognize their leadership and support, but it’s also about building awareness for what we do.”

WDIV-TV Local 4 meteorologist Ron Hilliard is a special guest of the evening, which includes a pre-glow at 6 p.m. and the main event at 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment is provided by Dixboro Caravan Band.

Silent auction items include jewelry, a signed basketball from a Michigan State University Spartan, restaurant gift cards, Detroit Tigers and Red Wings tickets, acupuncture treatments and more.

Tickets are \$150, plus \$25 for the pre-glow, and may be purchased online at yogamovesms.org/events. For more information, call (248) 417-5985 or email info@yogamovesms.org.



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A wife shows support for her husband in class with a gentle hand placement.



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Sean and Penny display teamwork through yoga.



**HEATH ROBERTS
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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:

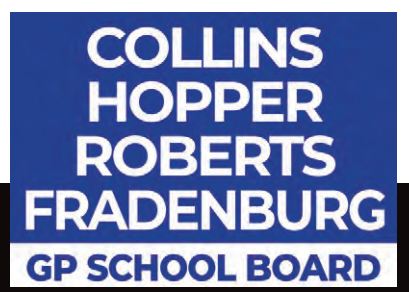
- 1) Academic excellence
- 2) Budget accountability
- 3) Clear policy guidance

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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Grosse Pointe Senior Expo is Nov. 4

The Grosse Pointe Senior Expo, a free event that connects seniors and caregivers with more than 50 organizations that specialize in assistance and care for seniors in Grosse Pointe and southeast Michigan, takes place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event includes information about assisted living, Alzheimer's disease, home care, veterans' benefits, mobility solutions, Medicare and other subjects. There also will be a variety of free health screenings for attendees, plus hourly prize drawings, plenty of giveaways and complimentary refresh-

ments. This is a "rain or shine" event as the expo will be held indoors.

Gold and Presenting Sponsors are Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Dedicated Senior Medical Center, Eastside Dermatology, Encore Townhomes, Estate Planning Legal Services PC, Estate Preservation Agency Inc., Griswold Home Care, Harmony Assisted Living MI, Hearing Life, Independent Home, Mt. Olivet Cemetery by Mt. Elliott Cemeteries, National Benefit Plans, Simasko Law and United Healthcare.

For more information, visit seniorexpousa.com/2024-grosse-pointe-attendee.html#/



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Seniors pack The War Memorial during a previous Grosse Pointe Senior Expo.

Chamber Music Detroit offers GP concert series

Chamber Music Detroit presents a trio of concerts at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, beginning with acclaimed "piano windtet," Ensemble 4.1, which takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.

Award-winning violinist Melissa White performs with pianist Pallavi Mahidhara at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24. The series closes with a performance by the Claremont Trio at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16.

For tickets, visit chambermusicdetroit.org/2024-25.

An Evening for Fair Lane supports ongoing restoration of Henry Ford estate

In late August, nearly 400 guests gathered for a summer celebration at Fair Lane, the historic home of Clara and Henry Ford in Dearborn. The event was co-hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Edsel B. Ford II and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Frick. Guests had the unique opportunity to experience the restored and reimagined estate, now a National Historic Landmark and nonprofit organization.

Proceeds from the event will help fund ongoing restoration efforts by a team of artisans and conservators, ensuring the preservation of this piece of American history and



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Left, event cohosts, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Frick and Mr. and Mrs. Edsel B. Ford II. Above, Mr. and Mrs. Edsel B. Ford II, chairman of Fair Lane; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bury, president and CEO of Fair Lane; and Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Baruah, president and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber.

Clara and Henry Ford's legacy for future generations.

The evening began in the music room and pool room, where the hosts

welcomed attendees. Edsel B. Ford II, chairman of Fair Lane, spoke about his great-grandparents' legacy, while Andrew Frick, president

of Ford Blue, offered remarks on the significance of Fair Lane to the history of Ford Motor Co. Guests then strolled through Clara Ford's gar-

dens, leading to a tented space in the historic bowling green, where a strolling buffet and cocktails were served.

In addition to celebrat-

ing American history, guests were invited to participate in a sweepstakes for a chance to win a 2024 F-150 Raptor R. Tickets are available online at henryfordfairlane.org and the winner will be drawn Jan. 10.

Fair Lane is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and the final home of Clara and Henry Ford. Since 2013, a dedicated team of artisans, conservators, historians and craftspeople has been restoring the estate. Although the home and its structures remain closed to the public, Fair Lane's gardens and grounds are open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., free of charge. For more information, visit henryfordfairlane.org.



TERRY COLLINS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

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

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

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

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

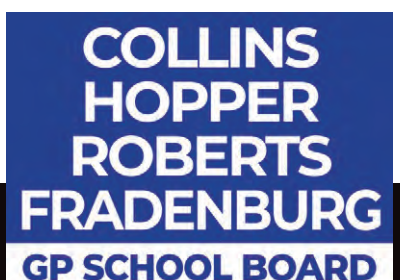
Terry isn't just about numbers. He's also a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Two of his grandchildren are proud Ferry Falcons! To Terry, and his wife Jessie, kids always come first.

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



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2024 Audit Results Show Growth and Strong Financial Management

We are excited to announce the outstanding financial achievements of the Grosse Pointe Public School System for the 2023-2024 fiscal year! Our district is not only **financially sound** and back on track, but also thriving thanks to **responsible budgeting** and **strategic oversight**.

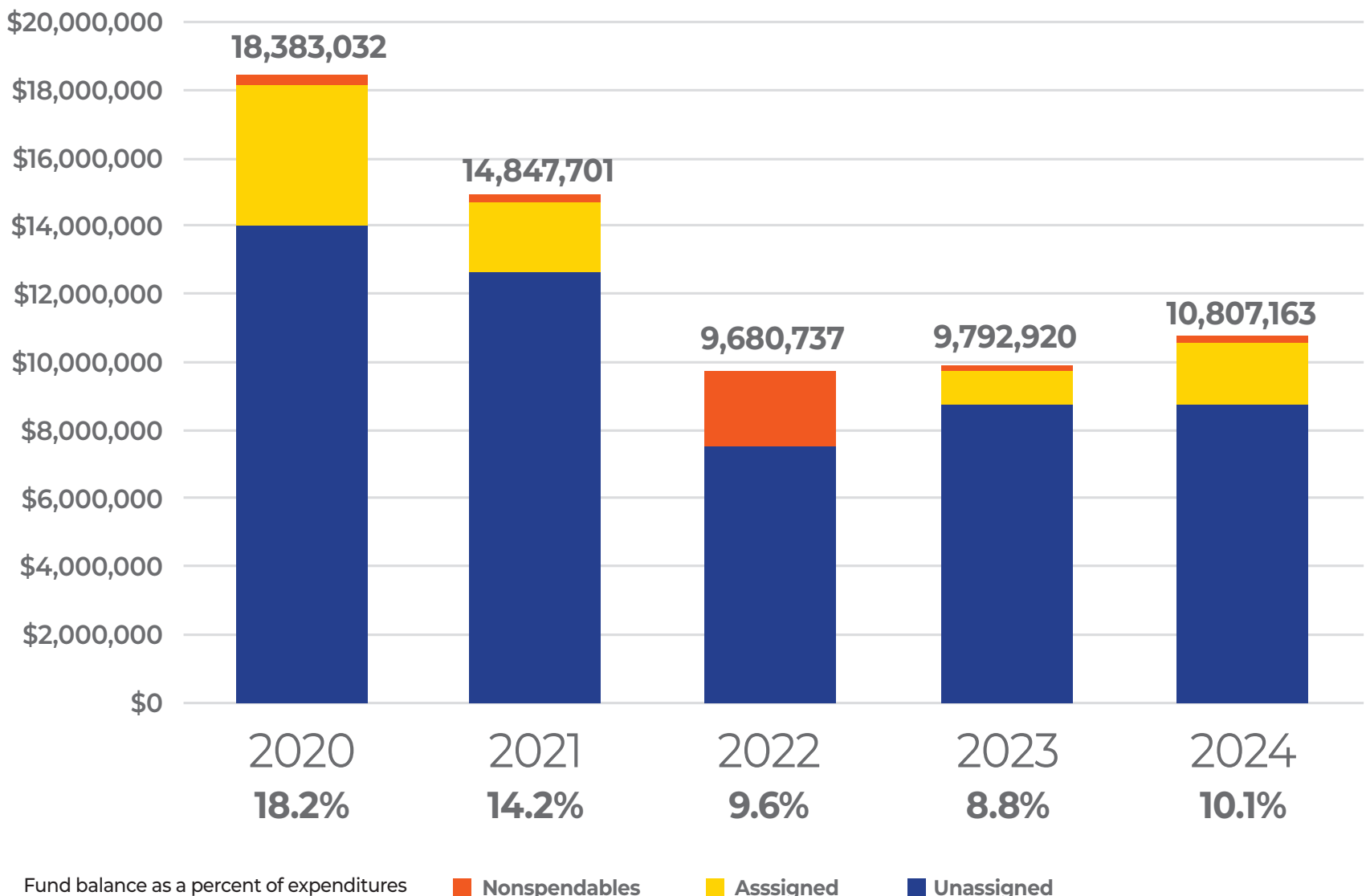
WHAT SETS THIS YEAR APART?

Prudent Spending – With revenues exceeding expenditures, the GPPSS added more than \$1 million to the fund balance!

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Controlled Spending – Careful financial management kept expenses in check while ensuring the continuation of our exceptional student programs.

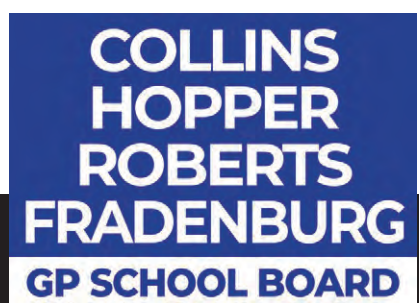
Clean Audit – Once again, GPPSS received a clean audit, confirming transparency and accountability in every dollar spent.



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.



A stronger future is here, and Grosse Pointe schools are thriving. Let’s keep moving forward together!
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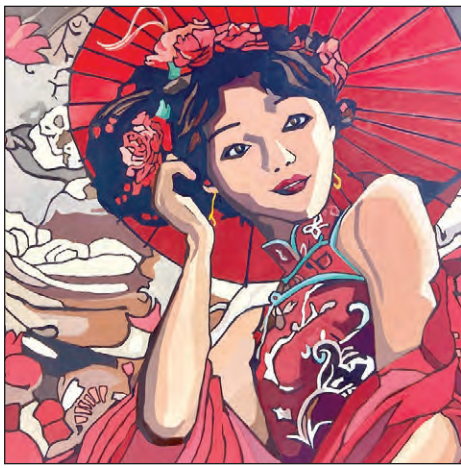
Boyle, Orthbring featured at Posterity in October

Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts an artist reception for its newest exhibition from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24.

Artists Linda Boyle and Todd Orthbring will be on hand for the reception, which also features a complimentary refreshment and light bites. The event is free and open to all ages.

Boyle has always felt a pull toward creative expression; however, her journey to becoming an artist was anything but linear. Beginning as a landscape architect, which she said gave her a profound understanding of form, balance and the importance of space, her journey ultimately informed her artistic practice as an artist.

