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Judge recused in Ridge Rd. trial

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Wayne County Juvenile Judge Christopher Dingell earlier this month agreed to a motion by prosecutors to recuse himself from the case of a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe boy charged with second-degree murder in the vehicular death of Flynn Mackrell last November.

The defendant, 16 years old at the time, drove speeds up to 105 mph on Ridge Road, resulting in the single-car accident that killed Mackrell, who was the only passenger. As the driver, the defendant faces a second-degree murder charge, prosecutors said, for intentionally causing a situation that had a high likelihood of causing death.

The prosecutor's office filed the motion to recuse,

implying the judge showed intent to be lenient in sentencing prior to the defendant being tried.

During a pretrial hearing in August, Dingell told the defendant if he were found guilty, "I am allowed under Michigan law to delay the adult sentencing and proceed first with an attempt to rehabilitate you through the delinquency system. If I can rehabilitate you, I can dismiss the adult sentence."

Dingell commented he has ruled to do so in every case before him the last 20 years. He also encouraged the prosecutor's office to offer a settlement rather than proceed to trial.

"I think this sets a dangerous precedent," defense attorney Mitchell Ribbitmer said prior to Dingell granting the recu-

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The Stackpoole family, from left, includes Mark, Molly, Dean, Reid and Allison.

Shores lowers some marina fees

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Non-residents will pay slightly less for a boat well at the marina in Osius Park next year.

City council voted 6-1 at its meeting Tuesday, Oct. 15, to charge non-residents 125 percent of the cost charged to residents for a boat well, down from the current 150 percent. Councilman John Seago, council's liaison to the harbor committee, was the lone no vote.

Residents will see an increase of 3 percent next year, based on what council approved in fall 2022 to raise rates for residents 3 percent per year for three years. That increase will range from \$30 to \$160, depending on the size of the well. Slips this year cost between \$1,100 and \$5,280.

The move to lower non-resident fees is due to the marina having nine empty wells this year. Finance Director Dale Krajniak said that resulted in around \$29,000 in missed revenue.

"By lowering the cost for non-residents, we're hoping to get a higher percentage of them to renew," Dan Ritter, chairman of the harbor committee, told council. "I know of three non-residents who moved to private marinas and it was

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Newsletter comes back

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A real, tactile copy of the city's new newsletter should be within reach of every resident with a valid street address.

"It's been delivered to all households," said Chad Craig, head of the parks and recreation department.

"The Park Scene," replaces the "Communicator," a pulpy, desktop production suspended more than a year while its contents were shifted online.

"The 'Communicator' worked for many years as a newspaper style," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Changing to a magazine format was intended to make it stand out upon delivery.

"We wanted to breathe fresh life into communications for the city," Sizeland said.

Coverage also was

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Happy Halloween!

The Stackpoole family of Grosse Pointe Park has been dressing up in family Halloween costumes since their son was 1 year old.

"It just kind of started organically," Allison Stackpoole said. "I threw a fish costume on my son and myself and had Mark be a fisherman one year and it was a lot of fun, so I just kept going."

"It has obviously snowballed and gotten bigger and more involved each year," she continued. "The ideas mostly just come to me by way of my kids and their interests. Some of my favorites have been the year we were all different Michael Jacksons and the crowd

favorite — the year we were all trophies. It's really hard to get everyone to buy in if they hate the theme."

This year's "Detroit Mascot" theme is the family's 10th costume. The idea came from Stackpoole's son.

"He hated all the ideas I had and came up with this one and we all loved it," she said. "It gets harder every year and I say every year is my last year pushing the family costume, but I keep doing it. ... I'm sure I have a few more in me. It's really fun (and stressful) when people tell me they wait for our costume reveal every year. It's kind of turned into a thing."

State funding to fully cover City's lead service investigation

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A low bid from a hydro excavation firm out of Chicago unexpectedly will allow the City to inspect all 1,375 suspected lead service lines within its borders in one go and not at its expense.

The fact it received a \$598,941 grant with no local match through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy is old

news. It's how far those funds can stretch that has city officials excited.

Though the initial grant application anticipated the verification of just 620 of the city's lines classified as having unknown material, the lowest of five bidders for the project — National Industrial Maintenance Inc. — submitted a quote of \$246,910 and since has agreed to inspect the full 1,375 lines for a not-to-exceed amount covered by the grant of \$598,941.

"Ultimately, we would have to do all of those and we were trying to chunk it out, because it was so expensive," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said, as the work is state mandated. "How did this happen?"

The highest bid for the 620 lines was \$500,445.

"Part of it is the methods that they're (National Industrial Maintenance) using, because there are various methods that can be applied to do the testing," City Manager Joe Valentine said. "So their methods cost them less.

"... And it's been a few years now since we've had to go through this mandate. The companies that have actually been doing the work have been finding ways to do it more efficiently. That's what the engineers are saying. So if you have a company that has experience, they typically charge less because they found ways to get in and get out quicker than companies that don't really have experience in doing

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Border crime migrates to Pointes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK AND CITY — Seven campaign signs supporting open-border candidates dot the block of Maryland where it is alleged a border-jumping, knife-carrying illegal immigrant from Venezuela went the extra mile last month to break into a house and steal valuables that could easily be fenced for cash.

The 25-year-old male perpetrator followed up the crime one week later by breaking into a locked parked car in the City of Grosse Pointe Village shopping district and stealing a woman's laptop worth at least \$1,000, according to police and discussions during court proceedings.

The accused is credited for being fleet-footed. He's outrunning the criminal justice system.

During his less than one year occupation of the United States, he's accused of committing four felonies but hasn't stayed put long enough for the cases to be adjudicated.

In that sense, his criminal record is clear. He faces only accusations of wrongdoing.

"He hasn't been convicted of any crimes since he's been here," Park Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said. "We're aware that he's been arrested and charged by Detroit for a stolen vehicle. He was arrested and charged by Dearborn for larceny and use of a stolen credit card. He was arrested by our depart-

ment for home invasion and arrested and charged by the City of Grosse Pointe for larceny."

The City victim didn't want to be identified nor discuss the matter with attribution. But she's a friend of concerned Park resident Maria Hackleman.

"It's terrifying," Hackleman said. "From what I understand, he spent three hours casing the CVS parking lot. My friend was gone 15 minutes. In the meantime, he electronically unlocked her vehicle, got in and took her stuff. I'm grateful my friend wasn't confronted by this person."

The "unauthorized" population in Michigan totals 91,000, according to migrationpolicy.org/data. Of that, the most common region of birth is Mexico and Central America, South America coming in at 3,000.

Hackleman's father, Jay, active in the Eastside Republican Club, warned that Michigan, located nearly 2,000 miles from Mexico, is now a border state in terms of crime committed by illegal immigrants.

"This brings it home," he said about the City and Park reports. "It's not happening to other people. It is in our neighborhood."

Detective Pittman testified during arraignment Friday, Oct. 4, in Park Municipal Court of defendant Yomber Ochoa-Fuente, of Venezuela, lately of east-side Detroit within scouting distance of the Pointes and currently the

Wayne County Jail, on \$260,000 cash bond.

City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Judge David Draper presided at Park City Hall in the absence of Park Judge Carl Jarboe.

Fuente slumped at the defendant's table wearing red, white and black Nike sneakers, denim blue sweatpants and a light gray T-shirt with the slogan, "American made."

He didn't say anything. "The language gap makes a difference," Pittman said.

A translator attended the hearing by video. So did Fuente's court-appointed, taxpayer-paid attorney, Royce Nunley.

"He was brought in specially because he speaks Spanish," Pittman said.

Everything said during open court was translated for Fuente's benefit.

It costs about \$75 per hour to hire a translator, according to Court Administrator Jaime Ferszt.

"We pick up the cost unless the judge orders the defendant to pay," she said.

Draper entered not guilty pleas on Fuente's behalf for alleged crimes consisting of:

- ◆ in the Park Monday, Sept. 23, home invasion, first degree, punishable by up to 20 years in prison; and larceny in a building, a four-year felony;

- ◆ in the City Monday, Sept. 30: larceny from a motor vehicle of property



Venezuelan national Yomber Ochoa-Fuente, 25, is credited with committing four felonies since crossing the Mexican border a few months ago, according to police.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

worth \$1,000 to \$20,000, an up-to five-year felony.

Draper set a \$250,000 bond in the Park case and \$10,000 in the City case, both cash only.

He said, "The court is extremely concerned with home invasion, first degree, that being entering a home of a resident of Grosse Pointe Park armed with a weapon and committing a theft or larceny."

Officers investigating the break-in said the perpetrator surveilled the house, in the 1300 block of Maryland, before breaking in at 2 p.m.

"(He was) seen on video casing the home for 20 to 30 minutes,"

police said. "(He) eventually enters through a basement window and steals a jewelry box full of jewelry. (He) arrived and fled on foot."

In the City, the victim parked her car at 6:20 p.m. and went shopping for 20 minutes.

"She returned to find her (car's) rear door open and her laptop missing," according to City police. "The theft was caught on camera."

"If the defendant is able to post (bond), a (GPS) tether is mandatory before he may be released," Draper said.

"He has an immigration detainer if ever released from our cus-

today," Pittman said.

Fuente's ambulations are keeping more than translators and bilingual defense attorneys in business.

"The case being pending, I can't release all of our investigative information," Pittman said. "But the case involved obtaining and reviewing a surveillance video, the assistance of an expert in facial recognition software with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, eyewitness testimony, assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement office and some good old-fashioned detective work by (Park) Detectives (Ryan) Wilmer and (Paul) Pionk."

Park officers arrested Fuente around noon Oct. 2.

"He was on foot in Grosse Pointe Park, about a block away from his house (in Detroit) we were surveilling," Pionk said.

"He was not armed at the time of his arrest," Pittman said.

"He subsequently confessed to both crimes," according to City police. "The stolen laptop was recovered."

Pittman said, "Based on the fact that he has accumulated multiple felony charges over the last two months, (ICE) placed a hold on him to assess his immigration status."

Pittman and Pionk said they have no evidence linking Fuente to a gang.

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this."

Homeowners will be notified by the city prior to the work taking place, which may require hydro excavation at both sides of the curb stop box and additionally at the connection to the water

main, as well as photo or in-person verification of the line inside the house.

"Sometimes it requires taking a picture of your meter with both ends of the meter in the picture so they can visually see what that material is," Valentine explained. "Sometimes you have to scrape it so they can see it's shiny."

Work will be conducted dependent on each service line's specific circumstances.

"When I was asked for water testing if I had a lead pipe, (Public Services Director) Pete Randazzo said, 'Just take a picture of it,'" Tomkowiak recalled. "He could tell by the way it was curved in my basement. He said, 'You can't get that curve with any-

thing else but lead. Of course it's lead.' Sometimes you can just see it visually. You don't even have to scrape it if it's bent too much, because lead is very soft."

The contract also provides for concrete and vegetative restoration where needed.

The project is the city's next step toward state compliance in ridding itself of all lead service lines and is based on a random sampling of 327 water services conducted last year, through which it was able to determine there likely are 1,375 lead lines.

"So now we have 1,300 suspected lead lines that we're now verifying whether they are or not lead or galvanized," Councilman Seth Krupp, M.D., clarified. "But this is not any remediation. This is just verification, core planning for the next stage, which would be remediation through 2041."

The state's Lead and Copper Rule of 2018 requires municipalities to replace 5 percent of lead service lines annually and 100 percent by 2041.

Council voted 5-0 to approve the contract with National Industrial Maintenance Monday, Oct. 21, with councilmen Chris Walsh and Dave Fries absent.

The City's engineering firm, AEW, noted it has worked with National Industrial Maintenance on a similar water service material investigation program in Grosse Pointe Woods and found the company well qualified for the work.

"I can remember hearing about the lead services program and thinking where we would find this in the budget," Councilman Maureen Juip said. "And so to have that come from an alternate funding source and to have all of it for this phase funded is really fantastic."

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solely because of the cost."

City Manager Steve Poloni said there were other non-residents who called to inquire about renting a well but declined because of the price. The non-resident rate is available to people living in the other four Pointes.

"Just given inflation, I think the 3 percent increase for residents is appropriate," Ritter said. "It's more about people's boating habits than it is about the rate."

Councilman Donn

Schroder said it was a matter of supply and demand.

"After COVID, people have realized they have more than two years left to live and are spending less money," he said.

Council also agreed keeping the 3 percent increase for residents was important because of upcoming projects.

"It's a completely self-sufficient fund," Schroder said. "The marina is paid for by those who use it, rather than by general fund tax dollars."

Krajniak said payments on the marina improvement bond will increase from \$430,000 a year to \$460,000 in two years.

Moross Chase Bank up for refresh, improved stormwater management

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Representatives of Chase Bank at 460 Moross say an exterior refresh of the building is on its way down the pipeline, just as soon as they complete a renovation of the landscaping, parking lot and fencing surrounding it.

"It's underway but it's a separate project, so we're not asking approval for that today," said Cathy Constance with Chase Bank, when the corporation returned



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Where parking spaces currently fill the lot all the way to the wall, the changes will incorporate significant additional landscaping and storm drains.

to council for site plan approval in October. "We just wanted to let you guys know that we are working on it as part of this."

Representatives first appeared before council in early July, requesting allowance for a new masonry screen wall surrounding the parking lot and abutting the residential properties on Maison. They were met with pushback from neighboring residents and councilmembers regarding a less-than-ideal drainage system under the current wall and subsequent repeated

flooding of Maison backyards, as well as notes on landscaping needs, low-quality materials proposed for the wall and excess parking spaces.

"We received a lot of valuable feedback from the board here and from the residents adjacent to the Chase space," said David Stengal, with The Architects Partnership, Maison. They were met with pushback from neighboring residents and councilmembers regarding a less-than-ideal drainage system under the current wall and subsequent repeated

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Woods budget in good shape

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

With its audit for the 2023-24 fiscal year about 95 percent done, city council received some welcome budget news at its committee of the whole meeting Monday, Oct. 21.

When the fiscal year started July 1, 2023, the city expected a shortfall of more than \$1.5 million. It actually ended the fiscal

year June 30, 2024, with a surplus of nearly \$90,000, Treasurer Steven Schmidt said.

That brings the city's fund balance to almost \$7.2 million, or 44 percent, as of the end of last fiscal year. The Government Finance Officers Association recommends municipalities maintain a fund balance of at least 20 percent.

Schmidt said the main difference was a decrease

in spending of about \$200,000 and interest earnings that came in \$300,000 higher than expected.

The 2024-25 fiscal year budget includes spending about \$1.1 million from the fund balance, which would lower it to 35 percent.

"This is a common theme every year in January and February when we start looking at the next budget cycle,"

Councilman Michael Koester said. "It seems like we're always looking at a \$1 million deficit and then when the audit is done, we end up with a surplus. I wonder if there's anything we can do differently."

Schmidt said it's a matter of what happens during the year.

"We have to wait for the bills to come in," he said. "I'd rather give you worse news early on and finish

with better news, rather than have it go the other way around."

Koester noted the city has been following the last several budget cycles.

City Administrator Frank Schulte said the city probably would break even again when the current fiscal year ends.

"I think it's a matter of going with what is consistent," Mayor Art Bryant

added. "We always correct for it based on what happens year after year."

Councilwoman Vikki Granger noted most municipalities are envious of the Woods' fund balance.

"I almost wonder if it's too healthy," Koester said. "We can't stop collecting taxes, but maybe there are some new programs we could look at funding with some of that money."

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sal motion Monday, Oct. 7. "My perception is that you are basically just attempting to inform (the defendant) of his rights in court. There's no evidence that you're impartial or unfair."

"I can't just ask for a new judge if I sit before someone who's hard on sentencing," he added.

Though granting the prosecution's motion,

Dingell declined to give a basis for recusal.

A second pretrial hearing before Judge Michael McClory was held Wednesday, Oct. 23, for the purpose of determining whether to proceed with trial dates previously set by the court for early next year.

Prosecution pushed for proceeding to trial as soon as possible, noting it's an old case and the juvenile defendant is moving toward 18 years old.

Also under consideration was the fact McClory is a probate judge who is assigned to the juvenile court only through the end of the year.

McClory prefaced his decision to uphold the previously set dates with an acknowledgement the issue is highly emotionally charged and high-profile.

In not moving up the trial dates, he cited due process rights, including the right to a fair trial and the right for defense to have the time to be ade-

quately prepared.

"By doing it this way we'll be able to get complete closure one way or another for everyone involved in this case," McClory said.

The defendant will appear before another judge, yet to be determined, for a settlement conference at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, via Zoom.

A jury trial remains scheduled for Monday, Feb. 3, Tuesday, Feb. 4, and Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Wayne County's new criminal justice center.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System district open house, noon to 2 p.m. Every GPPSS school will be open for tours.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

◆ Election Day, polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Pension Board meeting, 6 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA meeting, 7 p.m.

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expanded.

"It used to be oriented toward parks and recreation information, but now it's expanded to provide information department-wide," Sizeland said.

Production also is shifting from the recreation department. The new city clerk is now managing content.

"I helped with coordinating all the department heads to make sure their articles were turned into me and sent them to the paper for publication," said Bridgette Bowdler, city clerk.

"Instead of reporting things that already happened, we're looking ahead, like the fall leaf collection schedule and snow removal," Sizeland said.

Contents of the rejuvenated edition for fall 2024 include previews of upcoming events, such as:

- ◆ a reminder about Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 5;
- ◆ Brunch with Santa Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Lavins Activity Center, Windmill Pointe Park;
- ◆ how to apply for a park pass;

- ◆ an update of public works projects and
- ◆ reports from Mayor Michele Hodges, Assistant City Manager Warren Rothe and Public Safety Director Jim Bostock — oh, and a reminder of the Dec. 1 deadline to pay winter property taxes.