Orthbring started his journey in the world of advertising and graphic design, before the use of computers changed everything. He dedicated more than four decades to the industry before rediscovering his love for art and collecting. Starting with his favorite artists from the 1970s and expanding to include today's street artists, Orthbring has been inspired through collecting to start creating art of his own. He focuses on local icons that have been impactful members of the community.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Works by Orthbring, top, and Boyle.

Spooky Skate

Spooky Skate returns to McCann Ice Arena Oct. 27

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Children and their families are invited to the third annual Spooky Skate, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at University Liggett School's McCann Ice Arena.

The Halloween-themed skate returns with even more family fun than before, including an expanded photo station featuring a Halloween backdrop.

"Also, stores in the community have made donations," said Madison Dettlinger, a board member of the Audrey Eckert Foundation, which hosts the fundraiser. "We'll have pumpkins from Village Market and Nino Salvaggio, so there will be pumpkin-decorating stations, too. We'll also have temporary tattoos and we'll be decorating the ice rink a bit more, too."

Dettlinger said a nice mix of participants takes to the ice each year, including families with or without children, people in street clothes and others in costumes.

Costumes, she added, are highly encouraged. "It's fun to see everyone dressed up," she said. "This is a great opportunity for kids who only get to wear

their costumes when they're trick-or-treating to break out their costumes. We have seen some great costumes over the years. A whole family came dressed as 'Peter Pan.' The dad was Peter Pan, the mom was Wendy and their daughter was Tinkerbell."

The event also includes Halloween candy, pizza, baked goods and more.

Though it promises to be a fun-filled afternoon, Spooky Skate raises funds for a serious cause. Proceeds benefit the Save a Heart Foundation at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

"It's for children living with different heart diseases and congenital heart disease," Dettlinger said, noting the beneficiary program holds a personal place in her own heart. "My niece, Audrey Eckert, passed away from congenital heart disease, so this is something really important to us. Throughout the years, we've been meeting other families, so now we know a community of people with kids at C.S. Mott or connections to C.S. Mott. This event has gotten a lot more personal and impactful over time."

Audrey Eckert was born in May 2020, and underwent three open-

heart surgeries before she was three weeks old. She died in June 2020, but during her short life was cared for by the team at C.S. Mott. Her parents, Raleigh and Robert, as well as Dettlinger are passionate about carrying on her legacy by helping families who receive care at the children's hospital.

Their foundation was formed to secure Audrey's legacy while increasing awareness and supporting research efforts for congenital heart defects, as well as raising funds for children undergoing long-term treatment.

"We've raised \$3,000 each year," Dettlinger said of Spooky Skate. "Last year, we were able to donate a wagon to C.S. Mott, so kids can take it to surgery or around the hospital."

"... I'm grateful for everyone who comes and continues to support the event," she added. "It's nice to see families come back year after year, as well as new families supporting us."

Spooky Skate tickets are \$10 at the door. Guests should bring their own skates.

To learn more about the Audrey Eckert Foundation, visit audreyeckertfoundation.org.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Renee Catrambone

Teens and depression

Depression among teenagers has become so common we screen teens for it during well visits. We have seen increased depression in the world of social media and excessive hours on electronics. Our teens are struggling to find true connection in real life and the loss is palpable.

Everybody has some normal sadness in their lives after the death of somebody you love, a romantic breakup or a friend moving away. So how is a parent to know if this is a normal reaction to a sad event or something that needs intervention?

Sadness can affect quality of sleep, energy levels, appetite and the ability to focus. Some teens have weight loss and others overeat. Someone can still miss their grandmother, but after two weeks they should be able to go to school, eat dinner, sleep through the night and focus on school work. If they are still struggling after two weeks, they might have true depression and need intervention.

Other times there are no triggers of loss and the depression just seems to come. Some of these teenagers are lonely, lack connection with other humans or feel powerless over their future. Teenagers naturally are programmed to look outside their family for social connections to be

successful in the real world and when they're not successful, it creates a sense of loss. Problems occur when depressed teenagers seek comfort in food, drugs, solitude in their rooms, depressing music and social media. These avenues make things worse. Some teens tell me their parents don't understand them or don't believe they are depressed, which also makes it worse. Others have said they don't want to share with their parents because they don't want to make their parents feel sad.

When someone is depressed, it can feel like they are in a hole in the ground and they know what would help, but they can't get themselves to climb out.

What can parents do?

First, accept the emotion completely, without judgment or self-blame. Their depression is not your fault or a reflection of the quality of your parenting, but it is your responsibility to get them help. Your child can be depressed and you can be a good parent who provided them with a wonderful childhood all at the same time. Allow the waves of sadness to come to a natural end. Crying does stop and then they are ready to problem-solve together or with a therapist.

Be ready to talk when they are ready and not before. Most of us want to stop the sadness pre-

maturely because it is painful to see our child in pain and we don't want them to get stuck in that darkness. Be curious and ask questions. Do you want a hug? What do you miss most about Grandma? What will you miss most about the lost relationship? Would you like to speak to a therapist? What would you like from me?

Help your child feel empowered to create change. Less social media, good healthy food, exercise, sunlight and connection with people all have been studied and found to be effective in helping depression.

Remember the opposite of depression is not happiness; it is vitality in life activities. If your child discloses suicidal thoughts, is cutting as a coping mechanism or if things are not getting better, seek medical attention. Therapy and occasionally antidepressants are needed and can help your child climb out of that hole.

Dr. Renee Catrambone trained at the University of Chicago Children's Hospital and has been in pediatric practice 25 years. She has a special interest in child mental health and emotional growth. She currently sees patients at Cornerstone Pediatrics.

The Family Center provides free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org.

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Dear Gabby: I do to be more organized? —Forgetful in the Farms

Dear Forgetful,

If you were writing to say that you forgot these items for your toddlers, I would under-

stand and suggest making yourself a packing list.

You lost me at “teenagers.” If they are not able to pack for themselves, it’s time to cut the cord. Tell them they are fully responsible from now on and

suggest they find a list online to model after and then make their own list and pack their own clothes.

Problem solved — you’ve now shed some of your stress and saved an hour of your life several times over.

— Gabby

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

Is it meant to be?

DEAR ANNIE: When I was 17 years old, I met a lovely guy here in Canada. We met through a mutual acquaintance. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we went our separate ways.

Then, in 1992, I moved to Portugal. I was 20 years old. He was 25. He was in Portugal on vacation in 1993 and looked me up. He was living in Germany at the time. We dated for two years but again went our separate ways due to a misunderstanding. I returned to Canada in 1996, and he returned to Germany. His native country is Portugal.

Last year, I found him on Facebook. We con-

nected and noted our circumstances were similar -- never married and no children. He was still living in Germany. But we decided to meet in Portugal this year. I met him again in April this year and am going back for another trip soon (yes, very expensive for flights and car rentals).

However, I thought perhaps we were meant to be, as we keep meeting. But after some deliberation and some chats, I realized he will not leave Germany until retirement, and I’m not leaving Canada.

I have a great job and a great pension and have no intention of moving to Portugal or Germany. Canada is home.

How do I address this matter with him? I know he doesn’t want to come to Canada.

Also, we’re two very different people with completely different interests.

On occasion, he has belittled my interests as being of no importance. I do woodworking in my spare time, and he keeps addressing it as if it’s a joke.

And he wants us to text EVERY SINGLE DAY. He keeps me on for about two to three hours. I’ve tried telling him that I have to go, as I have stuff to do, and he questions what I have to do that’s more important than him. But it’s not about what’s important; it’s

that I can’t keep up with my housework or woodworking. He implies I sit around all day and says I have time to sit on the phone with him.

I realize I have allowed this behavior, but I didn’t realize it would still be like this. At first, I thought it was because he was eager to get to know me, but now I’m not so sure.

And as for the meeting in Portugal for vacation, this is becoming very expensive for me. And he didn’t want me to rent a car, saying he would drive me to where I needed to go. But I feel that I’ll be waiting around for whenever he’s available.

And I’ve invited him to

Dear Annie



by Annie Lane

come with me to meet some uncles and friends in Portugal, and he refuses to come, saying instead that he’ll drop me off and then pick me up. I think that’s rude on his part when my uncles and friends have invited him as well.

I’m very confused about this. I’m older and perhaps I should know better, but I was hoping for some advice... — Red Flags or Overreacting

DEAR RED FLAGS: There are many ingredients to a successful relationship. One of them is

chemistry, which it seems like you have with this guy. But there are many others, too — timing, empathy, willingness to compromise.

If he’s so stuck in his own ways that he refuses to budge to make room for you, then it probably won’t work. Unless, of course, you want to give up your pension, give up your hobbies and move to Germany.

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

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Authentic Mexican food at Sierra Station

Mexico: South of the border. My generation would “run for the border” ... to Taco Bell, for “Mexican.”

At the south end of the Grosse Pointe Park border, you will find a decades-old authentic Mexican cantina, that is Sierra Station.

In 1980, a woman named Carol decided she was up for the challenge of turning an old bar at 15110 Mack into a restaurant. Unsure of what direction to take, she discovered a female cook named Aurora, who learned her talents and authentic recipes cooking in a convent in Mexico.

Sierra Station La Cantina was opened for business. Carol managed to figure out fun ways of marketing her new establishment, like weekly live entertainment, to bring in guests.

Of course, with great Mexican comes tequila, which is the “cantina” (bar) part of its name. In 1985, she hired bartender Jeff Lee, to whom she sold the business in 1987, along with her son as Jeff’s business partner.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Sierra Station located at 15110 Mack Ave., in Grosse Pointe Park.

The first few years threw the gentleman some curveballs, with outdated equipment and lack of kitchen space, among other things that caused financial stress.

In 1989, Jeff became sole owner of the cantina and with some good luck was able to buy the building. He quickly realized he had to start promoting locally if he wanted to increase business. Jeff started running specials Thursday nights, like 79-cent margaritas, 59-cent tacos and a daily special where kids eat free.

The mass mailing of coupons once backfired on this new business owner after 100,000 went out with no expiration date.

“Consequently, I was honoring these coupons for the next five years,” Jeff said with a sigh.

I’m pretty sure my family benefited from his mistake, seeing as Sierra Station was our favorite local Mexican restaurant growing up and still is.

When the business started growing, the space started shrinking. With two adjoining empty buildings next to him, Jeff made the purchases happen and the expansion of the cantina began in 1999. It included bigger bathrooms, a second dining room, an enchanting outdoor veranda and a much-needed bigger kitchen.

“No restaurant could survive 44 years without great food,” Jeff said.

Eventually, Aurora moved on to start her own restaurant, but not before passing on all of her recipes to a woman named Raquel, who eventually took over as head cook. Raquel also

added her own touch to iconic menu items, such as its verde sauce and chili relleno entree.

“Consistency in quality of food is the centerpiece to the success of the restaurant,” Jeff said.

My mother and I can attest to this statement, as our personal favorite menu item, the chimichanga, has never changed. I always order mine with a side of guacamole. It’s heavenly.

The combination dinner is a great way to enjoy all the classics. It includes a flour taco, cheese enchilada, tostada and beef burrito, all covered in Mexican cheese and served with rice and beans. It’s definitely share-

able.

Aside from their dishes being a topic of discussion, the authentic Mexican artwork that fills two dining rooms from ceiling to floor makes this restaurant an experience. Jeff’s first trip to Mexico was in 2002 — a 56-hour drive to Raquel’s hometown. Jeff has continued to travel back to many local towns in Mexico, including Guadalajara, during the last 23 years, discovering new artists, visiting those with whom he’s developed relationships and adding to his collection — and the stories his walls tell.

Don’t hesitate to inquire when dining in; Jeff has amazing stories about his



Handmade leather Mexican wall art.



Yellow dining room.



Tres Taco entree.



Chimichanga entree.

Food Gossip



by Nina Taormina

travels and purchases.

Along with food consistency is Sierra Station’s staff consistency. Sierra Station currently employees 18 sets of quick hands, some of whom have been there more than 25 years.

“The bartender is often a signature person in most restaurants,” Jeff said, and in this case, that is very true.

One familiar face who has been behind the bar 30 years is Jay, who knows his drinks, his sports and carries on great conversations with his patrons. Jeff mentioned Jay’s loyalty as an employee and friend — and a main reason the cantina survived the pandemic.

Along with Jay in the 30-year-plus club are Jeff’s sister Judy and Ralph, “our main man in the kitchen,” Jeff said.

In 1997, Raquel was blessed with a wing woman, Maria, to join her in the



Classic margarita.

kitchen. Then, at age 77, after 27 amazing years, Raquel hung up her apron and Maria has carried on the iconic woman-run kitchen the last 27 years as head cook.

“Sierra Station has been blessed with great cooks,” Jeff said, realizing how lucky he’s been.

With the economic crash of 2008-09, then COVID, Sierra Station has crawled its way through multiple financial hardships that were out of his control.

Who ever would have thought Mexican beer and other imported ingredients would be unattainable because of border restrictions over passing germs?

That crazy time forced Jeff to cut back hours 40 percent and completely cut out lunch hours. But when those doors open at 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, the dining rooms and beautiful outdoor flower-filled

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I've been a fan of On Cloudnova sneakers for about two years now and I've been so impressed that I've purchased the same pair of shoes three times in different colors. These sneakers have quickly become my go-to choice for everything from running errands to working out and going on long walks. The comfort they provide is truly exceptional, thanks to On's CloudTec® cushioning system. This innovative technology uses a series of



individual pods that compress and rebound with each step, creating a sensation of walking on clouds.

What makes the Cloudnova stand out is not just the comfort, but also how it combines style with functionality. The shoe features a breathable mesh upper that keeps your feet cool and dry, which is a huge plus for long wear. The seamless design helps prevent irritation and blisters, making these sneakers a reliable choice for all-day use. The cushioning system does an excellent job of absorbing impact and reducing stress

on your joints, which is particularly beneficial if you're on your feet a lot for work or life in general.

Another notable feature is the Speedboard® integrated into the shoe. This component supports natural foot movement and helps propel you forward, which enhances both comfort and performance. Whether you're sprinting through a workout or walking around town, the Cloudnova adapts to your movements and provides consistent support.

In terms of durability, the Cloudnova sneakers don't disappoint. The rubber out-

sole offers solid traction and handles different surfaces well, making them versatile enough for various activities and conditions. Plus, the sleek, modern design means these sneakers look great with almost any athletic outfit, adding a touch of style to their practical benefits.

Overall, On Cloudnova sneakers have exceeded my expectations in every way. They offer a perfect blend of comfort, performance and style.

If you're considering investing in a pair, I highly recommend them. They've truly been a game-changer for me, making my

daily routines more comfortable and enjoyable. If you're in the market for a reliable, stylish and comfortable sneaker, the Cloudnova is definitely worth a try. I'm giving this product 5 out of 5 alligators because it's the best sneaker I've ever tried!

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Fall change up Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This is a super simple soup that has the most flavorful slow and smokey burn. Butternut squash soup is one of my favorites but sometimes I find it a bit bland. My family agrees with me.

Even though the right amount of herbs, salt and a depthful stock make a butternut squash sing, I decided to spice things up this week. I added chipotle peppers and turned it into a smoky, slightly spicy version that gets better with each bite.

My husband and especially the kids are a bit skeptical about squash of any kind. They did however love the leftover stuffed acorn squash that I made last week.

I have to play it cool and not serve squash every meal, every day, but it's hard because my inner self is screaming with excitement. I've burned too many food bridges that way. So, I'm

playing it cool and decided to wait a week to make this soup. Their taste buds are ever evolving and becoming more tolerable of spice.

So this soup was a hit because of the addition of chipotles. It looks like butternut squash soup, but after the first few seconds of a bite your taste buds wake up to an unexpected smoky, tangy and spicy squash flavor.

Extra adobo sauce is added which is a paste that is canned with the peppers. It's made from vinegar, garlic, ground chilis and lots of oregano.

It's the source of the tang and really makes the soup something other than just spicy. Use your best judgment as to how many peppers to add. Remember that the spice builds in your mouth.

The squash and onions are roasted in the oven first to add some charred flavor and cumin and

chili powder really help to round out the flavors.

Next time you're at the store and see the squash display, think about changing up your soup game with this warming recipe.

Cheers, Mombeau

Smoky Butternut Squash Soup

1 medium butternut squash

2 Honeycrisp apples. Peeled and diced

1 large onion, peeled and halved

4 large carrots, peeled and trimmed

2 tsp cumin

2 tsp mild chili pepper

3 garlic cloves, peeled

2-4 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce

1 tbsp adobo sauce

2 tbsp olive oil

4 cups chicken or vegetable broth

½ cup heavy cream

Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 375°. Cut the butternut squash in half horizontally and scoop out the seeds. Peel and halve the onion. Place on a parchment paper lined baking sheet and drizzle with 1 tablespoon of olive oil.

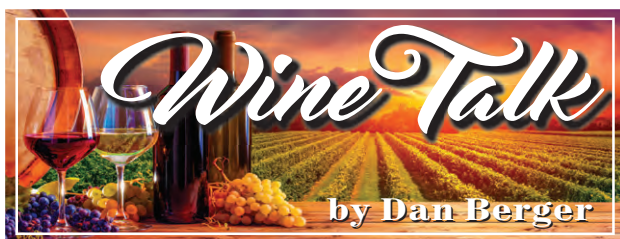
Toss the squash and onions with the cumin and chili pepper along with lots of salt and pepper. Place cut side down and roast for 30 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Cut the carrots into chunks. Place them in a 4 quart soup pot with the apples, garlic and broth. Scoop the flesh out of the squash skin and add to the pot along with the onions, chipotles and adobo sauce. Set on the stove, bring to a boil and let simmer for about 30 minutes.



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Turn the heat off and use an immersion blender to puree the soup until smooth. Taste and add more salt and pepper if so desired.



Visiting wine country

Visiting a winery to see how this magical product is produced can be done at any time of the year, but I have found that it is really best done shortly after the year-end holidays.

Immediately after the harvest in the Northern Hemisphere, around Halloween and Thanksgiving, the harvest is wrapping up and wineries are in a sanitation mode. A huge amount of work is being done that entails a lot of hot water, which means hoses and wet floors.

After Thanksgiving,

much of the work has been completed, and winery personnel can be a little less stressed.

The best way to see a winery is to plan your trip carefully to not only maximize the enjoyment of the wine, but to avoid pitfalls associated with this activity. Here are a few suggestions to make it more enjoyable.

- Identify which wineries you'd like to see and determine the distances between them. If you're seeing more than one winery before or after lunch, make sure there's adequate time to

get from one to the other.

For example, it's possible to visit Gloria Ferrer and Trentadue on the same day; both are located in Sonoma County. But they are about an hour apart, even without traffic.

- Make tasting room reservations in advance. Some wineries do not require it, but inquiring ahead of time tells the winery about when you will arrive and how many are in your party. Walk-ins without reservations may be frowned on.

- If you are planning to stay overnight, make hotel or B&B reservations as early as possible. Some wine regions have limited lodging, which can fill up without warning.

- Try to make visits on midweek days when traffic is lighter and restaurants are not overwhelmed.

- Begin each tour day with a hearty breakfast. It helps sobriety to have

sips of alcoholic beverages on a full stomach.

- Plan to visit no more than four wineries in a day, two each before and after lunch. More than that really is impractical; it's hard to understand much about the wines by rushing the process.

- When making a winery reservation, ask if the winery is planning any special events for the time you're going to be in the area. Some wineries may fail to mention events when you are in touch with them.

- Ask about tasting room fees well in advance. Some wineries now charge a lot. I have heard of visitors facing charges so high they left before doing any tasting. Also, ask if tasting room fees are refundable if you purchase a bottle of wine.

- Make lunch reservations as early as you can. If that doesn't pan out, ask the wineries you visit

if they have picnic tables and sell light foods. Or plan ahead and bring the picnic with you.

- Bring a notebook and try to take notes on the wines you are interested in. Some wines have special designations that are hard to remember.

- Always take a business card so you can con-

tact the winery later to find out about its wine club programs.

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FOOD:

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patio (when in season) are filled until the last table is served at 8 p.m.

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Jim Broadbent as Harold Fry, has second thoughts about mailing his letter in the 2023 movie "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry," directed by Hettie Macdonald.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry"
 2023 - Not Rated
 1 hr 48 min
 ★★★★★

With an unusual title like this, I suspected I was in for something special. And my hunch was spot on, as the Brits would say. This film has so much to offer: a very moving story, picturesque scenery, first rate directing and cinematography, and above all, the amazing acting talents of Jim Broadbent ("The Iron Lady," "Another Year") and Penelope Wilton ("The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," "Downton Abbey").

The movie is based on the best-selling novel by Rachel Joyce, who also wrote the screenplay.

Hettie Macdonald, best known for her work in television, which includes "Doctor Who," "Inspector Lewis," "Normal People," and "Howards End," directed.

Additionally, Kate McCullough's brilliant camerawork did wonders bringing this marvelous tale to life. The way she captures the gorgeous English countryside is one for the ages.

Harold Fry (Broadbent), is a retiree who lives with his wife Maureen in Kingsbridge, in the southwest part of England. We sense that they may have been close at one time but the spark has definitely gone out of their relationship. They tolerate one another and lead a drab existence.

One day, Harold gets a letter from an old colleague Queenie, who informs him she has cancer and is in hospice. Obviously he's saddened by the news and he writes her a response, which you can tell, he's not really satisfied with. However he heads out to post his letter anyway.

When he approaches the post box, he's hesitant to drop the letter in.

He wanders around town going from mailbox to mailbox, without actually mailing his letter.

It's at the convenience store inside a gas station where he has his revelation. After telling a young, blue-haired clerk about Queenie, she tells him she had an aunt who was terminally ill. She reveals that her having faith and not giving up, gave her aunt the hope she needed to overcome her disease. It's this "aha!" moment that starts Harold on his journey.

Harold calls Queenie from a phone booth and tells her hospice nurse that he's headed on foot to visit her and to not give up. She simply has to go on living. Naturally, he's totally unprepared for the journey.