If the layout and photo perspectives seem close to home, they are. City officials contracted the newsletter to Grosse Pointe Magazine, published by former Grosse Pointe News owner and editor John Minnis.

The city's cost is \$2,500 per edition. An agency earlier this year proposed producing a newsletter, but the price was judged too high.

"We approached Minnis' group to see if they'd be interested in doing a magazine-style similar to their publication," Sizeland said.

"We're trying to get it at least two times per year for next year," Craig said.

"The goal is to go quarterly," said Councilman Tom Caulfield, liaison to the recreation commission.

"There's a cost issue," Sizeland said. "I see this being an ongoing communication."

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North track and cross-country coach runs without fear

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Diane Montgomery always runs with a goal and purpose. However, it was not always that way. The teacher and head coach of Grosse Pointe North High School's boys varsity cross-country and girls varsity track and field teams took some time to find her true calling, but once she found it, she kept running from one goal to the next.

Montgomery was born and raised in Michigan and attended Michigan State University, where she ran cross-country a short time before getting injured. She was working toward a business degree she did not know what to do with, then moved to Georgia for some time, still not quite knowing what her purpose was.

"I thought about the things that made me happy and I thought I really wanted to coach," Montgomery said. "The only way I was going to be available to coach at three in the afternoon would be if I became a teacher. ... I'm a fourth-generation Michigan pub-

lic school teacher in my family. Growing up, all of my family was basically educators and politicians and I always thought I didn't want to go into teaching and I didn't want to go into politics. Then I ended up going into teaching as a way into coaching, which was really the driving factor."

She began teaching when she was 30 years old at Habersham Central High School in Mt. Airy, Ga. Her second year at the school in 1996, she revived its cross-country program, coaching both the boys and girls teams. Eventually, Montgomery made her way back to Michigan and was hired as an English teacher at North.

In 2004, she became an assistant coach for the girls varsity track and field team and a few years later became an assistant coach for the varsity boys cross-country team. She was hired as the head coach of boys varsity cross-country in 2010, becoming one of only a few female head coaches of a boys varsity team in the area.

"I remember them ask-

ing me if there would be any kind of problem, that, 'You're a woman coaching boys,'" she said about the hiring process. "I thought, 'You would never ask that about a man coaching a girls team.' I was in the program for three years (as an assistant) and the rising seniors had never known the program without me in it. ... I think right off the bat, coming into the program, I established myself as someone who had a lot of knowledge and experience and there was never any blowback of boys not respecting me because I'm a woman."

Montgomery now has spent more than a decade at the helm of North's boys cross-country team and was hired as the girls track and field head coach in 2017. What makes Montgomery such a great coach is she is still



COURTESY PHOTO

Diane Montgomery has been an avid runner for decades and has even achieved the feat of completing a marathon in all 50 states.

a runner herself, always creating benchmarks to reach.

One of those benchmarks was achieved nearly a decade ago when Montgomery completed her goal of finishing a marathon in all 50 states.

"By the time I was 42, I was like, I need a new goal because 50 is coming up," she said. "... I had run into people wearing '50 States' singlets and things

and realized that was a whole club. I think I had five states at the time when I decided to start working towards 50. That became my 50th birthday goal — to finish a marathon in all 50 states — and I finished it six weeks before I turned 50. ... I think the most I've done in one year was 13, including one weekend where I did Jackson, Miss., on Saturday and Mobile, Ala., on Sunday."

As she approaches her 60th birthday next year, Montgomery aims to complete at least a half Ironman triathlon before then.

Her constant drive is what resonates with athletes when she is coaching. Montgomery knows what it is like to be in their shoes and has experienced nearly everything one can as a runner, so she can give

the perfect advice to help an athlete achieve goals of their own.

"Since I'm still running and setting goals, I can speak from fresh experiences," Montgomery said. "... I can always share with them my mental strategies and I think that adds a lot of validity for the runners. ... My favorite thing is when an athlete surprises themselves. When they do something or run a time that they didn't think they could achieve, they have that excitement."

Montgomery's athletes, like her, are always running to achieve their goals. It is what she has taught them both in the classroom and in the field for years. As of now, there is no plan of stopping anytime soon.

"It's just the way that my mind works. I always need to be achieving things," she said. "I've always been pushing my limits and I tell the kids, 'You're much stronger than you think you are.' I've always been curious about where is that limit, the point where I just can't go on, and I haven't found it yet."

Grosse Pointe Woods

Unlocked bike

A bicycle worth \$300 was stolen from outside Parcels Middle School sometime between the morning of Thursday, Oct. 17, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20. It was left unlocked by the gym doors.

Wrong number

Two cell phones worth more than \$2,200 were stolen from a porch in the 900 block of Roslyn sometime before noon Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Witnesses reported seeing a black man exit a Dodge Durango and remove the packages from the porch.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Bank fraud

A resident reported three separate transactions on her savings account Tuesday, Oct. 22, totaled more than

\$23,000. The bank is investigating.

Double dip

Officers are looking for a black male who stole

three cases of beer from a business in the 20400 block of Mack Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Employees said they believe the same man returned around 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 26. Employees were able to get the license plate number of the vehicle the man was driving.

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—Ted O'Neil

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Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Jewelry missing

Employees of a plumbing company are being questioned about jewelry reported missing last week from a house in the 1400 block of Beaconsfield.

A resident of the house hired the plumbers Monday, Oct. 21, after which it was noticed the valuables were missing, according to police.

Leaf blower

Someone in a gray Dodge Charger is listed by police as committing the theft shortly before 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, of a RedMax backpack leaf blower from a landscape trailer parked in the 800 block of Bedford.

Car theft

A thief took a 2023 Ford Maverick pickup truck, stolen with key fob inside, parked in the 1300 block of Bedford. The theft happened

between 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, and 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Police said the Maverick was recovered, "wrecked and unoccupied," near where I-94 bisects Beaconsfield in Detroit.

Package taken

Between 3:21 and 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, a thief stole a package containing three Apple iPhone 16s delivered to a house in the 1100 block of Nottingham.

The price of an iPhone 16 starts around \$800.

Failed car theft

A broken driver-side rear window and damaged steering column are evidence of the attempted theft of a 2025 Kia Sorento in the 900 block of Harcourt between 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, and 9:40 a.m. the next day.

There is no suspect, according to police.

Larcenists

A 12-year-old Detroit male, accompanied by a 13-year-old male of the same city, was seen entering an unlocked vehicle parked in the area of Buckingham and Mack shortly before 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.

The juveniles, operating with an 18-year-old male of unlisted residence, were reportedly cited for violating curfew and attempted larceny. Police released them to their parents.

The Park's curfew mirrors state law. Minors under age 16 "shall not loiter, idle or congregate in or on any public street, alley and parks between

the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m."

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bare necessities

After being pulled over at Mack and East Warren for driving a vehicle without a license plate at 8:06 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, an 18-year-old Detroit woman admitted to not having a driver's license. She was cited for the lack of license, as well as no proof of insurance.

Rose Terrace

Thieves looking for crimes of opportunity targeted Rose Terrace last week:

◆ Three dollars in change was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Rose Terrace between 10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, and 7:50 a.m. the next morning.

◆ A \$300 gift card to Girlie Girl Salon and \$100 in cash were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Rose Terrace between 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, and 8 a.m. the next morning. A second unlocked car on the property also was rummaged through but nothing was taken.

◆ Another Rose Terrace homeowner found some of his personal property lying outside his vehicle, which was rummaged through between 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, and 7:45 a.m. the next morn-

ing. The owner said he leaves the doors unlocked so no one breaks his window to gain entry.

Unfortunate security

Five hundred dollars was stolen from a wallet inside an unlocked truck on Edgemere overnight into Wednesday, Oct. 23. A backpack containing a handgun and two magazines also was stolen from the truck's bed.

During the same time period, \$100 was stolen from another vehicle on Edgemere.

No permission

After a 76-year-old Farms man was reported for sitting on a Lakeshore curb with his legs in the roadway at 3:43 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, officers arrived to find him inside a nearby vacant house that is under construction.

He was cited for entering without permission through an unlocked door and was turned over to his brother, who is his caretaker.

Attorney fraud

A 52-year-old Eastpointe woman filed a report Thursday, Oct. 24, against a 65-year-old Shores attorney who had a law firm in the Farms, claiming he has withheld \$145,000 since her case was settled in December 2021.

The Michigan Attorney General's Office is handling all cases brought against the man.

Hungry

A 61-year-old Park

man continued to drive along Mack for three blocks, explaining he wanted to get McDonald's, as an officer attempted to pull him over for speeding 46 mph at 9:13 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27.

The man's behavior and appearance led to a preliminary breath test, which showed his blood alcohol content at 0.178 percent, for which he was arrested.

—Laurel Kraus

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Panhandling

After being advised on multiple occasions not to return to a business in the 17000 block of Mack and solicit customers for money, a 52-year-old Detroit man was cited for trespassing at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Red light

After driving through a red light on Jefferson at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, a 30-year-old St. Clair Shores man was cited for driving with a suspended license. His vehicle was turned over to a licensed

family member.

Sheriff scam

A scammer claiming to be a lieutenant with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office called a Grosse Pointe woman at 3:42 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, and requested she report to a sheriff's office regarding a subpoena for a juvenile case.

An investigation into the fraud attempt is ongoing.

Grocery theft

A man and two women stole a cart full of groceries and various items from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 7:20 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24.

They fled in a red Ford Escape with no license plate.

Broken window

An unknown person broke the rear driver's side window of a vehicle parked on the street in the 700 block of Notre Dame between 4 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.

—Laurel Kraus

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FOR SCHOOL BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

His approach is straightforward:

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OUR VIEW

A fantastic fall

With fall high school sports about to wrap up, we wanted to take this opportunity to give a shout-out to some of the more notable accomplishments, both by teams and individuals.

First and foremost, huge kudos to the Grosse Pointe South High School football team. The Blue Devils completed their impressive 9-0 season with a convincing 44-3 win over crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North High School last Friday night. South is one of just 19 schools statewide across all divisions to have a perfect regular season.

The MAC White champs will host Roseville High School in the first round of the Division 2 playoffs at 7 p.m. Friday. This is a key matchup for the Blue Devils for a few reasons. They beat the Panthers at home 38-21 in week five. South also beat Roseville, which is 7-2, during the regular season last year, but fell to the Panthers in the district final of the 2023 playoffs.

South also has never won more than nine games in a season, including playoffs. Two other Blue Devil squads have gone 9-0, but both lost their first playoff game.

Despite losing its last two games of the regular season, we also must say we are impressed with North's team. The Norsemen started off with three consecutive losses, but put together four straight wins to clinch a share of the MAC Gold.

Coach Joe Drouin, his staff and the entire team deserve a hearty round of applause. The 4-5 Norsemen could have given up just a third of the way through their schedule, but they did not. That is a lesson those players will carry with them the rest of their lives. On an individual note, senior Leo Perettie became the program's all-time leader in receiving touchdowns.

Because of the strength of their schedule, North still qualified for the playoffs despite its losing record. The Norsemen play at noon Saturday at Port Huron.

University Liggett School, coached by former Michigan State University standout Andre Rison, finished the season 6-3. The Knights will host 4-5 Bath, from the Lansing area, at 1 p.m. Saturday in a Division 7 game.

Other fall teams have had varying degrees of success over the past two-plus months.

The boys tennis teams from all three high schools qualified for their respective state tournaments. Liggett had the best showing, finishing in third place in Division 4. In Division 2, South finished 14th and North was 17th.

The girls field hockey team from Liggett won the Catholic High School League title and made it to the quarterfinals before falling 2-1 to Chelsea.

All three boys soccer teams made it to their respective district finals, although none were able to secure a crown, though South was MAC White champ.

The girls and boys cross-country teams from South both won the MAC White/Blue title. All seven members of the girls team were named all-league, with Sarah Koval taking home Most Valuable Athlete honors. Coach Steve Zaranak said in the two prior meets the girls broke 55 personal records. All runners on the boys team finished in the top 30.

The cross-country state meet is this weekend.

While girls swimming still has about three weeks left in that season, South should move up in the Division 2 rankings after defeating No. 1 ranked Farmington Hills Mercy High School by a healthy margin at a meet last weekend.

The Blue Devils scored 705 points in the invite they hosted, outdistancing the Marlins by 110 points. South took first place in eight of the 11 events, including two of the three relays.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Pre-election thoughts

The fall weather we have had the past few weeks has been unbelievably beautiful. Soft breezes, 70-degree sunny days and, despite the crazed lunacy surrounding the elections (mostly online and "on lawns"), Grosse Pointe has never looked better.

It's impossible not to smile at the sight of full bike racks, kids on their dads' shoulders walking to school, leaves gently falling from trees that would rival any Hallmark movie and dogs happily and seemingly proudly trotting around this charming town.

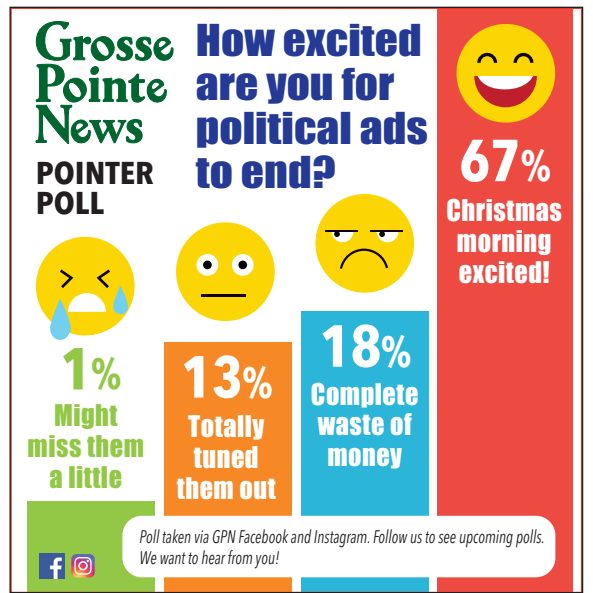
It's impressive to see that residents and parents in this town care so deeply about the future and direction of our idyllic Grosse Pointe schools. Grosse Pointe is very unique in so many ways; we have some of the most breathtakingly exceptional schools in the country, both inside and out. We have traditions and expectations of excellence in academics, sports, the arts and pretty much anything we do.

True Grosse Pointers know the beauty, excellence and a deep love of our special community is worth fighting for. That is why we are second to none when it comes to investing so much of our time, money and effort in causes near and dear to our hearts and close to our homes. It doesn't matter how many years one has logged in the Pointes, it's all about the pride we feel and the sense of importance and duty in preserving the unique and special assets that make our community the best place on earth to live and raise a family.

Next Tuesday, and always, may the best people win. And may we all find some peace and respite from the online and on-lawn noise.

Finally, I would like to point out that in last week's issue prior to campaign finance reports being filed, I questioned the outside PAC money being spent on our local elections in my "I Say" article. Days after printing, reports revealed that the Advancing Detroit and Michigan Super PAC was funded by four families in the Pointes. Surprising, given the anti-PAC rhetoric thrown at local PAC PFAE, but as the old saying goes, rules for thee, but not for me.

Anne Gryzenia is the publisher of the Grosse Pointe News.



LETTERS

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Turkeys for Crossroads

To the Editor:
The annual Crossroads Soup Kitchen pre-Thanksgiving dinner will take place Sunday, Nov. 24 — the weekend before the holiday. As usual, we are expecting a large crowd of hungry men, women and children to visit the soup kitchen for their holiday meal.

This year, as in the past, scores of our friends and relatives will donate and roast turkeys to be served at this dinner. However, we are always in need of additional turkeys and hope our neighbors in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities will look into their hearts and make this very important, but relatively inexpensive, contribution. We will need the turkeys Friday, Nov. 22, or

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

It's the spookiest, 'spendiest' time of year



Last year in the weeks leading up to Halloween, my brother-in-law and I slowly but surely depleted the candy meant for trick-or-treaters, which was being stored in the cabinet above the fridge, where my sister is too short to see. (Don't worry, it was restocked in time).

Our on-theme mischief contributed to a booming industry capitalizing off the spookiest time of the year.

Americans buy around 600 million pounds of candy for Halloween — aside from the iconic corner house at the end of my street that once passed out Beanie Babies — according to a Forbes report in 2022, which also stated each of us consume an average of 3.4 pounds of it related to the holiday.

In 2023, some 69 percent of those celebrating Halloween planned to buy costumes.

Monetarily, costumes for adults outranked those for children, with \$2 billion spent on adult costumes and \$1.4 billion for children. Most surprising to me is the fact Americans last year also spent \$700 million on costumes for our pets.

Some of the most praise-worthy costume sightings reported on Reddit include:

- ◆ three teenage girls dressed up as a lion, a witch and a cardboard-constructed wardrobe;

- ◆ college guys satirically carrying around a door onto people's front porches, standing behind it and handing out candy as though homeowners were the ones trick-or-treating;

- ◆ and someone dressed as a CVS receipt, complete with a two-foot-long train of paper containing coupons and rewards.

My personal favorite costume in adulthood was a few years ago when I got the idea online to secure a plastic 16-ounce Root Beer bottle on top of my head, thread my hair through a hidden cut in the middle, out the neck and into a red Solo cup fastened next to my ear.

According to the National Retail

Federation, Halloween spending is expected to reach \$11.6 billion this year, although it doesn't really hold a candle to Christmastime, when each American is beholden by statistics to spend \$902 this year — generating between \$979.5 billion and \$989 billion.

The Spirit Halloween temporary retail chain certainly got the memo, as it announced plans to open 10 Spirit Christmas stores in November.

They'll sell stocking stuffers, apparel, decorations, white elephant gifts and photos with Santa — just not to Michiganders. As of now, much to my dismay, locations are limited to New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

After the bankruptcy and closure of all Christmas Tree Shops locations last year, it'll be interesting to see how the pop-up Christmas shop concept fares. As far as I'm concerned, the more Christmas, the merrier.