He doesn't have his phone with him, let alone a change of clothes. He doesn't even have an extra pair of socks! And he's such a sedentary sort, his wife tells him the only walking he ever does is his trip to the car.

Then there's the

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



fact that he's headed to Berwick-upon-Tweed, on the northern coast of England — a healthy 450 miles away.

But Harold is unfazed by the task at hand. For him it's simply a matter of putting one foot in front of another. So his trek begins.

Along the route, he encounters all sorts of folks. Naturally, with this being England, most of the people he meets are more than generous. He's even put up for a couple nights by an Eastern European immigrant. She turns out to be a doctor, who unfortunately, can't practice medicine but has to do menial work just to get by.

While walking, we see flashbacks that help explain his strained relationship with Maureen. Their son David (Earl Cave) had a huge substance abuse problem, which they weren't equipped to handle. The fact that he was no longer a part of their lives caused a great deal of guilt, which they've had to live with for years. As parents, there was only so much they could do, but their regrets continue to haunt them.

During his journey, you wonder what hap-

pened to David. And what exactly was Harold's relationship with Queenie?

"The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry," while a very touching story, never gets overly sentimental. Nor does it have that "rah-rah" aspect to it. It sits somewhere comfortably in the middle.

It's also quite a showcase for Mr. Broadbent's talents. His facial expressions, his distinctive voice, and even the way he carries himself, says so much. It's just a treat to watch him perform.

That said, I must warn you to have some tissues on hand. This is one of those films that'll stick with you for quite a while.

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy and Hoopla. Also to rent on Apple TV and Amazon Prime.

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

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

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

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



Right, Daniel Frogson as Wilf, tags along with Harold on his quest to save Queenie.

Left, Harold Fry and his canine companion.



Right, Jim Broadbent as Harold Fry and Penelope Wilton as Maureen Fry, at journey's end.



Above, Harold is joined by a supportive crowd.

Below, Harold Fry on the road.



Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 2 a.m. EDT today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Leo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, October 24, 2024: You know what makes people tick. You are entertaining, quiet, attractive and clever. This is a year of service, especially service to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can be supportive to others. You might want to enroll in a class. A personal makeover might appeal to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You might suddenly introduce new changes or improvements to your home or where you live because it seems like a good idea. Actually, these ideas might have been percolating in your mind for some time, and now you're ready to act. (This might appear hasty to some, but fast and impulsive is your style.) **Tonight:** Romance!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Today you might suddenly take a short trip based on an exciting idea to explore something new. Or you might try to convince others to agree with something that interests you. You're full of high energy to get something done, and there's no holding you back! **Tonight:** Entertain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You're working hard, especially to boost your earnings, if possible. Because of this, you might suddenly decide to impulsively buy something for yourself or someone else as a reward. Discussions with others will be strong and to the point. **Tonight:** Socialize.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
In your drive for new experiences today, you might seek out friendships with exciting people who stimulate you. You will be more impulsive than usual because you feel playful and adventurous. Your actions also might be motivated by an exciting flirtation or a promising romance. **Tonight:** Check your money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Home and family are your focus. In particular, home repairs and redecorating projects will appeal to you, which is why you might be eager to do something unusual today. Because the Moon is in your sign today, you will be more emotional about everything. **Tonight:** Socialize!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
This is a fast-paced time! Meetings, errands, short trips and discussions with others will stimulate your day. A competition with a friend or a group might suddenly occur. Possibly, a friend will surprise you or spur you on in some way. "The game, Mrs. Hudson, is on!" **Tonight:** Enjoy solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You prefer to avoid direct conflict with others because you like to maintain harmony in your surroundings. However, today some kind of conflict with a parent, boss or authority figure might suddenly erupt. Stay steady. **Tonight:** Friendships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
The Sun, Mercury and fair Venus are in your sign now, which empowers you and strengthens your words. This is timely, because an unexpected controversy might explode

today. Or perhaps something related to the law, medicine or travel plans will suddenly change everything. **Tonight:** You are admired.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Although you're keeping a low profile and working alone or behind the scenes, something related to banking issues, shared property, inheritances or the wealth of someone else will suddenly require your attention. Assume nothing. **Tonight:** Explore!


CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Even though this is a popular time for you and you're enjoying relating to younger, creative people, an upsetting situation with a close friend or partner could take place today. Someone might challenge you. Be ready for anything that comes your way. **Tonight:** Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your work routine will be interrupted today, quite possibly because of your own excitement. You might be impatient with the progress of something and decide to take a new direction or do something that others consider to be unexpected. (Of course, this is your style.) **Tonight:** Be friendly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Pisces parents should know that this is another accident-prone day for your kids. Therefore, be vigilant. Meanwhile, social activities are unpredictable! You might receive an unexpected invitation, or conversely, social plans might suddenly be canceled or changed. **Tonight:** Relax.

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Singer, actor Drake (1986), actor Kevin Kline (1947), actor BD Wong (1960).




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Contract Bridge

UP WITH THE KING

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 5 4 2
♥ 7 5 3
♦ J 8 7
♣ 6 5 2

EAST

♠ 3
♥ A 8 6 2
♦ 10 6 4 3
♣ K 10 7 4

WEST

♠ 9 7 6
♥ K Q J 9
♦ 9 5 2
♣ Q 8 3

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 10 8
♥ 10 4
♦ A K Q
♣ A J 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — king of hearts.

There are times when one must violate a basic rule because the situation calls for it. For example, consider this deal where South was in four spades and the defense started with three rounds of hearts, declarer ruffing the third.

South began by cashing the K-Q of trump and A-K-Q of diamonds before

leading the ten of trump to dummy's ace and returning a club.

After East followed low, South inserted the nine, losing to the queen. It didn't matter whether West returned a club into declarer's A-J or yielded a ruff-and-discard by leading a heart. Either way, South had the rest of the tricks and so made the contract.

However, South would have failed had East risen to the occasion by playing his king on the club lead from dummy at trick ten. This would have violated the general defensive principle of playing second-hand-low, but it would also have made South's position untenable. Whatever he did next, declarer would have had to lose two club tricks.

In retrospect, it is easy to see that East should have gone up with the king. He knew from the play to this point that declarer had started with precisely five spades, two hearts and three diamonds, and therefore had to have exactly three clubs.

If South had the A-Q-x, the king play would make no difference, since the club finesse was due to succeed. But if South had his actual holding, playing the king was absolutely necessary to defeat the contract.

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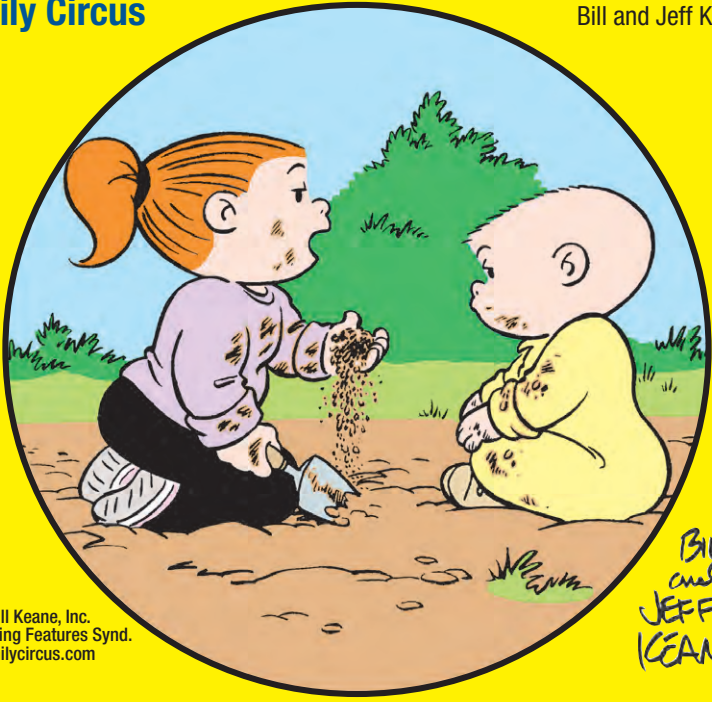
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"We call it dirt 'cause it makes us dirty."

Garfield

Jim Davis



Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



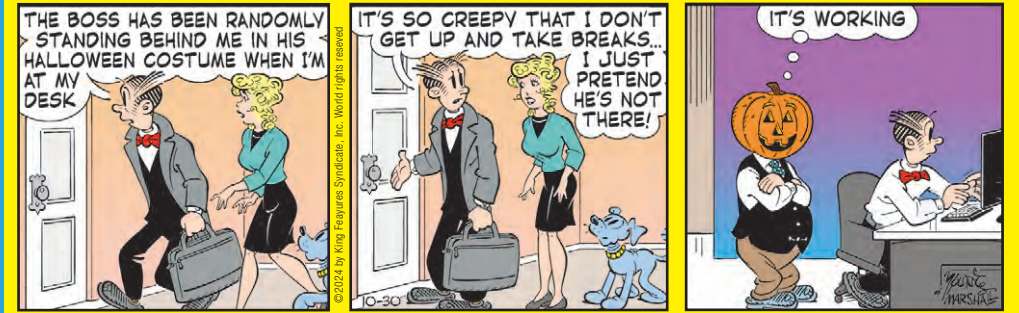
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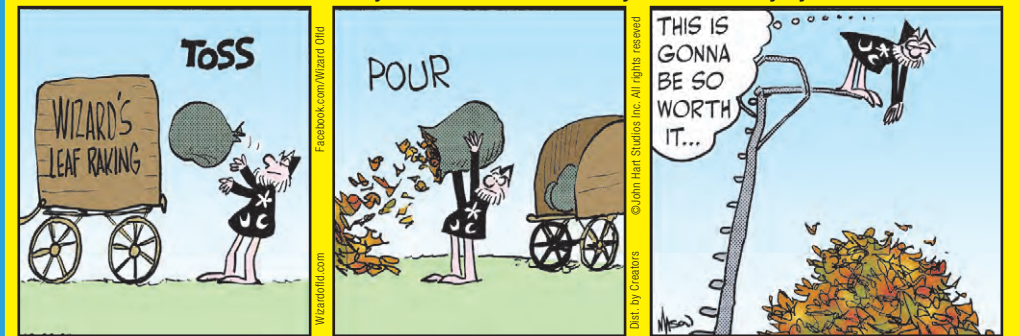
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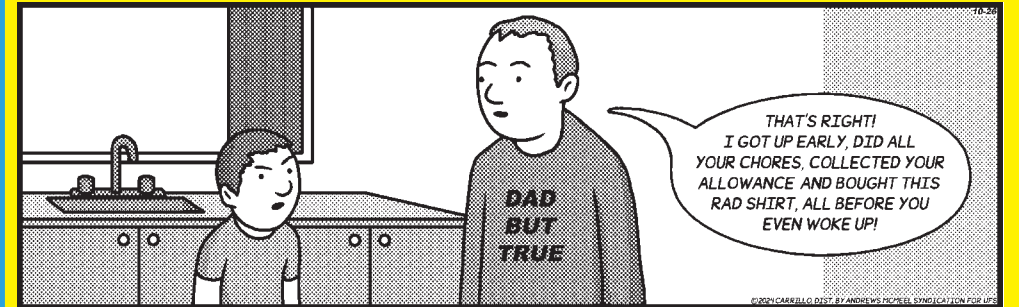
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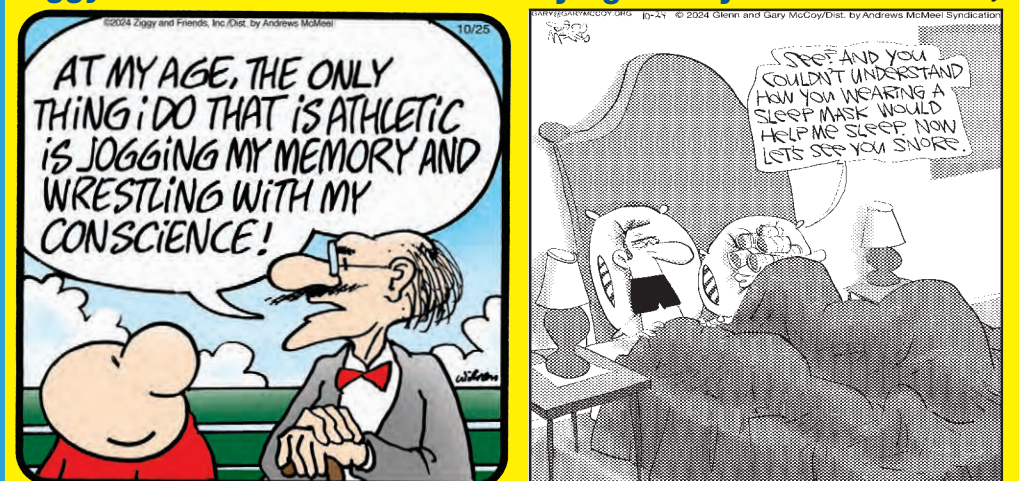


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

10/24

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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10/17 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by Taylor Johnson October 24, 2024

ACROSS

- 1 Certain cameras, briefly
- 5 Part of a golf club
- 10 Transcript figs.
- 14 Broil or saute
- 15 Chicken, in Spanish
- 16 Pakistani language
- 17 Mechanical learning method
- 18 "The Chronicles of Narnia" lion
- 19 Stitched up
- 20 "Aspirational 'Fiddler on the Roof' song (In this clue's answer, see letters 7-9)
- 23 Sheets of glass
- 24 Color, as hair
- 25 Skeptical
- 26 Intense longing
- 28 Married
- 29 Disneyland attraction with a racetrack
- 33 "Justin Timberlake hit of 2002 (... letters 5-7)
- 37 Sand hills
- 39 Greek P
- 40 Musical set in Argentina
- 43 Opinion piece
- 44 Entertain
- 46 And others: Abbr.

- 47 Chihuahua o Baja California
- 49 Country with a maple leaf on its flag
- 51 "Bob Seger song used in Chevrolet truck commercials (... letters 4-6)
- 55 Year for "Beef" comedian Wong
- 59 Short-term workers
- 63 Obvious
- 64 Pooh's jumping friend
- 65 Vowel sequence
- 66 "Peanuts" character
- 67 Tennis redo
- 68 Group of candidates

- 10 Laid on the praise
- 11 Program for aspiring docs
- 12 Source of some pop-ups
- 13 Citrusy orange drink brand
- 21 Some English class assignments
- 22 Split
- 27 Belly, to a toddler
- 28 Nintendo console
- 30 Four years, for a U.S. president
- 31 Hawaii's third-largest island
- 32 Advantages
- 33 Tech news site
- 34 "Danger! Danger!"
- 35 State of stability
- 36 EGOT winner
- 37 Fawn's mother
- 38 ___ and downs
- 41 Smidgen
- 42 Pie ___ mode
- 44 Totally fine
- 45 Prefix with "logical" or "system"
- 48 Simple song
- 50 Stand in for
- 52 Viscount's superior
- 53 Soothing succulent
- 54 Super funny person
- 55 Own up (to)
- 56 Egg cells
- 57 Doggy doc
- 60 Soccer legend
- 61 Hamm prize
- 62 Take to court

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

L	I	K	E	M	A	S	S	S	H	E	A	R		
G	L	A	D	C	R	O	P	C	A	R	G	O		
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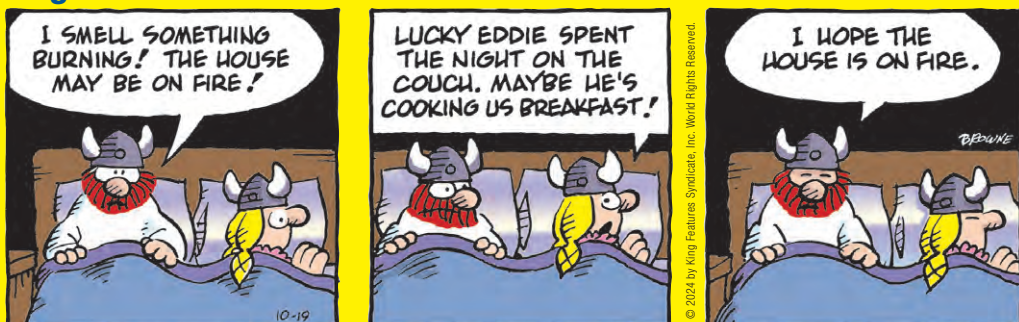
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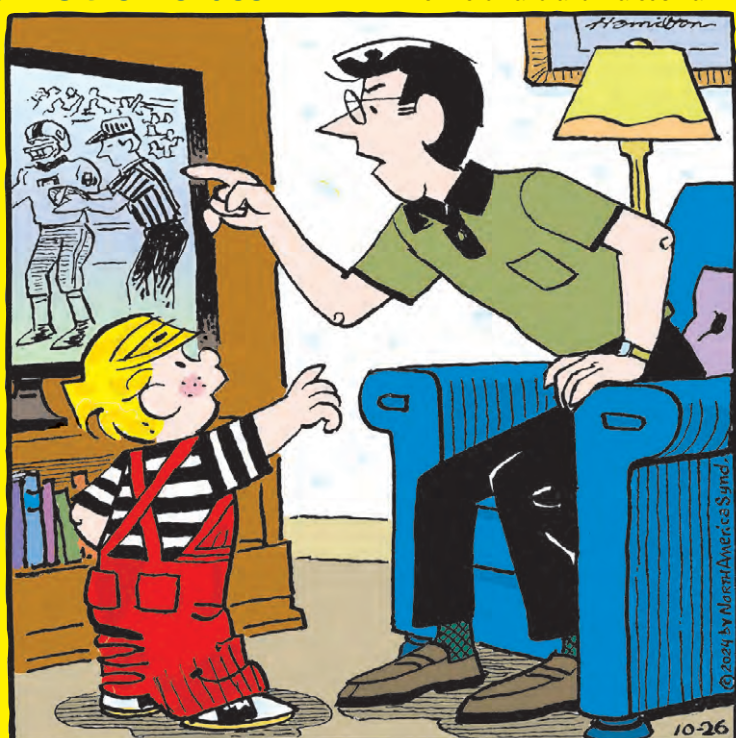
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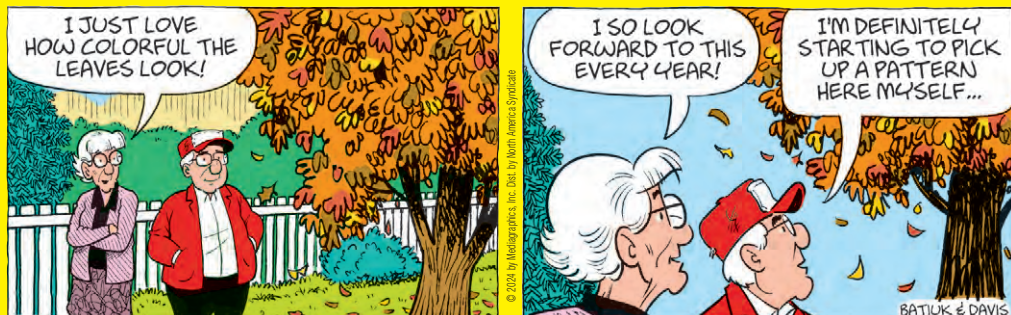
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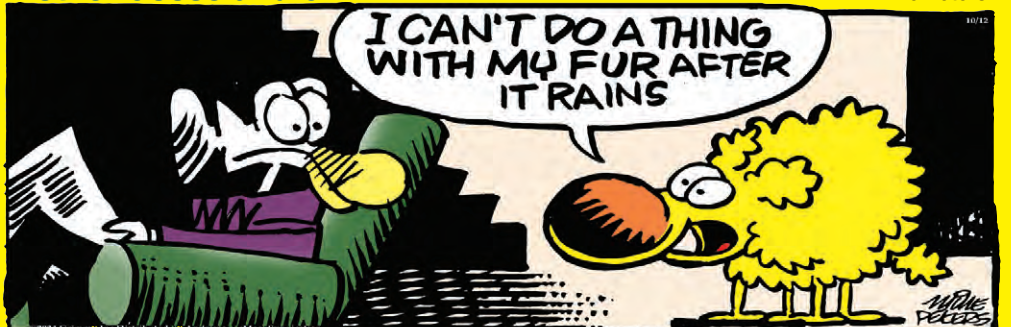
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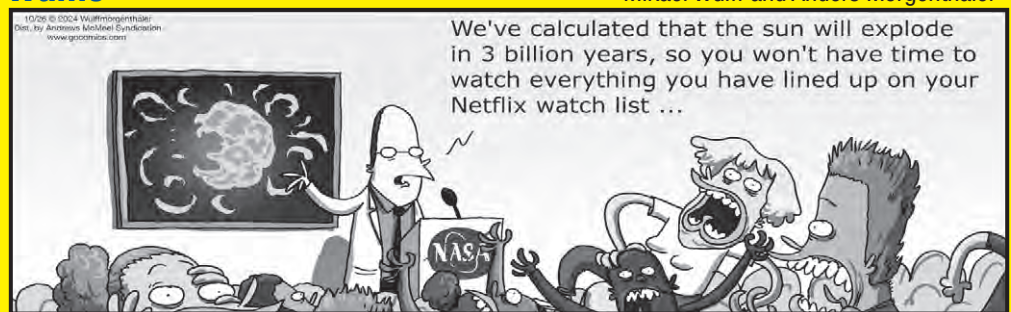
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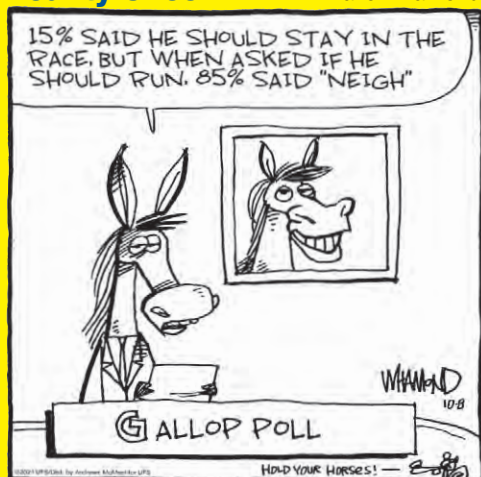
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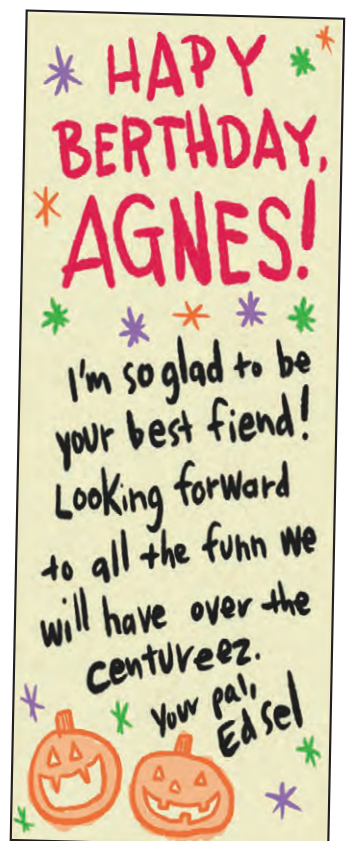