So, as Mariah Carey rounds the corner tomorrow, happy Halloween and merry Christmas — and have a great Thanksgiving somewhere between the two.

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Saturday, Nov. 23.

Despite the strong economy, many challenges exist for those who have very few resources. We have been associated with Crossroads for more than 25 years. The number of clients who do not have life's basics — enough food, adequate shelter and warm clothing — is very sad. And the sight of a hungry child in a soup kitchen line is heartbreaking to all who witness it. Those of us with countless blessings must reach out to help those who have so little.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this very worthwhile effort by donating a cooked turkey may contact us by email at carlycassleman@gmail.

com or by phone or text at (313) 378-5150. Thank you.

SEAN AND CARLY CASSLEMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

More about motives

To the Editor:

When reading the last few editions of the Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Times, I have seen several ads for GP school board candidates. Some of these ads state they are paid for by the individual candidate's campaign committees, while others are paid for by two different Political Action Committees.

One of these PACs is "Pointers For Academic Excellence" with an address on Mack Avenue in GP Farms (it supports Collins, Hopper, Roberts and

Fradenburg). This PAC has a webpage where clearly defined priorities are explained. Also, the names and bios of its 13 board of director members are listed. All of their bios contain impressive and/or outstanding professional resumes. Ten of the 13 are GPPS alumni. Eleven have children currently enrolled or graduated from GPPS. Twelve reside in the Pointes and one former resident now lives in Harper Woods. Two currently serve as elected city council members in the Pointes. One is a current member of the school board who has served with unwavering commitment and distinction. They have a method of contacting/messaging them on their webpage. I am told that this PAC

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receives all of its funding from within the GPPS district.

The other PAC is “Advancing Detroit and

Michigan PAC,” with an address on Woodmont in Detroit (it supports Derringer, Hull, Klepp and Worden). I cannot find a webpage for this PAC. An internet search leads me to transparenycusa.org, which

only shows an “Advancing Detroit and Michigan Leadership PAC.”

As a grandparent of a current GPPSS student, with two more grandchildren soon to become school age, I

would like to know more about this PAC and, if they are an outside group, what are their motives for meddling in our local election.

JOHN KULIK
City of Grosse Pointe

Not too much to ask

To the Editor:

After watching a recent Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting and reading the Oct. 24, 2024, edition of the Grosse Pointe News’s editorial page, several things came to mind.

It doesn’t seem like too much to ask that all GP BoE trustees be included in emails among each other. It doesn’t seem like too much to ask that the GP BoE recognize that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and her team helped contribute to the district’s financial success. It doesn’t seem like too much to ask that the GPPSS superintendent keep her personal feelings about a board member between herself and said board member rather than publicly taking a trustee to task. It is not

too much to expect board trustees, particularly the president, to keep from publicly describing a trustee with a derogatory adjective.

The editorial suggested there is something wrong about a “small group” (conjecture) of concerned citizens raising questions about how a governmental entity conducts business. There is nothing wrong with questioning how a tax-supported entity conducts business. As a democratic republic, that is what the U.S. Constitution guarantees. It doesn’t matter if the entity agrees with a group’s opinion or not; or what the size of the group is. It is customary and constitutional practice to allow all citizens their voice whether a majority agrees with it or not.

NANCY SOLAK
Grosse Pointe Farms



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Beautification one property at a time

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — More than three dozen property owners and residents are being honored next month during the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission’s annual Beautification Awards.

“The quality of the homes was fantastic this year,” Commission Chairwoman Lisa Kyle said. “We had a hard

time nailing it down to the winners we have.”

Commission members nominate properties, decide winners and host an annual awards ceremony.

This year’s ceremony is 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Tompkins Community Center, Windmill Pointe Park.

Awards have a dual purpose — to congratulate people for enhancing their property and

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MELISSA FRADENBURG FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Smart. Independent. Driven.

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

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

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

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

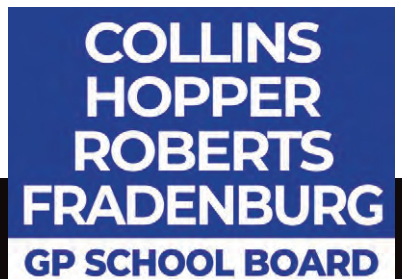
But for Melissa, it’s not just about balancing a budget; it’s about making sure our kids have every opportunity to succeed. She will work tirelessly to ensure we achieve that goal through mutual respect and collaboration.

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



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to provide incentives for more.

Criteria for most awards are, "Residents who enhance the appearance of our residential community through landscaping, floral displays, renovation and restoration, preservation and maintenance, and new additions which, in turn, enhance the total appearance of the greater community," according to the program for a prior ceremony.

The breakdown of this year's winners by category is residential, 27; residential century, six; sustainability residential, one; business,

two; and civic, one.

The residential century award is a relatively new category for properties at least 100 years old.

Sustainability is the newest category. First awarded in 2022, the award is issued in the name of a person or business which beautified their property with ecological sustainability in mind. Mayor Michele Hodges appointed one of last year's sustainability winners, Kelly Konieczki, to the commission this year.

Winners in the business category this year are Antonio's in the Park and Pointe Hardware.

The civic award is unique. Unlike the others, it doesn't recognize

improvements to a particular property.

"It's usually a resident or someone in the community who has gone over and beyond that which beautifies the city," Kyle said. "This year it's Paul VanTol."

VanTol donated 100 sycamores to the city.

They are among 300 of various types VanTol planted six years ago near the Nicholson Nature Center in Macomb County with the intention of giving them to the city.

Sycamores matured quickest and were first to be transplanted with the help of a \$35,000 donation by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation to cover the cost of harvesting, transportation and planting.

REFRESH:

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The new proposal — approved by council 6-0, with Councilman John Gillooly absent — highlights the implementation of a series of storm drains in the parking lot and landscaping surfaces.

"In order to help with the water that's on the residential side, the new wall will actually have openings at the bottom, similar to a weep opening," Stengal explained. "This will allow water to pass through from the residential side onto the Chase side into the storm drain system."

With the current wall already five feet into the bank's property line so as to not encroach on neighboring properties, residents will gain an additional five feet when

the new brick wall is constructed with a river rock base on both sides.

"That way we do not disturb the landscaping that residents have developed on their side," Stengal said.

Referring to the lot as, "severely over parked" — the current site holds 59 cars, while the zoning ordinance requires only 37 parking spaces — he added the new proposal will reduce the overall impervious surface by a quarter of an acre, allowing for additional trees and landscaping islands.

As the bank's dumpster currently sits in the open, the proposal also introduces a trash enclosure.

"I think you guys have come back with a really nice plan," Councilman Lev Wood said. "I'm thrilled that you would take the time to listen to

us and also to the residents and come back to us with such a nice change.

"In particular ... you reduced the amount of impervious surface by 12,000 square feet. That's terrific. That's very, very helpful. Every little bit helps us with management of our stormwater here in our community."

While approving the new proposal, council members encouraged the Chase Bank team to move forward with plans to remodel the building, which, as noted by Mayor Louis Theros, sits at one of the entry points to the community.

"The building is old and tired and the landscape (plan) looks great, but the building really sets the tone," Councilman Joe Ricci expressed.



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Liggett honors alumni at 2024 Alumni Athletic HoF ceremony

Four members of the University Liggett School community who exemplify athletic excellence, character and a lifelong commitment to sports were inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Boll Campus Center.

The four alumni honored during the 2024 Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony were:

◆ Dwight Jones, Class of '75 (posthumous): Between 1973 and 1975, Jones was one of the fastest high school athletes in Michigan. A four-year member of the varsity track team, he set state records in the 100- and 220-yard dashes. While at ULS, Jones won five Division 4/Class D individual state championships — three in the 100-yard dash and two in the 220-yard dash. During the 1973 state meet, he clocked a record-breaking time of 9.9 seconds in the 100-yard dash, becoming the first Class D runner to break the 10-second mark. Jones broke his own record two years later with a time of 9.85 seconds. His fastest time at ULS was 9.6 seconds, which helped him earn a



From left, Head of School Tom Sheppard, Shannon Byrne, Dan Ferrin and Celeste Hubbard-Breen.

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spot on the Arizona State University track team. Jones also was an active member of the school community, serving as senior class vice president and participating on the Athletic Council and U Club. He was a two-year member of the varsity soccer team.

◆ Shannon Byrne, Class of '93: Legendary ULS tennis coach Bob Wood, faculty emeritus, called Byrne "one of the very best tennis players I ever coached in 31 years of our very successful tennis program." Byrne played No. 1 singles all four years of her ULS tennis career, one of only a handful of play-

ers to do so. She was team MVP each year, winning Class A individual state championships in 1989 and 1992, and helping lead the Knights to two state championships. Byrne was a nationally ranked player while at ULS, participating in many national tournaments and earning a top 25 ranking. After graduating from ULS, she played singles at Tulane University before transferring to Boston College, where she was team captain for the 1996-97 season and helped lead the team to its first NCAA tournament appearance in over a decade.

Byrne's service to ULS and the surrounding community also stood out. She was on the Athletic Council three years, was a Terrill Newnan Scholar and received an Optimist Club award for community service.

"While I was very successful during that time, more importantly, it was a very joyful time with a wonderful group of young women," she said. "The friendships I made there helped shape me."

◆ Celeste Hubbard Breen, Class of '00: In 2000, The Detroit News called Hubbard-Breen one of the best field hockey players in the country. She began playing field hockey when she entered middle school at ULS. Her older sister, Natalie, played on the Upper School team and Hubbard-Breen learned the sport from coach Romily Stackpoole, faculty emeritus.

"Mrs. Stackpoole's energy and passion for the sport and physical education created a spark that stayed with me through my entire field hockey career," she said.

When she reached the Upper School, Hubbard-Breen played most of her freshman year on the junior varsity team before joining the varsity squad for its state championship tournament run. She was a starter on the varsity team the next three years and led the team in goals scored for three consecutive seasons (1997-99). She was named first-team All-State in 1998 and 1999, and was selected as ULS's co-captain and MVP her senior year. Her achieve-

ments earned Hubbard-Breen a four-year, full-ride scholarship to Boston University, where she received various all-tournament, all-conference and regional awards. She also was selected to participate in USA Field Hockey's Future Olympic Program for four years. While at ULS, Hubbard-Breen also played three seasons of varsity soccer and one season of varsity lacrosse. She credits ULS's joint focus on athletics and academics as a factor in her success.

"As an athlete at ULS, I learned to value being a student-athlete first and foremost — a multi-faceted individual with skills and talents that were transferable on and off the field, balancing my educational pursuits in tandem with athletics," she said. "Even though it was by no means easy, being a competitor on the field taught me how to work hard in the classroom and in my professional life today."

◆ Dan Ferrin, Class of '00: Ferrin has been committed to ULS soccer most of his life, having first been introduced to the school at coach David Backhurst's summer camps. Ferrin became a four-year starter in goal for ULS and eventually helped coach ULS goalies more than 20 years. He was one of Michigan's best goaltenders during his high school career, co-holding the MHSAA state record for most shutouts in a career with 50, and was named to the Dream Team in 1999. With Ferrin in goal, the Knights won the Class C State Championship in 1996 and the Division 4 title in

1999.

Outside of ULS, Ferrin was named to the Michigan Olympic Development Program 1981 team and served as captain five years. Ferrin credits Backhurst not only for bringing him to ULS, but also for his ongoing success on the soccer field.

"My selection to the Hall of Fame would not be possible without Coach Backhurst," Ferrin said. "He always got the best out of me and made a huge impact on me during my time at ULS."

Ferrin also was involved in other ULS activities. He was chairman of the Upper School Honor Council for the 1999-2000 school year, an activity he credits with teaching him the importance of empathy. After graduating from ULS, Ferrin was a four-year varsity player at Stony Brook University, never allowing more than two goals in a game. He continued his commitment to community service in college as well, co-authoring a gender equity review of Stony Brook's athletic department and creating a report that continues to help guide the school's Title IX policies.

The Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame honors and celebrates the athletic history of ULS and its predecessor schools. The award recognizes alumni who have displayed solid character and citizenship while at ULS or one of its predecessor schools, had an exceptional athletic record while in school and have achieved distinguished post-graduate athletic competition or coaching.

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

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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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GPPSS looking for CTE advisors

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System is reaching out to the community for help with its career and technical education (CTE) classes.

“In order to get state funding, each class is required to have an advisory board,” said Andrea Gruenwald, who coordinates the district’s CTE program. “They have to be professionals in that particular field to make sure what is being taught aligns with their industry.”

Each board also must have a representative

from a college or university and someone representing special needs students.

The district currently offers these CTE classes:

- ◆ Finance, Brian Levinson, Grosse Pointe North High School;

- ◆ Business administration, Brian Levinson, Grosse Pointe North High School;

- ◆ Digital multimedia, Michael Lamb, Grosse Pointe North High School;

- ◆ Cybersecurity, Brian Levinson, Grosse Pointe North High School;

- ◆ Television production, Steve Geresy, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high

schools;

- ◆ Marketing, Brian Levinson and Scott Sowers, Grosse Pointe North High School; George Formicola and Scott Peltier, Grosse Pointe South High School;

- ◆ Culinary arts, Michael Viviani and Sarah Newton, Grosse Pointe North High School; Nick Lopez, Grosse Pointe South High School;

- ◆ Education general, Andrea Gruenwald, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools.

“We have one board meeting for each class in the fall that we offer by

Zoom, because life is busy,” Gruenwald said, “then a joint meeting in the spring that’s in person and includes a dinner as our way of thanking everyone.”

Board members also review the curriculum and resources each class uses.

“For some classes, such as culinary arts and TV production, we’ll invite them in to look at the equipment being used to make sure it models what students will see in the workforce,” Gruenwald said.

Those interested in joining a board can email her at gruenwa@gpschools.org.



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“Clue” will be performed Nov. 7-10.

‘Clue’ comes to life at Liggett

The stage is set for an unforgettable night of mystery and comedy as the beloved play, “Clue,” based on the classic board game and inspired by the film, takes center stage at University Liggett School from Thursday, Nov. 7, to Sunday, Nov. 10.

“Clue” is filled with laughter, intrigue and unexpected twists as the Liggett Players bring to life an ensemble of quirky characters. The show follows six mysterious guests who find themselves at a secluded mansion, where a murder occurs and everyone becomes a suspect.

“Clue” combines comedic brilliance with the classic game’s elements,

challenging audiences to solve the mystery alongside a range of colorful characters.

The cast includes Alexa Kalyvas, of Grosse Pointe Woods, as Miss Scarlett; Jillian Whitton, of St. Clair Shores, as Mrs. White; Fred Talan, of Clinton Township, as Mr. Green; and Da’Mya Johnson, of Detroit, as Mrs. Peacock.

Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, Friday, Nov. 8, and Saturday, Nov. 9; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at Liggett, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tickets are \$8 each and available online only at uls.seatyourself.biz.

‘Frozen Jr.’ is Nov. 1-3

Quinn Seiler takes the stage as Olaf 2 during Disney’s “Frozen Jr.” A special sensory-friendly performance takes place 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, welcoming people with autism, sensory sensitivities or other social, learning or cognitive disabilities. Get tickets online at gpt.org/frozen or by calling (313) 881-4004.



Disney’s “Frozen, Jr.,” features a cast of 57 kids and 11 crew members. Directed by Linda Zublick, “Frozen” stars Anna Steiger as Elsa and Riley Birsul as Anna. “Watching these kids take on the roles of Elsa, Anna, and all the beloved characters they’ve grown up with has been an absolute joy,” Zublick said.



Charlotte Boon stars as Middle Anna, Juliana French as Queen Iduna, Elliott Cox as King Agnarr and Victoria Panzenhagen as Middle Elsa in the Youth on Stage production of Disney’s “Frozen Jr.,” Nov. 1 to 3, at Parcels Middle School. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for adults.

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Spice and Tea Exchange opens in The Village

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — “My dad and I built all of the displays, the tables, the crates, the shelving system,” said Sara Biery, owner of The Spice and Tea Exchange, which opened in The Village earlier this month. “When people come in and they say, ‘This store has such a good feel to it. It has such a good vibe. We love how the store looks,’ that is such a great compliment.”

Alongside grim-steeped tea infusers and leaf-shaped dip bowls for the season, the shelves and displays are lined with more than 100 different spices; 130 custom spice blends, the majority of which are hand-blended in-house to ensure freshness; more than 80 loose-leaf tea varieties; 30-plus infused salts; and 30-plus



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Owner Sara Biery and her father, Bob Koutnik, together built all the shelves and displays in the shop.

infused sugars, as well as olive oil, honey and kitchen and tea accessories.

A tea bar features 70 different tea blends that can be made hot or iced at any time.

“If they want to try a cup of something before buying a bag of it to take

home, they can just get a cup here and we can make that for them,” Biery said. “... Or if they’re walking around, right now, Starbucks is closed and Lucky (Detroit) is not in yet, so a place to get a hot drink is limited right now.”

An iced tea machine at

the bar offers two flavors of prepared iced tea, to be rotated weekly, until the weather gets cold enough for the machine to begin serving hot chocolate instead.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident previously said she was struck with the desire to bring the franchise to Grosse Pointe upon stepping into a location in Bellaire.

“It’s nice to share that passion with others as they come in and their eyes get really big as they take it all in,” Biery said, “and then they get to start opening jars ... and kind of fall in love with it piece by piece as they move around the store.”

Because the former Moosejaw space had such a large footprint, Biery left 700 square feet at the back of the building available for lease to another tenant. Come November, the space will



The shop also sells tea and spice accessories, tea infusers, candles, tea pots, mugs and more.

become Santa’s opening party with samples and sales is planned for January, after the holiday rush. At that point, Biery also intends to introduce classes and a visiting chef series.