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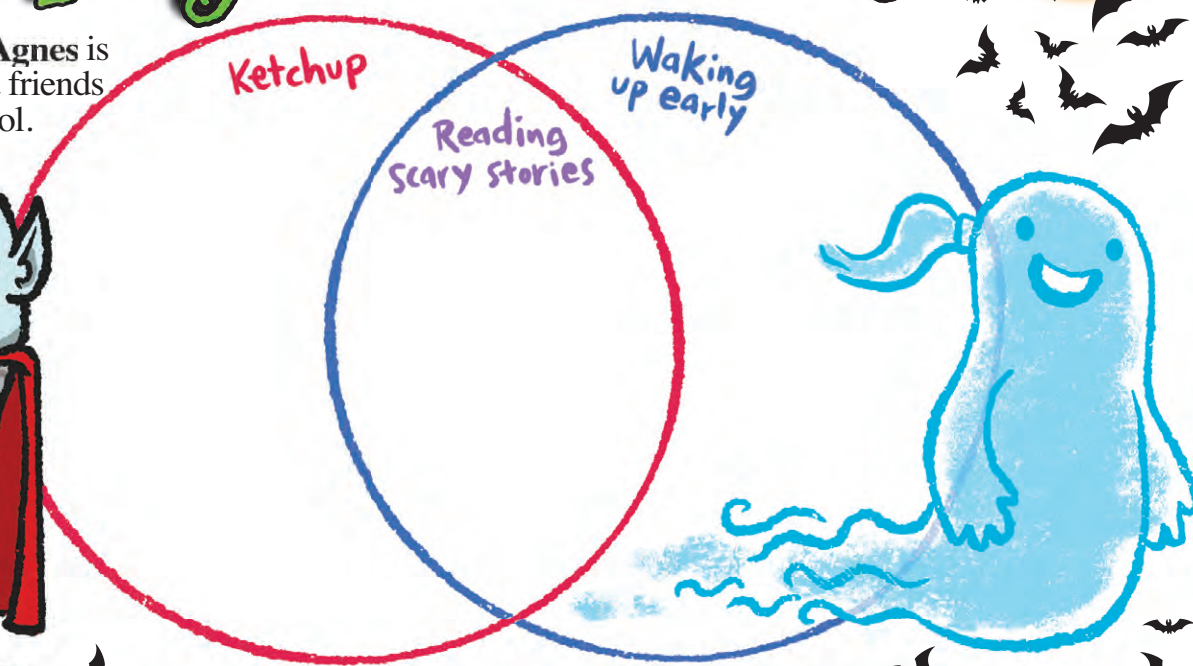
Agnes and Edsel share the same birthday: October 31. They made birthday cards for one another. But both cards have some spelling errors. Can you circle their mistakes? Rewrite the messages on another sheet of paper.



Standards Link: Language Arts: Spell grade-level words correctly.

Frightfully Good Friends

Edsel is a vampire. Agnes is a ghost. They're best friends at Ghoul Night School.



How many bats can you find on this page?

The two friends have a lot of things in common, but they also have some differences. Do the math to complete this Venn diagram to discover what they have in common. If the answer is between 1 and 9, that's something Agnes likes. If the answer is between 10 and 15, that's something Edsel likes. If the answer is 16 or above, both like it.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

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| Waking up early = 1 + 1 | Old music boxes = 4 + 3 |
| Reading scary stories = 8 + 8 | Rocking chairs = 10 - 5 |
| Ketchup = 5 + 5 | Mirrors = 2 + 6 |
| Creaky doors = 4 + 2 | Dark clothing = 20 - 5 |
| Surprising people = 9 + 10 | Moonlight = 15 + 10 |
| Garlic = 12 - 4 | Sleeping late = 7 + 3 |
| Dusty attics = 11 + 11 | Playing piano = 11 - 2 |
| Dark corners = 23 - 4 | Sunsets = 7 + 1 |
| Singing in basements = 20 - 2 | Foggy nights = 7 + 9 |

Extra! Extra! Scary Search

- Look through the newspaper to circle:
- Three words that rhyme with the word GHOST
 - Three words that rhyme with the word SCREAM
 - Three words that rhyme with the word FRIGHT

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify rhyming words.

Play Problems

Sometimes friends disagree. Agnes wants to play casket-ball at recess. But Edsel wants to dig in the sandbox. Use the code to see how they settled this dilemma.

After flipping a coin, they agreed to



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Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

Hide and Shriek

Agnes hid some things in the cemetery for Edsel to find. He needs your help to find these items:

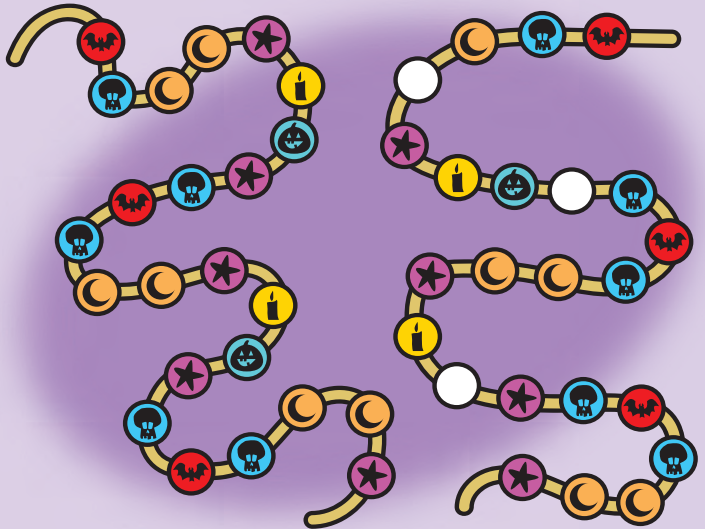
- BASEBALL
- SHOE
- TOOTHBRUSH
- PAINTBRUSH
- PENCIL
- MITTEN



Standards Link: Use observation skills.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Edsel and Agnes are making friendship bracelets. Draw the missing beads that will make them exactly the same pattern.



Standards Link: Complete patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- BALL
- CREAKY
- DARK
- DIG
- DUSTY
- FOGGY
- GARLIC
- GHOST
- HIDE
- LATE
- MUSIC
- MOONLIGHT
- SCARY
- SUNSETS
- VENN

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



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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This week's word: **DILEMMA**

The noun **dilemma** means a difficult choice.

My **dilemma** was choosing to go to the movies with Amy or the park with Kevin.

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

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Funny Facts

Find two comic strips in the newspaper to compare. Make a Venn diagram that shows things they have in common and things that are different.

Standards Link: Use Venn diagrams to show similarities and differences.

What happens to ghosts that get lost in the fog?

ANSWER: They are mist.

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Fast Blue Devils run to MAC title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

There are only a few races left in the fall cross-country season before the state finals roll around. One of the biggest the boys and girls teams from Grosse Pointe South had circled on their calendar this year was the MAC White/Blue Division

championship meet Saturday, Oct. 19. The day ended up being a successful one for the Blue Devils as both teams emerged as champions.

The girls team for South finished first, with all seven varsity runners earning All-League honors. Senior Sarah Koval was named the league's most valu-

able athlete after she finished first place overall in the field of more than 100 runners while achieving a personal-record time of 19:39. Savannah Spangler from South earned third place, while Chloe Caulfield and Adelina Parikh both made it into the top 10, in sixth and eighth places respectively.

South had three more runners finish just outside of the top 10, but still within the top 20. Morgan Costello earned 14th place, Calisse Budek crossed the finish line 16th and Rylee Piornack finished 20th. "We continue to race extremely well as we wind down the season," South girls cross-country coach Steve Zaranek

said. "Over the last two meets, our girls hit 55 personal records and we just keep getting better."

The boys team for the Blue Devils also earned first place in the league. Jack Martin was the highest finisher, coming in third with a time of 16:47. Tethyan McKenzie also finished in the top five in fifth place.

Edmund Shall ended up in 16th place and Joshua Sonnenberg in 19th. Everett Wood was just outside of the top 20 in 21st place and Brody Fitzgibbon also cracked the top 30 by finishing 29th.

Grosse Pointe North

The boys and girls cross-country teams for the Norsemen traveled to Dryden for the Cardinal Invitational Saturday, Oct. 19. Both teams managed to finish in the top

five, with the boys team having a strong showing by taking second place in the standings. The Norsemen had two runners finish in the top 10 in the boys race. Caleb Kosel finished fifth overall with teammate Paul Stephens right behind in sixth place. Dylan Phillips also earned a medal with his 15th place finish.

The girls team finished fourth overall in the field. The top finisher was senior Ashlei Anatalio, who took 25th place. Katie Madigan crossed the finish line 27th. Mimi Trupiano and Maylin Parish finished back-to-back in 29th and 30th.

North's boys and girls teams along with South's teams will all travel to Romeo Saturday, Oct. 26, to race in the MHSAA Division 1 regional championship.

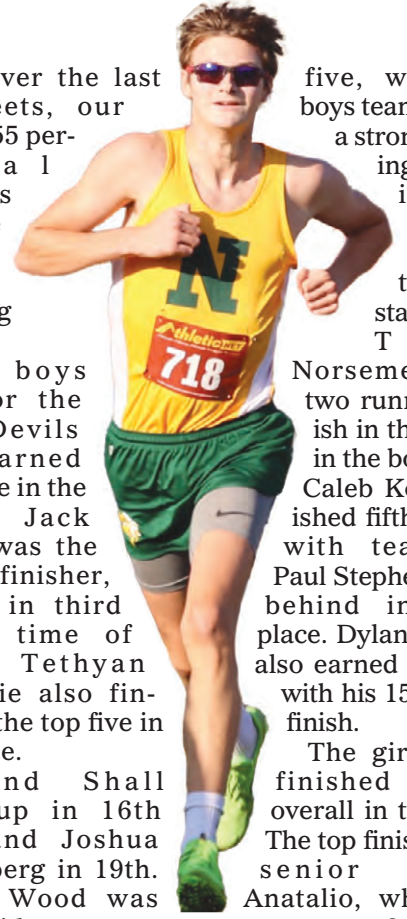


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From left, Morgan Costello, Savannah Spangler, Calisse Budek, Rylee Piornack, Sarah Koval, Chloe Caulfield and Adelina Parikh from South girls cross country celebrate the team's MAC Championship meet victory Saturday, Oct. 19.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Liggett's Cicarella showcases speed on gridiron and track

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Some athletes are just born fast. University Liggett School senior Santino Cicarella does not necessarily believe he was

in the entire state, and he put the work in to get himself there.

"A lot of it has to do with figuring out your own body and managing your sleep and diet," Cicarella said. "A lot of it is just reps. Running is something that you have to just get a lot of reps at and practice your form. I've always run against the fastest people and it pushes me to get faster and that's really helped."

dash.

"I was very close to winning the state championship in the 200 and the 100," he said. "This year, I want to win the state championship in the 100, 200 and 400. I'm preparing for that (by) doing winter track with Motor City Track Club and that helps a lot. I think it's going to be a great track season this year."

While he looks to get back on the podium at the track and field finals this spring, Cicarella's focus right now is on the gridiron. He is making an impact all over the field in his senior season with the

Knights. As a receiver, he has caught 39 passes for 812 yards and six touchdowns through eight games this fall. He also has four interceptions on defense.

His stats this season stand out, but Cicarella wants his impact on the team to go beyond just numbers. He knows being a senior comes with an added sense of leadership and responsibility and that is a role he has grown to embrace.

"My personal goal is just to be a leader this year and lead the team to the best of my ability," Cicarella said. "... I just try to motivate my teammates and help

them stick with it because some of the players on our team are young and very good, but some of them haven't played a lot of football yet. I tell them that I've kind of been in their situation before and to just keep pushing through it and

also knows he has great leaders on Liggett's coaching staff helping him thrive. That staff includes head coach Andrew Rison. Having a former NFL first-team All-Pro and Super Bowl champion who played the same position as Cicarella at the highest level certainly has been a blessing he eventually, if you keep working hard, you're going to end up in a good spot."

While he is focused on being a leader on and off the field for his teammates, Cicarella

Santino Cicarella gets ready to make a catch in University Liggett football's game against Hamtramck on Sept. 13.

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Santino Cicarella
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In fact, he never quite thought of himself as fast until just a few years ago. The varsity football wide receiver and track star knows now he is one of the fastest runners not only in the Pointes, but

That training and discipline have certainly helped. At the 2024 Division 3 track and field state finals last spring, Cicarella finished second in the 200-meter race and fourth in the 100-meter

Speedy Santino

- 812 receiving yards and 6 receiving TDs for ULS varsity football this season
- 4 INTs in 8 games while playing defense for the Knights
- Finished top 5 in both the 100-meter and 200-meter races at 2024 track & field state finals

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2D | SPORTS

Boys soccer teams come up short in district final matches

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Boys soccer playoffs kicked into full gear last week as teams around the state and in the Pointes competed in the district round of the post-season. Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School's varsity teams were all in action in their respective divisions and all three managed to advance to the finals in their district tournaments. However, the Knights, Blue Devils and Norsemen all had their seasons end in the district final round in their matches last Thursday, Oct. 17.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

and equalize. The Wolves' defense remained strong and kept Liggett from scoring again.

Liggett's season ends with a final record of 12-4-2.

Grosse Pointe South

The Blue Devils hosted the district final in Division 1 last Thursday as they took on Lakeview. South advanced to the final after defeating Fraser 2-1 in the semifinal on Tuesday, Oct. 15, with goals scored by Blake Sabol and Jacob Duso.

South's hopes for deep postseason run were

dashed in the district final, however, as the Huskies used two second-half goals to take down the Blue Devils 2-0.

The first Lakeview goal was scored in the 51st minute by senior Evan Tripp. The second was scored in the 57th minute by junior Blake Moseley.

While the team came up short of winning a district title, South did earn a MAC White Division championship this season. The Blue Devils' final record was 14-4-3.

Grosse Pointe North

The Norsemen competed in the Division 2

district tournament last week, winning their semifinal game 3-2 over Lamphere on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Goals for North in the win were scored by Jacob Lutoborski, Vincenzo Bonasso and Matthew Robert.

North then hosted De La Salle Collegiate in the district final on Thursday. Despite a big win in the semifinal, the Norsemen were unable to bring home the district crown, losing 2-0 to the Pilots.

North's season ended with a final record of 9-10-2. The team finished in fourth place in the MAC Blue Division.



Jonah Bukovec makes his run toward the ball for a Blue Devils' free kick in South's district final loss to Lakeview last Thursday, Oct. 17.

University Liggett

The Knights earned a trip to last week's Division 4 district final with a 1-0 victory over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist last Tuesday, Oct. 15, in the district semifinal. The lone goal of the game was scored by sophomore Brady Ancona in the 20th minute of the first half.

The win last Tuesday propelled the Knights into Thursday's district-final matchup. Liggett was tasked with taking on a familiar foe as it had to face CHSL rival Detroit Cristo Rey. The Knights fought hard but ultimately missed out on the district title with a 3-2 loss.

"We have so much respect for Cristo Rey and have played against

Liggett senior Kaden Logan maneuvers through the midfield in the Knights' district semifinal game against Allen Park Inter-City Baptist on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

them three times this season where we tied, we lost and then we lost in the one that kind of mattered the most," Liggett boys soccer head coach David Dwaihy said. "... We played very well and I could tell from the boys' reaction after the game that they recognized they played very well and left it all out on the field. Sometimes you come up short against a very worthy opponent."

Cristo Rey took the lead 13 minutes into the game scoring off of a corner kick. The Knights capitalized on a corner kick of their own later on

in the first half when freshman Sekou Manneh used his head to find the back of the net and tie the game.

Before the first half ended, Cristo Rey regained the lead by scoring on a penalty kick, taking a 2-1 advantage into the break. Liggett struck quickly in the opening minute of the second half to even the game on a goal by Bobby Harthorn.

Cristo Rey regained the lead again with just over 30 minutes remaining, leaving the Knights having to fight for the rest of the game to try



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Cicarella is averaging over 100 yards receiving per game for Liggett varsity football this season.

ATHLETE:

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level, Cicarella is grateful for the opportunity to learn from a former professional who knows what it takes to be an elite receiver.

"We love Coach Rison and connected with him immediately," he said. "He has so much knowledge of the game. ... He's a great coach and I'm so thankful to have him here. We trust him and know that everything he says is going to help us."

As the end of the regular season nears, Cicarella is making the most of his final games as a Knight

on the gridiron. In a win over Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard on Oct. 11, he tallied 164 receiving yards — his season high. He also has five games this season where he has gone over the 100 yards receiving mark.

The Knights' record of 5-3 through eight weeks of the season means they are almost guaranteed a spot in the football playoffs. With two wins in a row going into the final game of the regular season against Bishop Foley Oct. 25, Cicarella and his Liggett teammates are looking to keep the momentum going through that game and into the postseason.

Every team and every player wants to hit their peak around this time of the season as the playoffs approach. Cicarella can feel that happening not only for himself, but for his entire team, and hopes playing at his peak can help earn him and his teammates a deep run to end fall.

"We've won the last two games and they were tough games," Cicarella said. "We want to win this week and go into the playoffs on a three-game winning streak. Our team is really bonding and coming together and nobody is being selfish, which really helps establish a winning culture."

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South football remains unbeaten after win over Anchor Bay Tars

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Before last Friday night's matchup against Anchor Bay, the Grosse Pointe South varsity football team won its last two games by a combined score of 104-14. The Blue Devils knew they were going to be tested by the Tars when they welcomed them to the Pointes Friday, Oct. 18, and knew a tough test at this point in the season would not be the worst thing. South ended up withstanding the test, using a strong second half to take a 35-21 win over Anchor Bay.

"The best practice you can have is in a game," South football head coach Chad Hepner said after the win. "We got better tonight physically because they challenged us physically. We got better mentally because of some of the adjustments we made at halftime. We're going to approach it just like we always do. This is another great week and we're going to have fun against Grosse Pointe North in that great rivalry game. We've got our process down and we just stick to it."

The first and second halves of last Friday's game were quite different. Anchor Bay seemed to control much of the momentum and the scoreboard in the first half. The Tars took the lead first in the final seconds of the opening quarter, with senior quarterback Ryan LaFear throwing his first touch-

down pass of the night to make it 7-0.

South tied the game about midway through the second quarter. Senior quarterback Jack Lupo for the Blue Devils found James Michelotti, who caught the ball and muscled his way to the end zone to even the game 7-7. However, Anchor Bay responded and regained the lead before halftime with a touchdown pass from LaFear to Gerry Hanson III to put the Tars up 14-7 going into the break.

When the second half kicked off, the game shifted in South's favor. The Blue Devils marched the ball down the field on the opening drive of the third quarter and capped it off with a touchdown pass from Lupo to Trey Grabowski to tie the game. The two connected for another touchdown later in the third quarter to give South the lead, going up 21-14 as the game entered the fourth quarter.

"They've got some good schemes and they change up what they're doing on defense," Hepner said about what changed for the Blue Devils after halftime. "We were able to change our plays a bit to be effective whether they came out in an even front or an odd front, which is something they like to do. On the other side of the ball, we were able to just widen out our defensive ends a bit, which helped against the jet sweep, and change up our coverage a bit to be more effective."



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South's Sam Rouleau secures the ball in the end zone for a touchdown catch in the fourth quarter of the team's win over Anchor Bay on Friday, Oct. 18.

Lupo threw his fourth touchdown of the night to open the fourth quarter. The touchdown was caught by Sam Rouleau and helped make it a two-score lead for the Blue Devils in the final frame. Anchor Bay answered back quickly, however, with a touchdown pass from LaFear to Isaiah Domey, making it a 28-21 lead for the Blue Devils.

South never wavered, even when the game became close late. The defense stood tall and the offense wrapped up the win with one last score, a

rushing touchdown by Lex Willson with just over a minute remaining in the game, to cap things off at 35-21.

Lupo completed 19 of his 25 passing attempts for 227 yards and four touchdowns. Michelotti was South's leading

receiver, catching four passes for 101 yards and a touchdown. Willson led the defense with 10 tackles, while Andrew Pazuchowski had two sacks.

The win helped the Blue Devils, who already secured the MAC White

Division championship, improve to 8-0 this season. South looks to complete an undefeated regular season Friday, Oct. 25, as it travels across town to face rival Grosse Pointe North. That game is scheduled for 7 p.m. at North.



South senior quarterback Jack Lupo scrambles out of the pocket and evades an Anchor Bay defender.



The Blue Devils raise their helmets for a postgame victory celebration after a 35-21 win over Anchor Bay.

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4D | SPORTS

North unable to recover from early deficit in loss to Warren Mott

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It is never easy for a team to dig itself out of a large deficit it takes on early in a game. The Grosse Pointe North varsity football team fell into that situation Friday, Oct. 18, when it hosted Warren Mott. The Norsemen found themselves down by multiple possessions early in the game and were not able to recover, even with a strong second-half performance, in a 49-33 loss to the Marauders.