Store hours at The Spice and Tea Exchange, 17037 Kercheval, are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

With Friday, Oct. 11, considered the store’s soft opening, a grand-

Ford House’s Campbell named an ASE 2024 Michigan Human Resource Executive of the Year

Ford House, the historic home of Eleanor and Edsel Ford, located on the shore of Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe Shores, recently announced that Lisa Campbell, director of talent and culture, has been selected as one of the 2024 Michigan Human Resource Executives of the Year by the American Society of Employers.

This recognition celebrates Michigan’s top human resource professionals for their leader-

ship, vision and commitment to advancing the HR field. Campbell and other award-winning executives will be honored at the Detroit Athletic Club during ASE’s annual summit Thursday, Nov. 7.

Campbell has dedicated more than a decade of her career to serving in administrative and human resources roles, where her efforts have centered on empowering employees

and fostering a positive, inclusive workplace culture. As director of talent and culture at Ford House, Campbell plays a key role in aligning the organization’s mission with employee satisfaction, retention and professional development. Her leadership is guided by a deep commitment to balancing the needs of the employee with the vision and mission of Ford House, creating an environment that supports growth and collab-

oration. “Lisa’s passion for people and her expertise in human resources have transformed the employee experience at Ford House,” said Mark J. Heppner, president and CEO of Ford House. “She has been a champion for cultural changes at Ford House and has been instrumental in crafting policies that elevate both our staff and our organization, and this honor is a reflection of her dedication and tal-



Lisa Campbell

roles in education, civil service and human resources. Her background has allowed her to approach HR from a service-minded perspective, with a focus on employee retention and engagement. Under her leadership, Ford House has become a place

ent.” where employees are not only valued but empowered to grow both personally and professionally.

KATE HOPPER

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

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

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

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

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

Kate is committed to:

1) Academic Excellence
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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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Beginner ballet classes coming to War Memorial

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In light of the popularity of Suzanne Hawkins' intermediate ballet classes, which began in January, the longtime ballet instructor will offer a six-week class for beginners, starting Tuesday, Nov. 5.

"I wanted to start a beginner class earlier, but the year got away from me," she said. "I thought I'd squeeze it in now before the holidays, before people get busy."

While her intermediate class — which meets 10 a.m. Tuesdays — is a drop-in class, beginner ballet students sign on for the six-week duration.

"Lots of dancers at my intermediate classes say, 'I have a friend who always wanted to try this,'" she said. "Over the last year or two, I've heard people say, 'I always wanted to learn; it's so pretty.' In general, people are looking for something to do apart from Pilates or yoga. And this time of year, 'The Nutcracker' is being advertised, which makes it look fun to learn."

Fun is just the beginning, Hawkins said, as there are bountiful benefits of learning ballet. While learning basic positions and steps, students improve posture, flexibility, core strength and coordination — "because you work your arms and your legs together," she said — as well as tone and strengthen muscles.

"And, of course, there's improved balance," Hawkins added, "which is really big for seniors."

"On the mental side, you have to remember sequences of movements and do them on the other side," she continued. "That is unique to ballet. It makes you work both sides of your body

equally."

Another benefit, she said, is the camaraderie built among participants.

"People are forming long friendships," she said. "They're coming to class together, riding together, encouraging each other. And people who love music are inspired by the beautiful piano music. ... Movement and music are deep inside the brain. It's highly recommended to fire up some new neurons."

Hawkins, who has led adult ballet classes since 1981, has been on staff at College for Creative Studies, Oakland University, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble and other studios. She is a certified teacher with the American Ballet Theater and is trained in both the Cecchetti and Vaganova methods.

"I cater my classes to adults," she said. "I love working with adults and working with them if maybe they have an old injury. They may need to compensate for it, which is very common for adults. If they hurt a knee in college, then we take a different approach to some of the steps."

Beginner classes take place during the day, so Hawkins is targeting seniors and stay-at-home moms, though anyone age 16 and older is welcome.

"Even homeschooled students," she added. "Anyone looking for a challenge, seniors looking for a new activity — anybody with a desire to learn is welcome. Bring your friends and learn something new together."

"... This is designed for people who've never had ballet class," she noted. "It's square one. You'll learn arm positioning, posture, how to hold your hands. Every class finishes with something that travels, so you feel like your dancing."



Suzanne Hawkins instructs intermediate ballet students last winter.

Hawkins said there's no need to spend a fortune on attire; leotards and tights are not required. However, yoga or fitted pants and a tight-fitting top are recommended.

She also highly recommends ballet shoes. "Given the floor and how you work your feet, you would want to wear ballet shoes," she said. "There are several dance stores in the area where you can get canvas ballet shoes for \$25 or \$30."

Classes take place 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 5 to Dec. 10, at the dance studio at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"It is beautiful at The War Memorial — very conducive to the arts," she said. "It's a pretty setting and the grounds are beautiful. Some students even walk to class because it's so close."

Cost for six weeks is \$90. Hawkins accepts cash, check or Venmo.

Register by calling Hawkins at (248) 535-8222, emailing shawkins248@comcast.net or messaging her on the Suzanne Hawkins Ballet Workshop Facebook or Instagram pages.

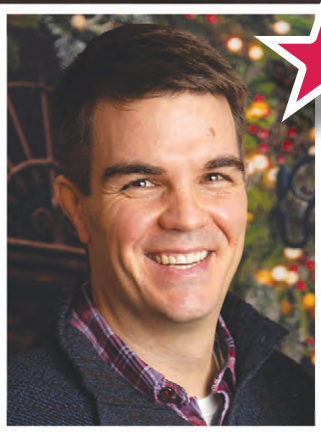


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Suzanne Hawkins started teaching intermediate ballet classes at The War Memorial in January and now is expanding her offerings to include classes for beginners.

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



**Laura
Hull**

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



**Tim
Klepp**

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



**Colleen
Worden**

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

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GPPL Central branch wins AIA Award

The renovations of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch by Quinn Evans won the AIA Huron Valley Chapter 2025 Honor Award. The award was presented Sept. 26, at an awards ceremony. Quinn Evans Principal Ann Dilcher, who led the design of the renovation and addition, accepted the award.

The renovation of the historic mid-century modern Central Library, originally designed by Marcel Breuer in 1953, focused on revitalizing the exterior plaza and enhancing accessibility. An addition significantly expanded the children's area. New features include a drive-up window, fire suppression and an elevator.

"This award is a huge honor," Library Director Jessica Keyser said. "The renovation and addition were the final phase of our 'Library Reimagined' strategic plan. We're forever grateful to Quinn Evans and all those who made the renovation possible." Quinn Evans leader-



The exterior of the addition, including the drive-thru window.



Quinn Evans Principal Ann Dilcher accepting the award.



The expanded children's area at Central Library.

ship in public library design was recognized when they were ranked

No. 1 among public library architects in Building Design + report.

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ENGAGEMENT



Lane Otrhalek and Adam Farabaugh

Otrhalek—Farabaugh

Dr. John and Tawn Otrhalek of Grosse Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Lane Otrhalek, to Adam Farabaugh, the son of Alan and Deborah Farabaugh of Monroe, Ga.

Miss Otrhalek earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Oakland University and a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies from Eastern Michigan University. She is an emergency medicine physician assistant at Corewell Health Beaumont Troy Hospital.

Mr. Farabaugh earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, with a concentration in professional golf management, from Methodist University. He is a director of instruction at the Country Club of Detroit.

A September 2025 wedding is planned.

Chamber hosts next 'Business Boot Camp' program

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents "Building Your Business Boot Camp: Staying Safe in the Workplace," from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Fellow chamber members will be treated to a program about safety presented by City of Grosse Pointe public safety officers. They'll share information about common crime trends in the area, how to make your staff comfort-

able with difficult situations and how to determine if a call to 911 is needed.

Tickets are \$25 and lunch is included. Sign up online at grossepointechamber.com. For more information, call (313) 881-4722.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, St. Joan of Arc Catholic

Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Register at redcrossblood.org.

Library

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

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Meet Up & Make: Mini Clay Character, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Dinosaur Day with Paleo Joe, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ First Tuesday Book Discussion, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Coding: Create a 3D T-rex, 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at

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BRIDAL BEAUTY

Exploring the luxurious beauty bar at Taylor Reese



By Olivia Monette and Donna Zetterlund
Special Writers

For those planning special once-in-a-lifetime occasions like weddings, bridal showers, engagement parties, photo shoots and all the other great events to experience as life unfolds, Pointers have a friend in their corner. Taylor Reese, a standout beauty and wellness destination in Grosse Pointe offers a variety of premium services that cater to anyone seeking top-tier beauty treatments. For brides planning their beauty regimen for the big day, Taylor Reese is your next best friend to the maid of honor! From advanced laser therapies to indulgent grooming and relaxation options, Taylor Reese is the go-to place for a comprehensive beauty experience for the entire bridal party.

Taylor Reese keeps up with the latest technologies and treatments and tailors your service uniquely for you. Here's a look at some of their quality beauty bar offerings.

BBL HERO laser treatments

One of Taylor Reese's most advanced offerings is the BBL HERO laser, a cutting-edge treatment designed to target a variety of skin concerns. BBL, or BroadBand Light, uses intense pulsed light to address pigmentation issues, sun damage, age spots, and uneven skin tone. The HERO (High Energy Rapid Output) version takes this technology a step further by offering faster and more efficient treatments, covering larger areas of skin in less time. Clients love this laser for its ability to leave skin looking brighter, smoother, and more youthful with minimal downtime. It's a versatile treatment that can be customized for different skin types and concerns, making it a popular choice for those looking to reverse signs of aging and sun exposure. It's the ideal treatment to have well in advance of preparing for incredible picture-perfect wedding photos that will last a lifetime.

Moxi laser for skin renewal

Taylor Reese also offers the Moxi laser, another revolutionary treatment designed to rejuvenate the skin. The Moxi laser is a gentler, non-ablative laser that stimulates collagen production and improves overall skin texture and tone. It's perfect for individuals looking to refresh their skin with minimal downtime. Moxi treatments are highly effective for addressing early signs of aging, fine lines, and uneven skin texture. The procedure is comfortable and can be tailored to different levels of intensity depending on the client's skin needs, making it an excellent option for those seeking a refreshed glow with little recovery time. The Moxi laser treatment is a great gift idea for the mother of the bride, so she'll feel her beautiful, confident best at the wedding.

Top: Entering the upstairs Taylor Reese spa is a breath of relaxation and pampering. The soothing ambiance puts you in the mood for a day of beauty and self-care that restores your body and mind.



Today's bride is no longer a cookie cutter version of tradition. Each modern bride infuses her wedding look with aspects of her personality, life experience and unique sense of style. Taylor Reese expertly customizes beauty so that every modern bride's vision comes to life just as she hoped.



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The Taylor Reese boutique, above, is a wonderland of home goods, clothing, jewelry, gifts and more.



A wall of quality brand nail polishes in a rainbow of colors awaits those seeking the perfect Taylor Reese manicure or pedicure. Relaxing with a magazine while nails are transformed is a treat every woman deserves, and Taylor Reese provides an exceptional experience.



The spa also sells take-home beauty products like the Image Skincare line of creams, serums and masks, left.

Taylor Reese manicures come with popular high-end polishes like ella+mila, above, NCLA Los Angeles and more.

Waxing services for smooth skin

Leave the extra hair to your new hubby! For traditional hair removal, Taylor Reese provides a range of waxing services. From precise eyebrow shaping to full-body waxing, their skilled estheticians ensure smooth and irritation-free results using top-quality wax. These services are ideal for those looking for quick and effective hair removal in a comfortable setting. Planning a beachy honeymoon? A body wax will have you ready for sweet fun in the sun.

Brow and lash enhancements

Today's vision of beauty means a real focus on the eyes. Taylor Reese offers eyebrow and lash treatments for clients looking to enhance their natural look, so as you peer at your man for the "I dos," you'll take his breath away. Eyebrow shaping and lamination services help create perfectly defined brows, while lash lifts and tints provide long-lasting volume and color for a dramatic, low-maintenance look. There is truly something for everyone, and the experts at Taylor Reese are happy to consult with you to create the look you are seeking for your special day.

Nail services for every occasion

Hands are so important at the ceremony and in the photos. Your rings will take on extra shine when your nails are freshly done and looking chic. At Taylor Reese, nail services range from simple manicures and pedicures to more intricate designs. With high-quality products and expert technicians, brides and others can enjoy nails that look polished and healthy for the wedding, special event or any occasion.

Massage and relaxation services

Whether the bride and mom just need to relax a little in the home stretch, or the whole bridal party wants a bachelorette party treat, Taylor Reese provides a variety of massage therapies, including deep tissue and Swedish massages. These treatments help relieve tension, promote relaxation, and offer a rejuvenating escape from daily stress. It's a great way to enjoy the moment and keep calm for the wedding process. A weekly or monthly massage is a wonderful way to stay centered through the months of planning!

It's a good idea to infuse the year of the wedding with plenty of self-care and attention to beauty. Becoming a beaming bride is as much about confidence and feeling beautiful as any of the other plans and processes on the road to your wedding day.

With its wide range of advanced laser treatments like the BBL HERO and Moxi lasers, along with a suite of beauty and wellness services, Taylor Reese will get you down the aisle looking and feeling absolutely fantastic for your wonderful new life ahead.

Taylor Reese is located at 84 Kercheval Ave. in Grosse Pointe. They are open Tues.-Sat., closed Sun. and Mon. Contact them at (313) 571-3323 or taylorreeshop.com.

6B | OBITUARIES

OBITUARIES

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

Thomas J. Pack

Thomas "Tom" J. Pack, 85, of Lititz, Pa., and formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, at Maple Farms Nursing Center in Akron, Pa.

He was married to and deeply loved his wife, Janice D. Ciesielski Pack. They were married 66 of the 85 years he spent on this earth.

The son of Polish immigrants, Tom was born in Detroit to Walter and Stella Sadowski Pack, both now deceased. He is survived by his wife, Janice; as well as his two daughters, Deanna Pack and Michelle Pack-Lewis (Steve); and grandchildren, John and Amara.

Tom retired from Ford Tractor Worldwide in 1991, concluding a remarkable 38-year career that spanned from Michigan to travels through Europe, and finally taking his family to New Holland, Pa., following the acquisition of the Sperry-New Holland plant in 1987.

Tom graduated from the University of Detroit. He started his career via Ford's prestigious degree program that awarded two candidates per year a full four-year college scholarship, which he achieved while working full time and raising his family. Tom concluded his career with Ford in his final role leading global marketing for the Ford Tractor division.

Tom was a devout Catholic, having worn a Rosary on his person the entirety of his life, and was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, where a memorial Mass was said in his memory Sunday, Oct. 20.

Tom was an unequivocal family man, to both his girls and as an integral part of the lives of

his grandchildren, sharing his life experience and many interests. These included his interest in cars, fishing, gardening, puzzles, reading and all forms of technological advances in business. He was well-versed in politics and world history and explored a variety of crafts such as building model cars, working with stained glass and constantly upgrading his home, which bears many of his personal touches. Tom also was an active member of the Lochmoor Country Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, where he enjoyed golfing until Ford relocated his family to Pennsylvania.

Share condolences at snyderfuneralhome.com.

Joseph Francis Dillon

Joseph Francis Dillon, 86, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024.

Joseph, also affectionately known as Joe and Joey, was born Oct. 15, 1938. He was a preeminent tax attorney in Detroit for several decades. He was an active member of numerous professional and social organizations, including the Detroit Athletic Club, Lochmoor Club and The Vineyards in Naples, Fla. He was a mentor to many and loved skiing, golf, squash, bowling and bocce ball. His kindness, good humor and gentle nature will be missed by all who knew him.

Joe is survived by his wife, Diane L. Dillon; children, Elizabeth Bartolucci (William), J. Alexander Dillon (Melissa), Michael Perez and Kimberly Valice (James); grandchildren, Nick, Evans, Chris, Jimmy, Will, Ben and Madeline; and siblings,

Maureen Hassan and John Dillon (Sandi).

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joe's memory may be made to the Dementia Society of America, dementia.society.org/donate, or Alzheimer's Foundation of America, alzfdn.org/donate/.

For complete details, visit ahpeters.com.

Roberta Ann McCandless

Roberta Ann "Robbie" (nee Bielak) McCandless, 76, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, from complications of dementia. She passed peacefully at home, surrounded by her family.

Robbie was born Nov. 21, 1947, in Detroit, to Norman and Dorothy Bielak. She is survived by her husband, John McCandless; sons, Frank Bomier (Kelly) and John Bomier (Helen); daughter, Jacqueline Hadwin (Stevell); stepson, Matthew McCandless (Suzie); stepdaughter, Sarah Grace McCandless; grandchildren, Jack and Tatum Bomier, Frances Bomier and Anna, Ella and Sadie McCandless; brother, Steve Bielak (Nancy); and sister, Margaret Moran (Mike). She was predeceased by her oldest sister, Karen Tilli.

After graduating from Dominican High School in 1965, Robbie established a career as a travel agent. After working for a number of local agencies, she became one of the first six in-house travel agents at Chrysler Corp. While there, she became the executive



Thomas J. Pack

travel agent for all leaders of Lee Iacocca's team.

After six years with Chrysler, she opened her own agency in Grosse Pointe Woods, where she was a longtime resident. After retirement, she was an active volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe and loved wintering with family and friends in Fort Myers Beach, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the rebuilding of The Church of the Ascension in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., bit.ly/3YDFjtk.

Matina Hall

Matina Hall, 93, of Grosse Pointe Woods and formerly of North Palm Beach, Fla., passed away Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024.