"The way the majority of our games has gone is if we get down quick, they don't give up and battle to the end," North football head coach Joe Drouin said, "...The popular word going around Detroit right now is grit. They have it in them, have a chip on their shoulders and don't want to lose...I never felt like we were out of that game."

Mott seized control of the game early in last Friday's matchup. The Marauders scored three unanswered touchdowns in the first quar-

ter to take a 21-0 lead at the end of the opening frame.

They added another early in the second quarter to make it a four-touchdown lead. North finally got on the scoreboard on the ensuing kickoff, as Ethan Hamilton returned the kick all the way to the end zone for the Norsemen to make it 28-7.

Hamilton's kick return did not do anything to slow down Mott's offense. The Marauders scored two more unanswered touchdowns to grab a 42-7 lead. In the closing seconds of the first half, the Norsemen pulled a bit closer when Hamilton caught a screen pass from junior quarterback Deon Doe and took it 56 yards for a touchdown, reducing the deficit to 42-13 at halftime.

"We told them at halftime that we're never out of the fight," Drouin said. "...If we can start throwing some blows, we have a chance at it, and that's the resilience that they showed."

Mott scored the first

points of the second half with another touchdown to further extend its lead. Late in the quarter, junior quarterback Jacob Sahadi found Caleb Butler for a 30-yard North touchdown pass; however, the Norsemen trailed 49-19 going into the final quarter.

The Norsemen scored twice in the fourth quarter, but the deficit was too much to overcome. Daylon Doe had his second interception return for a touchdown in as many games, picking off Mott and scoring early in the fourth to make the score 49-25. Sahadi threw a touchdown to Leo Perettie with just over seven minutes to go for the game's final points.

The loss snapped North's four-game winning streak and brought the team's record to 4-4. The Norsemen close out the regular season in Week 9 by hosting the annual crosstown rivalry game against Grosse Pointe South. North and the Blue Devils face off Friday, Oct. 25, beginning at 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY COLIN SMITH

North's Daylon Doe returned an interception for a touchdown in the team's loss to Warren Mott on Friday, Oct. 18.

Norsemen and Blue Devils wrap up tennis season at state finals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The boys varsity tennis teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South made the trip to Kalamazoo last weekend to take to the courts in the biggest fall season event. The Blue Devils and Norsemen competed in the

Division 2 state finals and while neither team captured the title, both saw strong performances to cap off the season.

"(We) rose to the occasion and I'm very proud of our performance across the board," South boys tennis head coach Brian Kean said. "...South is on pace with how I envi-

sion the team's development and I'm looking forward to an explosive season next year."

In the final team standings, South finished 14th and North 17th, out of 21 teams. Both Matthew Holowinski from South and Xavier Sarnaik from North received first-round byes in the No. 1 singles bracket,

but both were eliminated in their second-round matches.

North's Troy Lipscomb lost in the opening round of the No. 2 singles bracket. Brendan Stafford from South received a bye in the first round, but lost his matchup in the second round. Matthew Bartoszewicz got a win for the Blue Devils in the

first round of No. 3 singles. He went on to be eliminated in the second round along with North's James Muawad.

To finish off singles play, Oscar DeLuca got a first-round win in No. 4 singles for South. He and North's Ajay Sarnaik both lost their second-round matchups.

In No. 1 doubles, North's regional champion team of Gruhith Yerramali and Louis Macres won its first-round match before falling in the second round. South's team of David Sutts and Nate Yeamans lost in the first round.

Both North and South got wins in the No. 2 doubles bracket. North's team of Jack

Sendoykas and Sam Michael won in the first round before losing in the second round. The same result happened to Max Prather and Matthew Hamilton from South.

Joseph Guthat and Ashton Zimmerman won their first-round match in No. 3 doubles for South before losing in the second round. North's pair of Stephen Listman and Emerson Hilliker also fell in the second round. In No. 4 doubles, South's Jackson Kean and Henry Logan lost in the first round, while

North's team of AJ Martinez and Oliver Bomgaars lost in the second round.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEXIS DELUCA

From left, Matthew Holowinski (South), Ajay Sarnaik (North), Xavaier Sarnaik (North) and Oscar Deluca (South) show that rivals can also be friends as they get together at the Division 2 boys tennis state finals last weekend.

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Liggett football earns close win over Loyola, improves to 5-3

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Back-to-back losses have turned into back-to-back wins for the University Liggett School varsity football team. After defeating Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard on the road in Week 7, the Knights hosted Detroit Loyal for a Week 8 matchup Friday, Oct. 18. It was a close, back-and-forth game, but Liggett ended up on top 24-21.

The Knights took the lead first, opening the first quarter with a touchdown by Juju Barnett to put the Knights up 7-0. Loyola responded quickly on its next drive, with junior quarterback Eric Jones completing a long touchdown pass to junior receiver Antonio Vasquez. A successful two-point conversion made it 8-7 Loyola.

The Bulldogs struck again quickly on the first play of Liggett's next drive. The Knights

fumbled the ball and Loyola recovered it and took it to the end zone. At the end of the opening quarter, Loyola was ahead 15-7.

The only points of the second quarter came on a touchdown run for Liggett by junior quarterback Nikkos Davis. The Knights got the two-point conversion as well and tied the game at 15 points apiece, where the score remained going into halftime.

Loyola regained the lead with a touchdown early in the third quarter to go ahead 21-15. Later in the quarter, the Knights' defense forced a safety that made the score 21-17.

Liggett still trailed by four entering the fourth quarter. With just more than 10 minutes left in the game, the Knights regained the lead for the first time since the first quarter. Pierre Walker scored what ended up being the game-winning touchdown as Liggett's defense stood tall and



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

held off the Bulldogs the remainder of the game.

The win improved Liggett's record to 5-3 this season and helped strengthen the team's chances for a likely postseason bid. Liggett will end the regular season Friday, Oct. 25, as it hosts Bishop Foley with kickoff at 3:30 p.m.



Above, Liggett junior quarterback Nikkos Davis powers his way into the end zone for a touchdown in the second quarter of the Knights' win over Detroit Loyola. Right, Pierre Walker is joined by teammates in the end zone after scoring what became the game-winning touchdown Friday, Oct. 18.

Knights advance, North, South fall in field hockey playoffs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Michigan High School Field Hockey League playoff tournament officially began last week and the varsity teams from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School were in action, looking to make deep runs in the postseason. For the Blue Devils and Norsemen, those hopes were dashed with early losses, while the Knights were able to advance.

ULS-North

Liggett hosted North in the first round of the Division 2 tournament Thursday, Oct. 17. The Knights ended up victorious in the playoff showdown between two crosstown foes, taking down the Norsemen 4-1. "We've been playing our best field hockey of the season the past few weeks and anything can happen in the playoffs," Liggett field hockey coach Amanda Amine said. "I'm extremely proud of the girls and the season we've had. They work so hard every day and our team camaraderie has really helped propel our success."

North's lone goal in

the game was scored by senior Josie Cueter. Ally Orlick found the back of the net twice for Liggett, while the team's other goals were scored by Aliya Abraham and Olivia Marcero.

The Knights advanced to the quarterfinals of the Division 2 state tournament, where they faced Chelsea after press time, Tuesday, Oct. 22. The tournament semifinals are scheduled Thursday, Oct. 24, at Chelsea High School.

South

The Blue Devils had to compete in a play-in round game for the Division 2 state tournament Monday, Oct. 14. South dominated against Regina, winning 8-0. Hannah Agnone and Evie Wodzisz had a pair of goals each. Wells Webber, Scout Webber, Andee Baker and Helena Moore all tallied goals as well in the victory.

South then moved to the next round of the tournament for a matchup against No. 2 seed Chelsea Thursday, Oct. 17. The Blue Devils were unable to repeat the same kind of explosive performance from their first playoff matchup and were eliminated from the tournament in a 2-0 loss.



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMANDA AMINE

The University Liggett School varsity field hockey team celebrates after a 4-1 playoff victory over crosstown foe Grosse Pointe North to advance in the MHSFHL Division 2 state tournament.

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY, GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND GROSSE POINTE WOODS MICHIGAN

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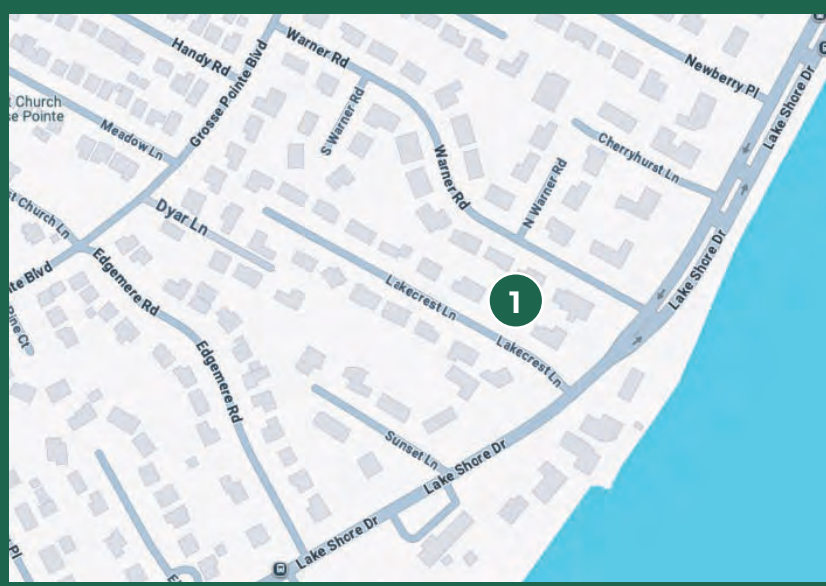
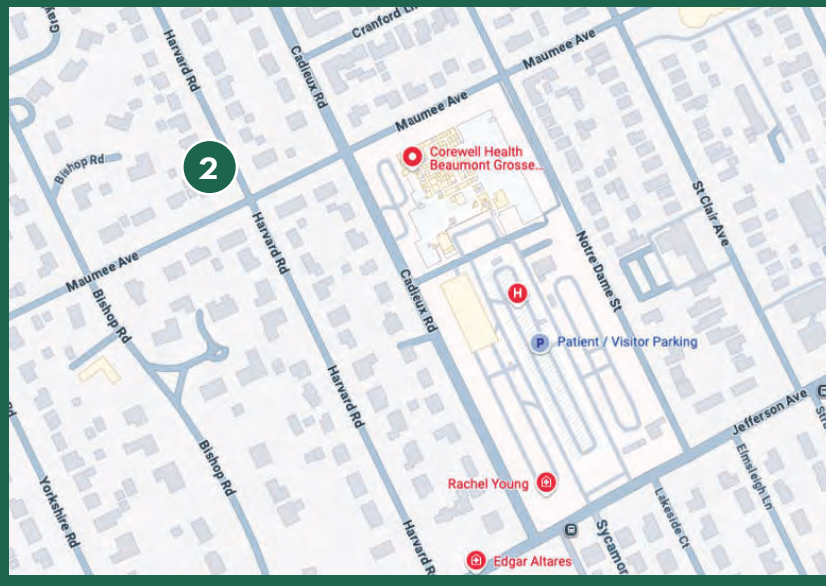
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