Matina was the loving wife of 21 years to the late Phillip; dear mother of Daniel Culbertson (Jennifer) and the late Steven Culberston; and the beloved sister of Athena Demos and the late May Dekrone. She also is survived by her niece, Nora Devin; nephews, Dr. James Demos and William Dekrone; stepdaughter, Debra Filer (Scott); step-grandchildren, David Filer and Jeffrey Filer; and step-great-grandchildren, Gemma, Juliet, Evan and Vera Filer. Matina was predeceased by her stepson, David Hall.

Matina was the matriarch of Heather Lane and also was known as the cookie lady by all the children on the street. She enjoyed spending time in her garden, with the arts — especially the fine arts — and was extremely knowledgeable in Roman and



Joseph Francis Dillon



Matina Hall

Greek history.

A memorial service will be held for Matina at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Mary Ruth Mestdagh

Mary Ruth "Ruthie" Mestdagh, 88, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ruthie was born July 15, 1936, in Detroit, to William Casey and Ethel Pearl Casey, both now deceased. She graduated from Denby High School in 1954, and earned her medical office assistant certification from Highland Park Junior College. She then worked at the office of Dr. Faleh Hussein in Grosse Pointe Woods. She also was involved in various organizations, including Sigma Gamma Phi sorority, Grosse Pointe Faculty Wives, Ferry Elementary School PTO and The Moorings Yacht and Country Club in Vero Beach, Fla.

Ruthie loved her family and was very proud of them. She enjoyed doing needlepoint with her friends and was active in bowling, tennis and golf in her younger years.



Roberta A. McCandless



Mary Ruth Mestdagh

She loved to travel with her family and husband, Bill, including spending time at their Lexington and Vero Beach, Fla., homes. For 50 years, Ruthie and her husband could be found in Ann Arbor holding fun tailgates and attending University of Michigan football games. She was an avid fan and always was in attendance at her children's and grandchildren's sporting events.

Ruthie is survived by her husband, William "Bill"; sons, William "Bill" Jr. (Cathy), David (Deborah) and Jim (Kristine); grandchildren, Billy Mestdagh (Lauren), Lindsey Oliver (Mike), Courtney Mestdagh, Andrew Mestdagh (Molly), Michael Mestdagh (Tori), Christine Mestdagh and J.T. Mestdagh; great-grandchildren, Brooks, Jameson, Madison and Charlotte; and brother, William "Bill" Casey (Paula).

A funeral service was held at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. She was privately interred. Memorial donations may be made to the J.T. Mestdagh Foundation, secure.anedot.com/jt-mestdagh-foundation/donate.

Ruthie was very loved and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

James Bradford McGarvah



James Bradford McGarvah passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Jamie was a lifelong Grosse Pointer, born to Ellen Jane and Angus C. McGarvah on November 24, 1959.

Jamie's family was the most important thing in his life. In 1989, he married Becky McGarvah (nee Bageris). Their 35-year marriage exemplified love, care, and deep friendship. Jamie had extraordinary

relationships with and was incredibly proud of his children, Shae (Jimmy) Zick, Taylor (Drew) Taylor (Arnie) Bernstein, McClellan, and Lucas (Annie) McGarvah. He was ecstatic to soon step into the new role of "Papa," eagerly anticipating the arrival of his first grandchild next month.

Jamie received a bilateral lung transplant in 2010, which not only saved his life but extended it by almost a decade and a half. He lived each day after his transplant to the absolute fullest—not just surrounded by his friends and family but supporting them in any way that he could; riding on his Harley; fishing on Lake St. Clair; giving back to the organ donation community; and sharing his magnificent sense of humor and a profound spirit of gratitude everywhere he went.

In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his siblings Polly Taylor (Arnie) Bernstein, Lynn (Harry) Kurtz, and Don (Carrie) McGarvah, as well as numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Angus A. McGarvah.

Visitation takes place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by a funeral service at 5:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider registering as an organ donor through the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, giftoflifemichigan.org/become-a-donor, Memorial donations may be made to Gift of Life Michigan, 3861 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48108, giftoflifemichigan.org/charitablegiving.

Walk to End Alzheimer's takes place Nov. 2 at Detroit Zoo

The Alzheimer's Association invites metro Detroit residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer's disease by participating in its Walk to End Alzheimer's Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m., with the opening ceremony at 9 a.m. and the walk immediately following. The event will be emceed by longtime media personalities Chuck Gaidica and Diana Lewis.

The Detroit Walk to End Alzheimer's — which last year raised more than \$866,000 for Alzheimer's and dementia care, support and critical research — brings together individuals and teams dedicated to an eventual world without Alzheimer's.

"This is a pivotal moment in the fight against Alzheimer's. There are now treatments that change the course of

the disease," said Jennifer Lepard, president and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter. "We hope that everyone in our community can join us by starting a team to help the Alzheimer's Association raise awareness and funds for families facing the disease today, take more steps toward treatments and finally end this disease."

The event will feature performances from Pointe Academy Dance Center and the Lawrence Tech Cheer and Dance Team, as well as Patty Allen with the piccolo and flute and the Uc3 acoustic trio. There also will be an opportunity to meet and take photos with Clownie from the Parade Company and Friendly the Bear, the Detroit City Football Club mascot.

Also featured on walk day will be the Promise Garden ceremony, during which walkers will

carry flowers of various colors, each color representing their personal connection to the disease.

"I became involved with the Walk to End Alzheimer's as a longtime member of Sigma Kappa, a sorority that has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association since 1984," said Nicole Porter, Detroit Walk to End Alzheimer's event co-chair. "With Alzheimer's disproportionately affecting women, and caregiving falling to us most frequently, it's imperative to me to help fund research toward a cure and support for those living with the disease and their caregivers."

Nearly 7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease — a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family mem-

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Through Operation Christmas Child, shoebox gifts are packaged, above left, and make their way to children around the world, above right, many of whom are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. The gifts are meant as tangible expressions of God's love to children in need, below.

Operation Christmas Child drop-off site open Nov. 18-25

Volunteers are preparing to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 18 to 25. More than 4,700 drop-off locations will open across the country in November, including local participant Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, has been collecting and

delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children, many of whom are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Operation Christmas Child hopes to reach another 12 million children with the hope of Jesus in 2024. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. For those interested in packing shoeboxes, a

step-by-step guide may be found online at samaritanspurse.org. Those who wish to make monetary donations can choose to donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. "Children need hope and they need to know that they are not alone and God loves them," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's

Purse. "Gift-filled shoeboxes open the door for us to share the hope of the Gospel with boys and girls around the world. Please pray that these simple gifts have an eternal impact." Participants can drop off their shoebox gifts at Crosspointe during these hours: ♦ 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 18 ♦ 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 ♦ 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 ♦ 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 ♦ 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22 ♦ Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23



♦ Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 ♦ 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25 For more information, visit samaritanspurse.org.

Inspiration ahead of the holidays Tablescape designer to speak at MDC open house

Those who were intrigued by Arthur White's tablescaping talk during the Junior League of Detroit's Designer Show House in May — and those who missed it — are invited to hear White discuss his new book, "Distinctive Decor: The Art of Tablescaping," at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.



Arthur White

White, of A & E Decor, will be the featured speaker during the Michigan Design Center's building-wide showcase, "Gather," which takes place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 8. For one day, the center will provide inspiration for home entertaining with nearly 20 showrooms and studios created by top interior designers showcasing an array of decorating vignettes. White, known for hosting dazzling gatherings at his historic Palmer Woods home, will unveil his secrets for crafting show-stopping tablescapes that leave guests in awe. This exclusive session also includes a glimpse at several tablescapes designed by White, each displaying unique themes and styles.

After his presentation, White will sign books during a reception at The Ghiordes Knot showroom (Ste. 90), where his book will be available for purchase for \$45. Tickets to White's talk are limited and cost \$10. The presentation is expected to sell out quickly. The book signing and reception are open to all "Gather" attendees, even without a presentation ticket. All proceeds from ticket sales benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank. The charity doesn't stop there. Admission to the open house portion of the event is a non-perishable food item or monetary donation to Gleaners Community Food Bank. Gleaners has been feeding the hungry since 1977, through partnerships with hundreds of pantries, schools, senior centers, soup kitchens, shelters and other non-profit organizations in southeast Michigan. The Michigan Design Center is located at 1700 Stutz, Troy. For more information, visit michigandesign.com/event/gather.



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Lakeshore Optimist Club officers are, from left, Dave Hohlfeldt, board member; Jerry VanSlembrouck, board member; Kent Commer, secretary; Steve Licari, president; Dave Fries, board member; Deborah Renshaw, treasurer; David Franks, vice president; Nancy Grose, board member; and Jeff Graham, board member.

Lakeshore Optimist Club installs new officers

The Lakeshore Optimist Club recently held its 2024-25 installation brunch at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The club is part of Optimist International clubs that focus on supporting

youth, respect for law and community service. The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome to

attend to hear interesting speakers and learn about the club. For locations, dates and times each month, visit gpointoptimists.com. Follow the club on facebook.com/lakeshoreoptimists

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Alliance on a mission

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sandra Cobb, center, stands with guest speakers, Kelly Larson and LaKeytria Felder, representing the Alliance for Grosse Pointe Public Schools during the club's Oct. 1 meeting. Larson and Felder updated attendees on key local ballot proposals and explained the mission of the Alliance, which is to foster a student-centric learning environment where Grosse Pointe students can maximize academic success. Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club members extend an open invitation to residents to join them for breakfast and presentations at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information, email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com.

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EVENTS:

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Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teddy Bear Sleepover, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, to 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ DigiLit Series, 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen Leadership Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Make Comics Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ DinoStem, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ "Warrior Lawyers" screening and Q&A, 4 to 6:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Reader Dog, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Saturday Drop-in Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ford House

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

◆ 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.

◆ Autumn Landscape Guided Tour, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, and Sunday, Nov. 10. Admission costs vary.

◆ Storytime: A Walk in the Forest, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 5 to 26, for ages 7 and younger.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The War Memorial

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

◆ Second Saturdays at TWM: STEM-tastic Fun, 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9. The event includes activity stations and a performance by Mad Science. Cost is \$10.

◆ Into the Shadows: An Evening of Chamber Music, 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, presented by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the American Romanian Festival. Tickets start at \$15.

◆ Veterans Day Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11. Free

for veterans, \$15 for guests. No more than one guest per veteran ticket is permitted.

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:

◆ 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.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers its November Men's Night Out, featuring a panel of men's mental and physical health experts, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farm. Appetizers are provided; drinks are available for purchase. Register with maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. David Dwaihy of the Detroit City Football Club speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

GPA

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

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

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

◆ 2D-Or-Not-2D with Marat Paransky, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

◆ Watercolor and Gomuban with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Registration closes Nov. 21.

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WALK:

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bers and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In Michigan, there are more than 202,800 people living with the disease and 380,000 unpaid caregivers.

"We can't just hope for a world without Alzheimer's, we all must do our part to fight for it," said Becca O'Connor, Detroit Walk to End Alzheimer's event co-chair. "I volunteer and walk in my mom's memory and for those who are fighting Alzheimer's and caregiving for those living with Alzheimer's."

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One more cut before the first snow.

Skeletons line up to record a TikTok video.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Renee Catrambone

Teens and anger

We all get angry; teens are no exception. It is a normal response when we think we or those we love are being treated unfairly. In adolescence, teens stop seeing their parents as all-knowing, like the great and powerful Wizard of Oz. Some teens don't feel understood and/or accepted by their parents for who they are. Others feel they do not have enough independence or they feel the rules of the house are unjust or overbearing, or that their parents have unreasonable expectations. Teens often view their parents as hypocritical in their expectations of their

child's behavior or inauthentic in how they act in public versus private. They may be angry with society and where they see themselves or their group within that structure. It is helpful to understand that other people don't make you angry. You feel angry because of something you dislike or feel is unfair. Parents can help their children become effective in expressing their anger and managing their anger's intensity. After a wave of anger dissipates, we also can help them learn to problem solve, which helps teens feel more capable.

Completely accepting your teen's anger is key, otherwise they may keep escalating to show you just how angry they are. Our goal is to not always give into what they are angry about. They can be angry about your rules and you can empathize with their anger and hold your boundaries at the same time. Your child's anger may get intense and you might need to protect yourself from yelling or otherwise escalating by leaving the room and staying calm. After the wave of anger, by working together, you can help them figure out what they are really

angry about. Imagine a teenager asking to drive your car to a concert with their friends. You may have a rule that they cannot drive friends in the car. You can empathize with your teen's anger and not give into their demands. Encourage your teen to use I statements, which will help you better understand each other's feelings. This might sound like, "I am angry when I feel like I'm being treated like a child." You might respond with, "I understand feeling angry and yet I feel anxious and vulnerable that something may happen to you or the other kids and so I have to say no. Let's talk about other ways that you may get to the concert with your friends. Can someone else drive? What if I drive you there and another parent picks you up?" We all still get angry at times and have to develop ways to calm down so our prefrontal cortex comes back online quickly and we can start to problem solve. Our response to our anger can be problematic. Screaming, name-calling and other violent outbursts are unproductive and immature responses. Going for a walk or run, punching bags, playing loud music, doing push-ups, practicing breathing or meditation exercises, or drawing are just a few ideas for an anger plan to reset our emotions. Our goal is to help our teens take ownership of their anger, find productive ways to express their anger in a more helpful way and then problem solve collaboratively with other people. If your child is still struggling to manage their anger, counseling on anger management may be helpful. If your teen is threatening you or you feel unsafe, get help immediately.

Dr. Renee Catrambone trained at University of Chicago Children's Hospital and has been in pediatric practice for 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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Dealing with a neighborhood troublemaker

Dear Gabby: There's a woman in town who's like a social hurricane. She blows in, charms a new group of friends, then somehow stirs up drama until everyone's avoiding each other. Before you know it, she's moved on to a new crowd, leaving a trail of broken friendships in her wake. I've noticed she's eyeing my circle next. How can I protect my friendships (and my sanity) without turning our town into a soap opera? — Keeping My Friends and Distance

Dear Keeping,
It seems like every small town has one: the friendship tornado who seems to pick up friends like leaves, only to leave chaos swirling in her wake. You're wise to recognize the pattern, and trust me — you're not the only one who's noticed it. Here's your game plan: first, create a "drama-free zone" with your friends. Have a lighthearted but honest chat with them about

the importance of keeping things open and grounded, especially if Hurricane Friend begins circling your crew. You don't need to go on a "do not engage" campaign, but a shared commitment to staying low-drama can work wonders. If she does try to cozy up to your group, be friendly, but hold your boundaries. Keep interactions surface-level and don't overshare, especially about other friends. Toxic personalities feed on gossip and discord, so



depriving her of that fuel will likely encourage her to move on naturally. Remember: people who stay grounded tend to weather any storm.

Stay true to your friendships, and let her breeze through—without leaving a mess in her wake. — Gabby

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

Moving on from close friendship

DEAR ANNIE: I felt something was wrong with my closest friend for a while. She was my maid of honor but didn't have a shower for me. She also showed up at the wedding venue fully dressed and made up, when we were supposed

to get ready together. Weeks later, I said it was hurtful that no one had a shower for me. I asked her how she would feel if everyone ignored her upcoming 50th birthday, and she said she wanted to forget she was turning 50.

But on the day, she had a party at a restaurant, posting pictures on Facebook and declaring her "BFF" threw the party. Cut to that summer. When her daughter (whom I've known since she was 7) got

married, she asked my husband and me if we would video the wedding, and we readily agreed. Weeks went by, and we heard nothing. Then she posted the wedding photos on Facebook.

I was hurt and surprised. I expressed this and she said her daughter found a college friend to do it for free. I told her I was thinking that this was our gift to her daughter, as no one ever mentioned payment nor did we expect one. I also said I was hurt that we were disinvited and she said, "You weren't disinvited because you were never invited."

I can't remember the last time we saw each other, although she lives 15 minutes away. She texts me about once or twice a month.

I want to say something, but it feels like a waste of time.

Should I just stop responding to texts entirely or tell her she's off the hook and doesn't have to keep up this pretense?



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

— Hurt and Unsure

DEAR HURT: Of course you're hurt; a friend who once meant a lot to you is now distancing herself without so much as an explanation. If you hope to get closure, send her a message explaining you've noticed the changes in your relationship and it seems that she no longer values having you in her closest circle. But if that feels like more effort than it's worth, taking a step back and allowing the friendship to naturally fade is a perfectly healthy option.

DEAR ANNIE: My wife recently received a dinner invitation from her former brother-in-law to "talk about the old days." She is planning on going. I have seen them together a couple of times at weddings/par-

ties, and it's obvious he has feelings for her. When I had told her in the past what I'd observed, she confirmed it by saying "she already knew that because he had sent her some romantic messages."

I'm not a jealous guy. I trust my wife. But I believe it's improper for her to go because it potentially is leading him on. What do you think? — Dinner Invitation.

DEAR DINNER INVITATION: What's improper about her going is that she is a married woman and she knows this man is interested in her. Either attend the dinner with her, or ask her to decline the invite.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I kept seeing Instagram ads for Quince and noticed a few of my favorite influencers rocking this cropped cardigan. Curious, I checked out its website and was surprised to find this sweater priced at just \$50. Given the price, I was skeptical, but the rave reviews convinced me to give it a shot. I ended up ordering it in two colors and I'm thrilled with my decision.

The Quince cropped cardigan has quickly become one of my favorite wardrobe staples. I wear it at least a few times a week and it's ver-

satile enough for almost any occasion. Whether I'm heading to work, out to dinner or just lounging at home, this sweater fits perfectly. It's lightweight and cozy, making it great for layering over tops or dresses. I even took it as my only sweater on a two-week trip to Europe and it proved to be incredibly adaptable. It paired well with casual outfits during the day and added a chic touch to my evening dresses.



One of the standout features of the Quince cropped cardigan is its quality. Despite the low price, the sweater feels luxurious and well-made. Quince manages to keep prices low while offering high-quality products by cutting out the middleman and working directly with manufacturers. They focus on using premium materials and streamlined operations to ensure customers get top-notch items at affordable prices. This means you're getting

excellent value without sacrificing quality.

The cardigan also holds up well after washing. I simply lay it flat to dry and it retains its shape and softness. It's durable and looks as good as new even after multiple washes, which is a big plus.

I'm so pleased with this cardigan I even bought another one for myself in a different color and ordered one for a friend. It's become a key piece in my wardrobe and I can't recommend it enough.

If you're looking for a stylish, versatile and well-priced sweater, the

Quince cropped cardigan is definitely worth checking out. I'm giving this product 5 out of 5 alligators and I'm excited to wear this sweater more this fall and winter.

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



5 Out Of 5

An effortless, rustic potato Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

I recently came across an interview with British chef Jamie Oliver. He talks about a holiday cookbook that he wrote where an entire chapter was devoted to potatoes.

One recipe, in particular, was of a potato pie. The simplicity of this dish caught my attention as he uses the potato skins for the crust. Good rustic food tends to use all parts of the ingredients. In this case, he bakes the potatoes and then browns the skins in a pie plate until they become crispy. Then he fills it with a creamy, cheesy and herb infused mash.

I love that herbs and garlic are slowly steeped in cream and then removed. You can absolutely taste each herb in the finished product but you can't see them. It's an extra step that takes little effort but makes so much difference.

This recipe isn't necessarily quick but it is very casual, carefree and takes minimal effort. The goal isn't to make it look pretty. You just want to showcase the taste of the potato co-starring the cheese and herbs behind it.

It's a perfect Sunday side dish or even a main course with a big salad.

I never did see an ingredient list for this dish, so I used my favorite seasonal herbs and melting cheeses.

I used fontina which is creamy and nutty and Gruyere which is a hard swiss that is Earthy and salty. Think of an elevated, giant, twice-baked potato.

This pie is easy to slice once it rests for a bit. Each of us got a slice and ate it with grilled steak. Change up the cheeses and herbs if you want but the combination below is pretty darn good. Enjoy!

Cheers, Mombeau

Rustic Potato Pie

4 large russet potatoes

2 tbsp olive oil

2 tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

1 cup heavy cream

6 sage leaves

1 large sprig of rosemary

4 sprigs thyme

1 garlic clove

1 cup shredded fontina cheese

1 cup shredded gruyere cheese

2 tbsp butter

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. Scrub the potatoes clean and place them on a baking sheet. Rub them with 1 tablespoon of olive oil and the salt and pepper.

Poke holes with a fork all over the tops. Bake for 1 hour. Remove to cool.

When the potatoes are cool enough to handle, slice them in half horizontally. Scoop out the insides and put into a mixing bowl. Set aside.

Line a pie plate with parchment paper. Rub the potato skins with the other tablespoon of olive oil and lay down on the bottom of the plate so it resembles a crust.

The skins should overlap and lay up the sides of the plate. Bake the skins in a 425 degree oven for 15 minutes or until golden



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brown and crispy.

While the skins cook, pour the heavy cream into a small saucepan. Add the herbs, garlic and butter. Bring to barely a simmer. You don't want the cream to boil.

Steep the herbs in the hot cream for about five minutes. Add in the but-

ter to melt. Pour the contents into the potatoes using a fine mesh strainer to remove the herbs and garlic.

Add in half of the shredded fontina and half of the shredded gruyere cheese. Mash together well, leaving some potato chunks if

so desired.

Spoon the mixture on top of the potato skin crust and spread out evenly. Sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top.

Bake the pie at 425 degrees for 20 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes then slice into wedges and serve.



by Dan Berger

Zinfatuated

Clumsy, foppish, lugubrious, doleful, gloom-imposing.

These are just a few of the terms that I had either used or thought of when writing about zinfandel in the late 1990s, a somber time for anybody who really liked zinfandel as it once was.

It once was charming, a sprightly, fun-loving joker who never had a bad word to say about anyone or anything. Zin was a casually-dressed chum who was content to be paired with victuals like pizza, burgers, hummus and hot dogs.

It was a jocular red wine that was simply, uh, simple. Loaded with raspberry and strawberry fruit, it had a crisp level of acidity, balanced alcohol (usually 13.5 percent to 14 percent), and it improved in the bottle for a few years even

though that wasn't its thing. In most cases, you just bought it and drank it. Ceremony be damned.

But all good things must end. The end, roughly 20 years ago, was when I began to see most zin producers make what I then decried as stupid wine. I didn't like what zin had become: a besotted alcoholic oaf. It had lost its engaging sprightliness and became weighty. What a bore!

I once asked winemaker Randall Grahm for his opinion of most of the high-alcohol zinfandels of that era. He paused, thought about the question, and then replied, "It's kind of like trying to evaluate the quality of an orchestra based on how loud it plays."

The major change in zin's personality began almost entirely as a result of the mindlessness of

people putting scores on these things. If ever there was a wine that didn't want to be comparatively evaluated, it was zin. All it wanted was to be playful, wear jeans and a T-shirt and create smiles. It hated tuxes, spats or upturned pinkies.

Most of the 100-point zins had 16 percent alcohol (or more!), as well as layers of new French oak. A few actually smelled more like port or creosote than wine. Any relationship to the zin I once knew had been stripped away.

The highest scoring zinfandels of the Stupid Era had so much alcohol you needed an antacid before each sip. As such, zins resembled Amarone. As for its compatibility with food, that had evaporated. It was less a beverage than it was a pollutant. Its best role probably was as front-bumper bug solvent.

Fortunately for those of us who love the flavors of this uniquely American red wine grape, times can change more than once. One result of zin's Stupid Era was that even hardcore zinfandel lovers eventually got fatigued trying to slug these behemoths down. So, they

stopped buying them.

That, to be sure, was a message that winemakers and winery owners understood. When sales suffer, something has to change. And it's in process as we sip.

Sure, plenty of 17 percent alcohol zins remain on store shelves. Some people still feel macho enough to enjoy them. (Are the buyers also those who buy Hummers and demand 40-inch wheels?)

However, recently I've seen a new zin trend: balanced zin! When it's appropriately handled in the vineyard, it can produce a tasty, balanced wine! Huzzah! It may be that we'll have to put up with 14.5 percent alcohol, but at least that's manageable.

When zinfandel stays well below 15 percent alcohol, retains good flavors of blackberry and raspberry, and also has good structure so it is compatible with food, it can be an absolute delight, as is our Wine of the Week.

Wine of the Week:

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Dan Berger lives in Sonoma County, California, where he publishes "Vintage Experiences," a weekly wine newsletter. Write to him at winenut@gmail.com.

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DEATH WATCH

by Bill Bradley

Part 1: The Jasmine

The Jasmine slipped through the narrows past the shores of lush green fields of summer corn, sailing down the coast once traveled by French trappers and Chippewa to the distant Hudson Bay Company. The remnants of the French ribbon farms rippled to the sandy beach under a blue summer sky. Katrina (Katie) Jertene tightened her grip on the small oak wheel of her father's prized possession, the aging 26-foot sailboat, the Jasmine. Her gentle commands pointed the bow to open deep blue water under the lazy popcorn clouds, as the deep bellows of the mighty lake freighters floated in the wind. The sloop's rigging was an orchestra of lines and cleats, tuned for a graceful point of sail: the majestic lake, soft and smooth as the fire orange sun melted into the scarlet blue horizon. Katie glanced back to the seagulls bobbing like feathered corks in Mitchell's Bay. The whispering breeze soothed her strawberry hair, streaked from the summer sun. Today was a day her father, Jac, would have labeled "Ideal Conditions."

Katie grew up in Port Lambton, the Canadian beach town on the shores of Lake St. Clair in the heart of the Great Lakes, chasing beach balls and singing the ladybug song. She swam past the tadpoles and minnows through the water lilies and explored the deserted boat docks. She wrote her own

youthful rhymes and then announced to her mother, Colleen, she was going to be a teacher. "I'm going to swing off the C's and charge up the T's." She would mold her lines like raw clay, striving for the perfection of her father's stories of stormy seas and seaman scriptures. She sculpted her prose inspired by the journeys and superstitions of the seafaring tales. Her creative mind devoured Indian legends and secrets of pirate treasure whispered next to the crackling sparks of midnight bonfires. She read the mystic fable of the sea goddess Amphitrite, and raptured in the Siren myth, about the beautiful muse, one of several sea nymphs, part-women and part-bird, who lured mariners to destruction by their seductive singing. Another favorite, the Greek Goddess Melinoe; the spectral demon hag, who operated from the underworld to terrify men. One side of her body was ink-black and one side bone white as she wandered the earth every night, followed by a train of ghosts, and is said to be the reason that dogs bark in the night at seemingly nothing.

The highlight of the summer was the SunFest weekend in July that included the Canada Day parade and Commodore's Ball. Katie would trail the shined up fire truck and constable's car heading for the treats at the town circle. Checkered tables bordered the main street, filled with complimentary samples of famous Canadian cheeses from her neighbor's dairy

farms. European settlers passed on recipes of the laborious process of milk pumped into vats and slowly heated to curdle the premium cheeses. The local farmers lines like raw clay, striving for the perfection of her father's stories of stormy seas and seaman scriptures. She sculpted her prose inspired by the journeys and superstitions of the seafaring tales. Her creative mind devoured Indian legends and secrets of pirate treasure whispered next to the crackling sparks of midnight bonfires. She read the mystic fable of the sea goddess Amphitrite, and raptured in the Siren myth, about the beautiful muse, one of several sea nymphs, part-women and part-bird, who lured mariners to destruction by their seductive singing. Another favorite, the Greek Goddess Melinoe; the spectral demon hag, who operated from the underworld to terrify men. One side of her body was ink-black and one side bone white as she wandered the earth every night, followed by a train of ghosts, and is said to be the reason that dogs bark in the night at seemingly nothing.

All these delights were deliciously offered after the parade. Katie concluded that the holiday's SunFest sailing regatta was part water ballet and part precision duel, preferring to paddle around in her rowboat with her best friend and first mate, Starter. Starter, lounging on the warm teak deck and blackened seams was a sleek ink black Labrador, strong and quick, that didn't bark orders for sail changes and was as calm on the lake as a beagle in the bush. He was raised with kittens and was never quite sure if he was a dog or cat. He adapted his paws and nails as a puppy to return the occasional swat from his feline siblings.

The Jasmine arched into her northern course leaving behind the distant beach spotted with rocks, smooth from the lapping seas and spinning foam, on her last leg to the Able Boat Works. She passed a necklace of islands far from the crashing surf and jagged peaks of Stoney Pointe, known for its nasty summer squalls. The wind increased from gentle to brisk as the sloop left the shallow waters of Lake

St. Clair for the open seas and a building light chop. Starter now moved down below from the deck through the companionway, as a light mist smeared his paw prints.

Back home, the wind chimes bantered from the rafter of the Jertene's boathouse. The aft end of a blistered wood boom stretched out from the ceiling beams. A small bronze plaque with scripted letters read Jac Jartene Lost At Sea, July 12, 1983, Jasmine.

Katie's mother, Colleen, stopped planting her purple impatiens and yellow mums. Her ears sharpened. That sound. The wind chimes now hit flat eerie notes. Colleen looked up across the open water to the south and the menacing clouds, and raspberry sky with colors forced to merge, but not blend. She glanced across the field to the cattle huddled down around the trees and to the wind vane on the boathouse, which read:

Winds that swing against the sun

And winds that bring the rain are one.

Winds that swing around the sun

Keep the rainstorm on the run.

Then the breeze vanished with the wrens. The rustle of the fine willow leaves became still. Mother Nature issued her silent alert to the sparrows, cats and crows. Storm warnings. Colleen tilted the antenna on her marine radio to calm and clear the static of the broadcast. She guided the red line to WX-1, the weather frequency band. "Waves 12 to 18 feet,



rain.

This is NOAA, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Weather Station at Port Sutton. All vessels in the vicinity of Stoney Pointe and Port Lampton must seek immediate safe harbor. Repeat, severe weather. All craft warning. An Alberta clipper is headed for the Stoney Pointe/Lampton area with Gale force winds 34 to 40 knots, towering waves four to six meters with overhanging crests, Beaufort scale 8 to Beaufort scale 11."

The swaying light bulb in the boathouse dimmed and brightened as lightning danced over the distant bay. The horizon was now black and blue. A fierce bolt of lightning exploded and Colleen began to count. 1,001, 1,002, 1,003. On the 12th count thunder rumbled. The storm was 12 miles out. Colleen seized her phone and her fingers poked the plastic buttons, BayView, BV7-9799.

"Able Boat Works."

"Wallace, is Katie there?"

"No madam."

"She left Bennett's five hours ago for your place."

"We'll take the Belle."

"Belle's too slow. It could go to a gale. Get the binoculars and go to Mitchell's Bay."

"Katie will go into deep water, you know she will. It will be alright Colleen. She's one of the best." Wallace replied.

"That's what they said about Jac and they didn't

find his body for five bloody days.

"To Hell with those boats."

Colleen hung up and re-dialed the phone.

"Port Sutton Coast Guard, Ensign Van Dyke."

"This is Colleen Jertene, Port Lampton. My daughter Katie left five hours ago from Bennett's marina for the Able Boat Works at the tip of Lake Huron. She off the coast five, maybe ten miles."

"Size of vessel?" Van Dyke questioned.

"Twenty-six foot sailing sloop. The Jasmine. She's solo, with her dog."

"Weather's gettin' pretty bad here. We'll send up the Monarch." Van Dyke replied.

Ensign Van Dyke punched the large red button on the dispatch panel and sputtered,

"Darn. More babies in baskets."

Look for part 2 in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

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NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Continued from page 1C



I'd go around the back!



Grandma, what big teeth you have...



Pumpkinhead guy waiting for Halloween.



Haunted trees, ghosts and eyeballs, oh my!



Da-Dum. Da-Dum. Only two notes needed.



Nightmare on Nottingham.

Congratulations!

To all of the
Coloring Contest Entrants!*

Winner 1

Winner 2



**Hanna Thompson Age 7
Grosse Pointe**



**Mack Parke Age 6
Grosse Pointe Farms**



**Charlotte Clor Age 7
Grosse Pointe Woods**



**James Padesky Age 5
Grosse Pointe**



**Summer Makowski Age 6
Grosse Pointe Farms**



**Jojo Adams
Grosse Pointe Farms**



**Kate Padesky Age 7
Grosse Pointe**



**Roman Adams
Grosse Pointe Farms**

Happy Halloween

Winners will get a \$10.00 Gift Certificate for
the Chocolate Bar Cafe.



*Winners chosen at random

CREEPY THRILLERS FOR FRIGHT NIGHT



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FILM4, LOST WINDS ENTERTAINMENT AND OMNISCIENT PRODUCTIONS
Left, Thomasin McKenzie as Eileen and Anne Hathaway as Rebecca, share a smoke in the 2023 movie "Eileen," directed by William Oldroyd.

I thought I'd do something a little bit different this Halloween. Instead of reviewing horror movies or ghost stories, I'm doing a couple of the creepier movies I've seen

lately. They're more psychological thrillers than out and out scary movies. Hope you like them as much as I did and Happy Halloween everyone!

MOVIE REVIEW
"Eileen"
2023 - Rated R
1 hr 37 min
★★★★☆

If you like slow burning, tense, creepy movies, you're in luck. I wasn't sure what to expect with "Eileen," but



Rebecca (Hathaway) & Eileen (McKenzie) at the bar.



A gun wielding Eileen (McKenzie).

I really enjoyed it. If you can use the word "enjoy" with a film like this.

The movie stars the young and talented Kiwi actor Thomasin McKenzie, who I thought shined in the sleeper movie "Leave No Trace." If you haven't seen it, it's a film worth looking for. Here she plays Eileen Dunlop, a secretary who works at the men's prison in a small town in Massachusetts in 1964.

The film does a perfect job of setting the scene for the era and the cinematography gives it a depressing, bleak look and feel.

Eileen has a dead-end job and her home life is no better. She lives with her dad, a retired cop who spends his days drinking himself into a stupor.

One day a glamorous doctor named Rebecca (Anne Hathaway) shows up. She's a brilliant woman, determined to use her psychological training to help the inmates at the prison. To



Eileen poster.

say Eileen is smitten is an understatement. She practically worships the ground Rebecca walks on. And the two strike up a friendship that appears to be heading in a carnal direction. Until...

I'm definitely not going to reveal what happens next. Let's just say, I never saw it coming. It was quite a shocker. The plot twists will keep you hanging on and guessing right until the end. Speaking of the which (no, not witch), that's the one problem I had with the film. I thought the resolution was a bit weak - the writers could have done better. But overall, the film was definitely worth

watching. Especially to see the performances from the two leads.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy (with your library card) and Hulu. And to rent on Apple TV, Amazon Prime and other services.



Eileen (Tomasin McKenzie) and Rebecca (Anne Hathaway)



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CONTINUANCE PICTURES
Stephen Phillips as Willem, in his cell in the 2022 movie "Subject," written by Vincent Belfi and directed by Tristan Barr.



The creature.



The interrogator (Tristan Barr)

MOVIE REVIEW
"Subject"
2022 - Not Rated
1 hr 17 min
★★★★☆

This is proof positive that you can make an excellent movie on a severely limited budget. One of the best ways is to limit the locations, have a solid script, and hire some decent actors.

This little creeper of a film hits home on all counts.

a reduced sentence. He jumps at the chance and is taken to an undisclosed location. It's basically a solitary confinement cell, and there's almost nothing to do for days on end.

One day he notices a strange creature, which he can see behind a glass partition. The being resembles the "Creature from the Black Lagoon." If you've seen that movie, you get a good idea what it looks like.

While he's asleep, the creature pays him visits. Or does it? You're never quite sure, which makes it doubly creepy. Occasionally a researcher named Dalesky (Tristan Barr) comes in to interview him. He's asked seemingly random questions and if he doesn't answer them immediately, he's

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin
"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



"Subject" movie poster

given an electric shock. And in his sleep, we witness a series of what could potentially be flashbacks of the events leading up to his arrest.

The scary thing about this type of movie is that you never know what's real and what's the product of the prisoner's imagination. If you're in the mood for something on the unsettling side of things, put this one in your queue.

Currently streaming for free on Hoopla and

Kanopy (with your library card), Tubi, and Vudu. Also on Prime Video and to rent on Apple TV and other services.

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

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



Willem unravelling.

GODZILLA, KING OF THE MONSTERS, AT 70

By Kenneth Schop
Special Writer

Even though King Kong came out in 1933 (21 years before Godzilla) and he is deemed a king in the title of his name "King Kong," the official king of the monsters moniker has been bestowed to that giant lizard Godzilla.

The first appearance of the big G was in a Japanese production that debuted in 1954, original title "Gojira," which is a combination of the words gorilla (gorira) and whale (kujira) and the english name is Godzilla.

"Gojira," which became a box office success in Japan, went on to have 33 Japanese sequels produced by Toho Co. Ltd. and five American films and has been licensed for various comic books, video games and television shows.

The original film was co-written and directed by Ishiro Honda, who was known for drama, war and documentaries as well as comedies and is known as having a significant influence on the film industry and considered one of the founders of modern disaster films.

The basic story of "Godzilla, King of the Monsters" is that a giant prehistoric dinosaur that lives in the ocean is awakened by the exposure to nuclear radiation from the many years of nuclear testing in the late 1940s and early 1950s which increase his size and equips him with his own radioactive fire. He surfaces and nearly destroys all of Japan until a scientist named Dr. Daisuke Serizawa creates a way to destroy Godzilla.

There is even a small, heartbreaking love story in this movie between Serizawa and Emiko Yamane, the daughter of paleontologist Dr. Kyohei Yamane, played by Takashi Shimura, who by the way was the lead actor in Akira Kurosawa's masterpiece "The Seven Samurai."

Simple enough story, but what is surprising is that the story has a real sadness about it and is a long way from previous giant dinosaur movies like "The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms" just a year before. And like "King Kong," it had an incredible soundtrack written by Akira Ifukube and is considered one of the most groundbreaking, iconic and recognizable musical scores in Japanese cinema. Just ask my 4-year-old grandson Easton, he can hum it for you by heart note for note, but it's not just the upbeat music that is perfect for this movie, it is the somber, sad performances that really set the tone for all of the after-

math scenes of destruction and hospital scenes of wounded and dying citizens of Japan.

Being that the original movie came out in 1954 just 10 years after the end of World War II and the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki is so fresh in the minds of the Japanese people, that it's obvious that the film-makers of Godzilla were clearly channeling those horrors of war in this film with images of overrun hospitals with thousands of badly injured and dead people and the images of total devastation and destroyed buildings everywhere in what I always felt that this movie was more than just a giant monster picture.

I would not see this version of the movie until it ran in re-runs on TV in the early 1970s.

It was the Americans who decided to designate the big G, in 1956 "King of the Monsters" by giving the American version the title of "Godzilla, King of the Monsters." It wasn't even the people of Japan who assumed this great moniker for the giant dinosaur who has been both villain and hero for the people of Japan, depending which movie you watch. Another thing most people are aware of is that almost all of the Godzilla movies are brought to life by miniatures not unlike the stop motion pictures like the original 1933 "King Kong" or "Mighty Joe Young" from 1949, but all of Toho Godzilla

movies were played by a man in a rubber suit. Haruo Nakajima is the man who played the part of Godzilla from 1954 to 1972. It fooled me as a kid.

There were many people who played the various monsters for those movies, some even playing multiple characters. Then, there was the sound Godzilla made. In the history of movie magic it is as recognizable as the Johnny Weissmuller yodel in the old Tarzan movies. Everyone knows the roar of Godzilla. It was invented by Akira Ifukube, the composer of the music for the Godzilla movies, by rubbing a leather glove coated in pine-tar resin to cause friction on the strings of a double bass. Brilliant!

Jump to March of 1970, a few weeks before my birthday when I was a child of 4 going on 5 and saw for the first time the 1964 film "Godzilla vs the Thing," one of many Godzilla sequels to be made about the big G and I loved it.

The seeds were now taking root as the seeds that were planted just a few months earlier in November 1969 Thanksgiving Day when I saw "King Kong" on my grandparents TV for the first time. Side note - I don't know about you but this is how I keep track of my memories by remembering which season, holiday or events connected to what grade I was in school at the moment of past childhood memories. I am not sure when I



Left, the original "Gojira" and above "King Kong vs Godzilla."

saw the original Americanized Godzilla movie with Raymond Burr, but I know it was within a year or so of my Fifth birthday.

I recently went to another Monster Bash Movie Weekend in Canton, Ohio, on the weekend of Aug 16, 2024, and Aug 17, 2024, put on by Ron Addams and the fine people from Monster Bash Magazine.

Look them up at creepyclassics.com. My wife and I went to a Monster Bash movie weekend a few summers ago and it was a Bela

Lugosi movie marathon and although my wife had a decent time, old black and white monster movies in an old theater with older seating all day and night, it is fair to say is more my thing than hers. Afterward I asked my wife Dawn if she would want to ever do another weekend like this again and she replied "not really, but maybe." So I said "I get it, it might have been a bit much." But she said maybe.

I said "well, if Ron and gang ever do one of these weekends where it is all giant monster movies,



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Left, the original "Gojira" and above "King Kong vs Godzilla."

it on a big screen before and it had been at least 30 years since I'd last seen it, but I realized how bad it was after seeing the original Japanese version "Gojira," which I highly recommend. But I will say that the American version is well suited for young kids and a good starting off place for them.

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a box of tissues. I am not kidding.

I know it's Halloween and I admit that when I think of monster movies I want to watch for my annual event of Halloween weekend of binge watching scary monster movies, I tend to gravitate toward Frankenstein or the Wolf Man or even Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein, but Godzilla is 70 years this year and it made the most sense to share my thoughts about my favorite giant lizard who has made such and impact on my childhood and beyond.

When my children were very young, I of course shared Godzilla and King Kong with them. In fact my daughter Grace was 3 years old the first time we let her watch "Jurassic Park" and now her children watch Godzilla and King Kong. My 2-year-old granddaughter Presley will stop in her tracks whenever her 4-year-old brother Easton is watching a Godzilla movie, which is almost every day.

Am I proud that I have helped create a new generation of monster kids who love Godzilla? Darn tootin' I am.

Well, this weekend I will make room for at least one Godzilla movie on my binge watching itinerary and I think I'll drink a toast to the next 70 years of Godzilla, the king of the monsters. Have a safe and happy Halloween.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT today (9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Libra into Scorpio.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, October 31, 2024: You are steady, reliable and trustworthy. However, you are also spontaneous and entertaining! This is a year to work hard to create foundations in your life. Stay organized, grounded and levelheaded. Laziness is not acceptable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Tread carefully this morning because tempers are short and people are impatient. Not you, of course. (That is a joke.) This is because the Moon is at odds with your ruler fiery Mars. Fortunately, later in the day, all is well; nevertheless, feelings are intense and passionate. Tonight: Check shared possessions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Avoid work-related squabbles. (Remember, you have to work with these people in the future.) Later in the day, when the Moon is opposite your sign, you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. The key is to be friendly, cooperative and accommodating. Tonight: Discussions!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Today your ruler Mercury is dancing with Neptune, which makes you feel sympathetic and genuinely interested in the welfare of someone. However, other astrological challenges are present, which could create tension when dealing with your kids as well as romantic partners. Be patient with social outings. "Trick or treat?" Tonight: Get involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You might encounter some tension in social situations, or when dealing with your kids or romantic partners. It's Halloween, and there might be a lot going on. Nevertheless, you have wonderful, creative ideas when it comes to artistic decisions and, possibly, Halloween costumes! Tonight: Socialize!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today you feel sympathetic with a family member. You might want to help kids get into the festivity of things, or you might help distribute candy at the door — it could be anything. The key is to be patient, because various distractions can create friction with others. Tonight: Home and family.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You might spend a lot of time daydreaming today or lost in a fantasy world. That's OK. Obviously, this is a good day for you if you need to use your imagination. Early in the day, be patient with others when it comes to money and your belongings. Easy does it. Tonight: New ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today begins with the Moon still in your sign at odds with Mars and Pluto (yikes!), which is why you might feel quarrelsome or irritated with someone. Check the Moon Alert before you spend money today. Be cautious about going overboard buying luxurious items. Tonight: Protect your belongings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Be patient with people this morning, because later in the day, after the Moon moves into your sign, you will be empowered! Things will tend to go your way. Because of this,

you might look kindly upon a friend or partner and wish to help them in some way. Tonight: Imaginative decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
This is a good time to shop for wardrobe items for yourself. However, don't do this during the Moon Alert today. Be patient with friends and members of groups this morning. Avoid friction or intense confrontations with others. Who needs this? (Not you.) Tonight: Privacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You continue to be high-viz as this day begins. Keep this in mind if you have a quarrel with somebody, because others will definitely notice. (Heated whispers in an elevator?) Practice a kindness today. Tonight: Be helpful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
This morning you might argue about politics, religion or racial issues. Don't start your day on the wrong foot. Later today, the Moon moves to the top of your chart, making you high-viz, which means everyone notices you. Be cool. Tonight: You're admired.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Squabbles about money, debt or shared property might occur this morning. Stay clear of these if possible. Later in the day, grab any opportunity to travel or do something different. You want to broaden your horizons and discover adventure! Do something different! Tonight: Ideas!

BORN TODAY
Journalist, commentator Dan Rather (1931), actress Piper Perabo (1976), actress Daniella Rose Russell (1999).

HALLOWEEN crossword puzzle

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

B	C	B	N	Q	E	D	E	W	Q	H	A
A	O	T	E	B	L	I	V	N	G	F	L
T	F	A	O	M	O	O	N	I	C	A	L
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S	T	V	A	E	R	C	P	Z	R	M	N
B	M	O	T	Z	R	Q	U	M	P	K	I

TOMBSTONE ZOMBIE CANDY MOON
HALLOWEEN COFFIN GHOST NIGHT
PUMPKIN BROOM PIRATE DEVIL
CASTLE SPIDER WITCH BAT



Contract Bridge

MIND OVER MATTER

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 8 5
♥ Q 3
♦ 10 8 6 4 3
♣ A 7 5

WEST
♠ Q J 10 6 4
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ —
♣ J 9 8 3

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

SOUTH
♠ K
♥ A 6 4
♦ A K 7 5 2
♣ K Q 10 2

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♦ Pass
3♦ Pass 4NT Pass
5♥ Pass 6♦

Opening lead — queen of spades.

One important trait of a good declarer is the ability to adapt to new developments as they occur.

Consider this deal where North-South reached an excellent slam in diamonds. Declarer won the spade lead with the king and got a rude jolt when West discarded a spade on the ace of diamonds at trick two. With a

trump loser now certain, South had to avoid losing a heart trick. This could be achieved if the jack of clubs fell when the A-K-Q were being cashed, which would allow dummy's heart loser to be discarded on South's ten.

Accordingly, declarer cashed the diamond king, club ace and spade ace, discarding a heart. Then, before reverting to clubs, he ruffed dummy's last spade, a farsighted play designed to give himself an additional chance if the jack of clubs did not fall.

When South next played the K-Q of clubs, East declined to ruff, discarding a heart instead. South then trumped the club ten in dummy, East again refusing to ruff and discarding another heart.

However, this merely postponed the inevitable. Declarer now led a diamond, forcing East to win with the queen and either yield a ruff-and-discard or lead a heart from his king. Either way, the slam was home.

Observe that if declarer had not ruffed dummy's low spade before playing the K-Q of clubs, East could have ruffed the queen, exited with a spade and waited for his king of hearts to take the setting trick.

EXTRA SUPPLEMENTAL HALLOWEEN Comics



Ziggy

Tom Wilson

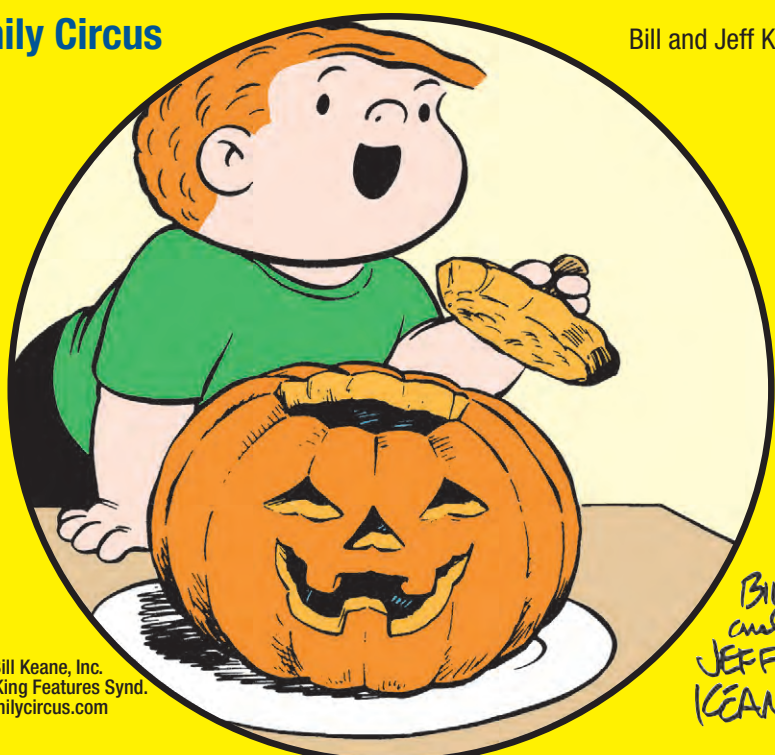


Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane

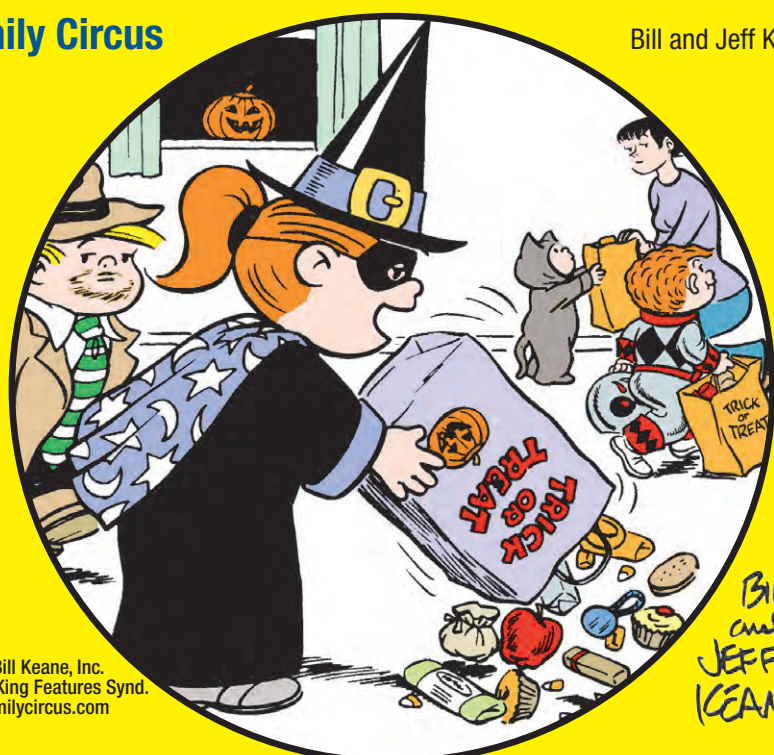
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"See? He has a built-in hat."

"Well, I didn't have to turn any of our neighbors into frogs."

Reality Check

Dave Whamond

Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno

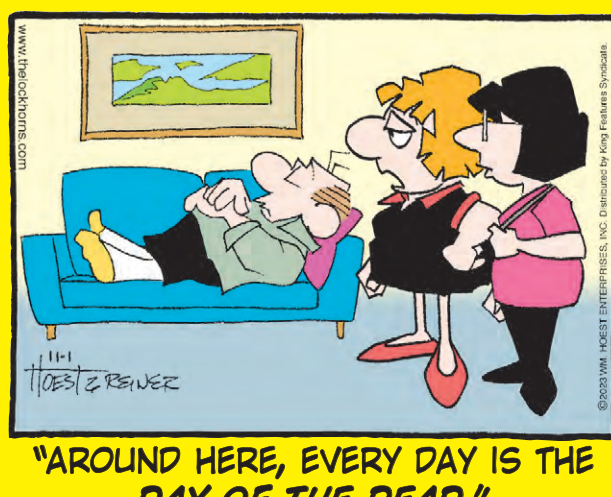
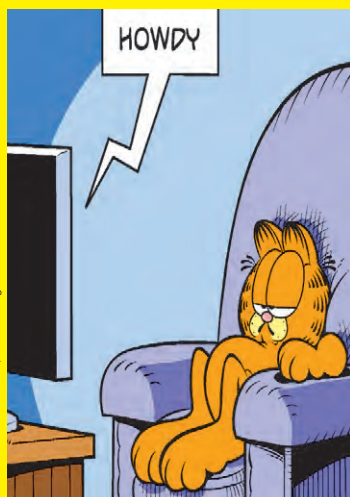
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John McPherson



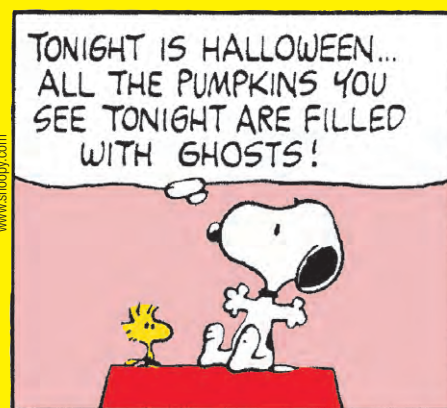
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Jim Davis



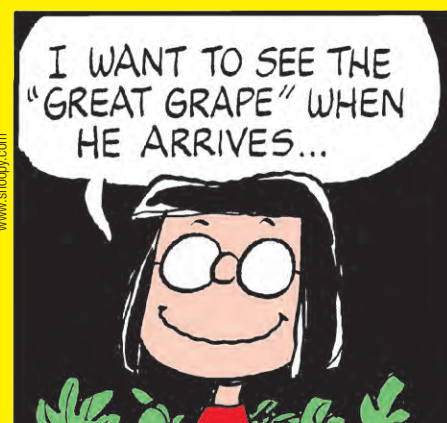
Peanuts

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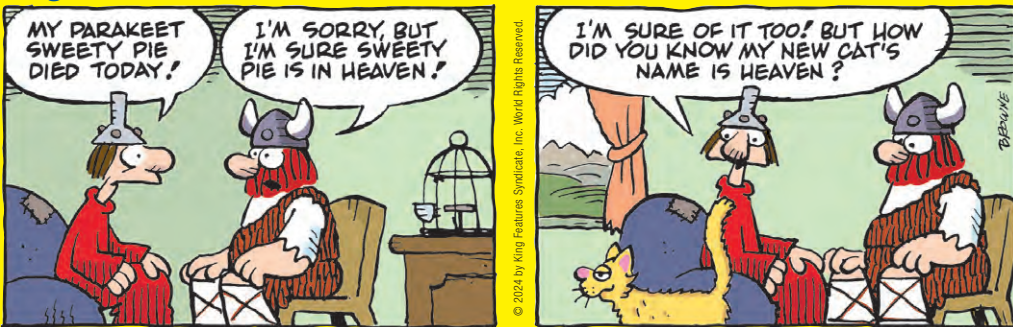
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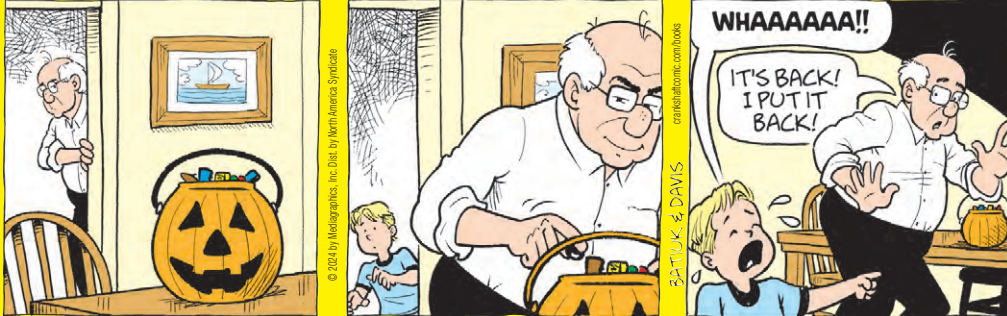
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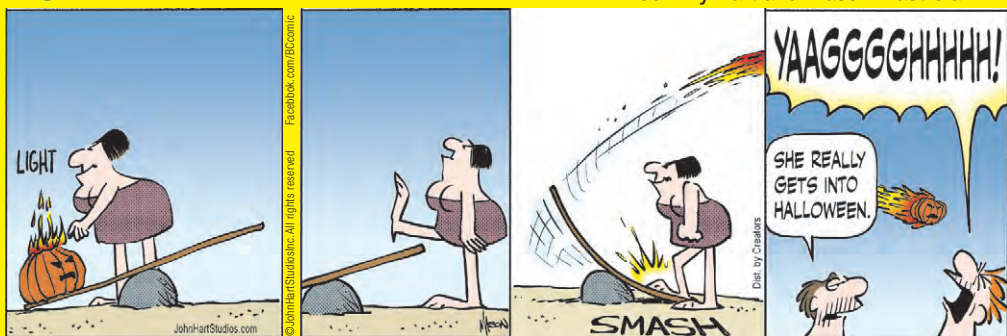
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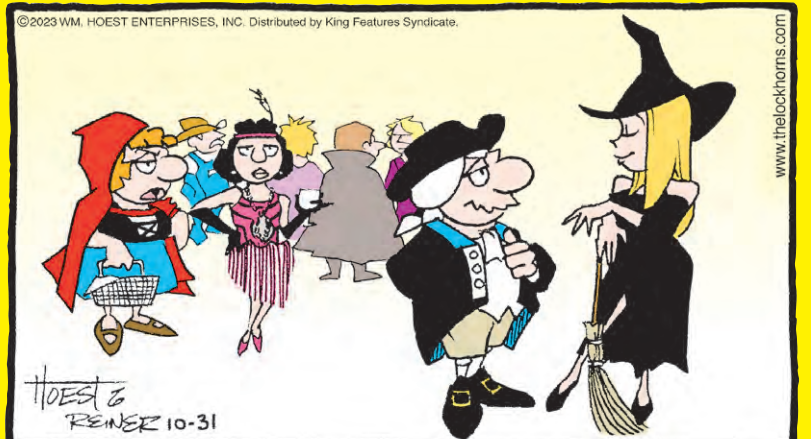
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Steamer Ducks

The steamer duck is native to the rocky shores of the Falkland Islands. The way these ducks splash water behind them when swimming reminded explorers of old steamer ships.

Look closely. Can you find the two identical steamer ducks?



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

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This week's word: **THREATENED**

The verb **threatened** means to put something in danger of being harmed.

The loss of rainforest land **threatened** many species of birds and animals.

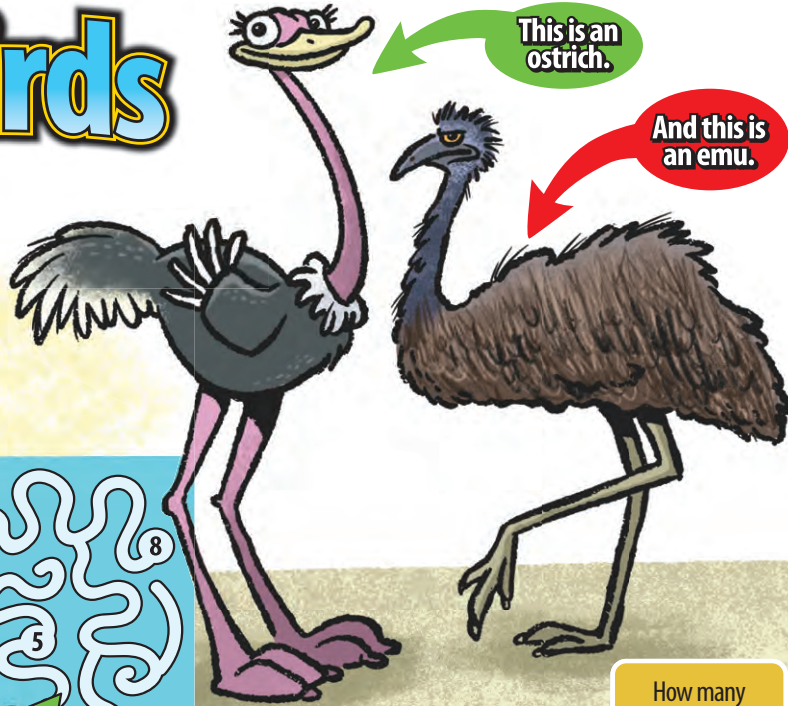
Try to use the word **threatened** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Kid Scoop

Flightless Birds



When you think of birds that can't fly, you probably think about ME. But penguins aren't the **only** birds that can't fly. Let me introduce you to some of my fine feathered cousins who, like me, are grounded!

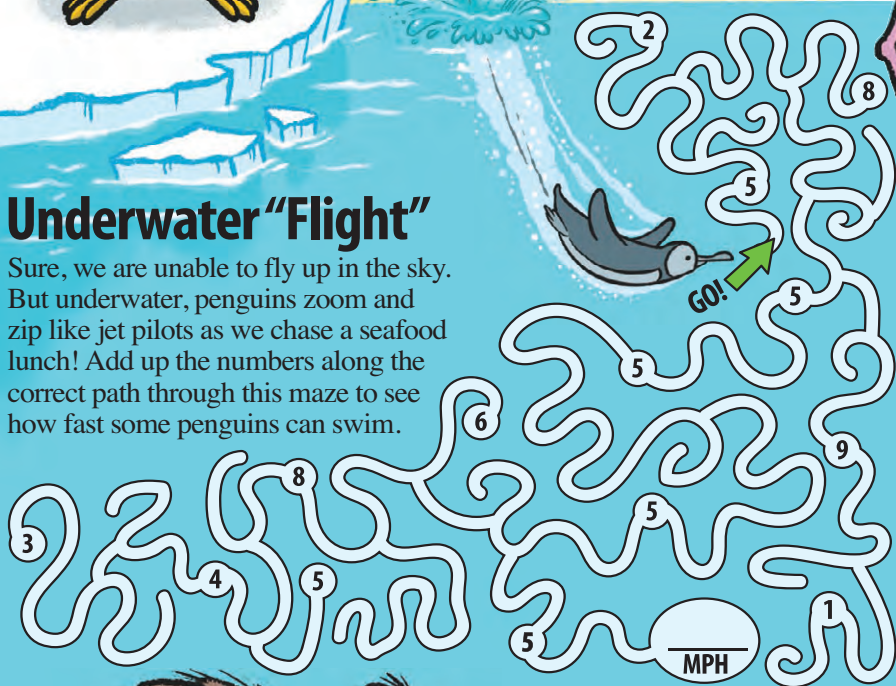


This is an ostrich.

And this is an emu.

Underwater "Flight"

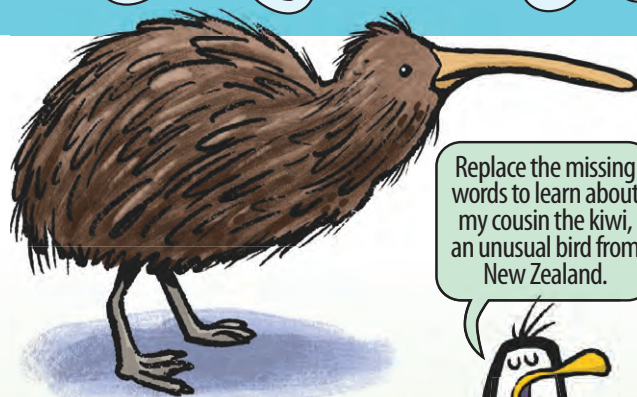
Sure, we are unable to fly up in the sky. But underwater, penguins zoom and zip like jet pilots as we chase a seafood lunch! Add up the numbers along the correct path through this maze to see how fast some penguins can swim.



They're the two tallest birds on the planet, and both are fast runners. Emus can reach a top speed of 31 miles per hour, while ostriches can sprint at bursts of up to 43 miles per hour!

When it comes to being tough, these big birds are *not* chickens. When threatened, both ostriches and emus can deliver a mighty kick. Their kick can hurt or even kill a predator!

How many differences can you find between the emu and ostrich? How many similarities do you see?



Replace the missing words to learn about my cousin the kiwi, an unusual bird from New Zealand.

Meet the Kiwi

Kiwis have soft fluffy feathers that feel almost like _____. The feathers around their long beaks act like a cat's whiskers, keeping them from getting _____ in tight spaces.

A kiwi uses its legs and feet for digging. Kiwis have a great sense of smell thanks to the _____ at the end of their beaks. A kiwi uses its great sense of hearing to avoid _____ and find food.

Kiwis are **omnivores**, eating worms, insects, snails, frogs, berries, seeds and _____.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

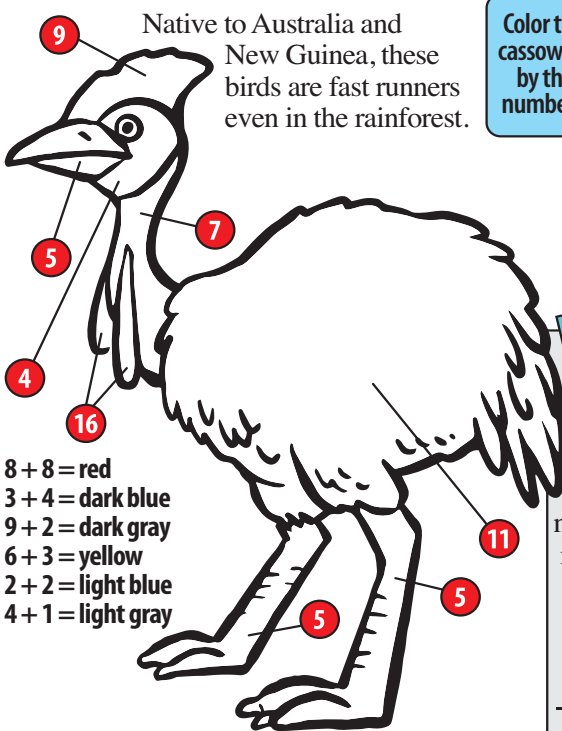


The Cassowary

Some species of cassowaries have a hard, fin-shaped helmet on their heads, called a **casque**. The casque is made of keratin, the substance found in its beak and claws. Scientists aren't really sure of the casque's purpose.

Native to Australia and New Guinea, these birds are fast runners even in the rainforest.

Color this cassowary by the numbers.



- 8 + 8 = red
- 3 + 4 = dark blue
- 9 + 2 = dark gray
- 6 + 3 = yellow
- 2 + 2 = light blue
- 4 + 1 = light gray

Extra! Extra! The Sky Is the Limit

Look through the newspaper to see how many words you can find related to the sky or flying, such as clouds, soaring, flight, wings, etc.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums to 20.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The kakapo (kay-kay-po), or owl parrot, is the world's heaviest parrot. They can live to be 100 years old. They are excellent climbers. And while they cannot fly, their wings help them make soft landings when jumping from trees.

Sadly, they are endangered. Circle every other letter to reveal how few are still in the wild.

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O M R N T O Y P F Q O R U S R

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Standards Link: Follow written directions.



Double Double Word Search

- BERRIES
- CASQUE
- CLAWS
- EMU
- FAST
- FLY
- FUR
- KICK
- KIWIS
- MILES
- OSTRICH
- PILOTS
- SKY
- SWIM
- TOUGH

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.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Flights of Fancy

Imagine you are going to fly to an island vacation. Look through the newspaper for 10 things you'd need on your trip. Decide which are WANTS and which are NEEDS.

Standards Link: Distinguish wants vs. needs.



How can you tell books about birds are popular?

ANSWER: They practically fly off the shelves!

Write On!

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South gets big rivalry win over North, completes undefeated regular season

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South varsity football team entered last Friday's game Oct. 25, with its eyes firmly set on completing a perfect 9-0 regular season. To do that, the Blue Devils had to face their crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North, with the Norsemen having home-field advantage. With many in the community gathered for one of the most anticipated events of the fall, South had little trouble capping off its undefeated season with a 44-3 victory.

"It means a lot," South football head coach Chad Hepner said. "... Beating a rival and beating a bunch of players that they know. Some of them played Red Barons together and grew up in the same community. Each side knows each other well and that adds something to it. The team also embraced the history part of it since it's been so long since we had an undefeated season, 1983 being the last time, and



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South senior QB Jack Lupo breaks a tackle by North's Peter Rheume (No. 11) on his way into the end zone for a rushing touchdown in the Blue Devils' 44-3 rivalry win over North on Oct. 25.

seven straight wins over North ties the longest winning streak in rivalry history."

The Blue Devils' victory came in the form of a methodical breaking down of the Norsemen. South did not jump out to a huge lead early on, but rather kept adding points

to the board throughout the night while the team's defense shut down North's offense.

Matt Agnone scored the first points of the game — and the only points of the first quarter — on a rushing touchdown to give South a 7-0 lead about eight minutes

into the game.

In the second quarter, a pair of rushing touchdowns by Lex Willson eventually extended the Blue Devils' advantage to 21-0. North's offense put together a strong drive near the end of the first half to move into Blue Devil territory and the

red zone. However, the Norsemen were unable to reach the endzone, with Marshall Pata kicking a field goal for what would be North's only points of the game, making it 21-3 in favor of South going into halftime.

South received the ball to start the second half

and struck early. Senior quarterback Jack Lupo threw his first and only passing touchdown of the game to James Michelotti to make it 28-3. Later in the third quarter, Lupo used his legs to find the end zone to make the score 34-3. Charlie Michelotti added another touchdown on the ground for South, making the score 41-3 going into the final quarter.

With the game already well in hand, the only points of the fourth quarter came on a South field goal by Onction Zape to close out the scoring at 44-3.

"They exposed a lot of things about us," North football head coach Joe Drouin said following the loss. "You play against a team that's going against D2 and D1 talent all season long and we play against D3 and D4 talent... They exposed some of the issues that we have, including depth, and we just have to keep the guys having a positive attitude going into next week."

The win helped South

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

DiVita brings power and leadership to South volleyball

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When it comes to high school volleyball in Michigan, perhaps nobody is under a bigger spotlight than Grosse Pointe South's Gabby DiVita. The junior outside hitter announced her commitment before the season to one of the nation's top college volleyball programs, has been ranked as one of the top 10 players in the country for her class and continues to be a dominant force on the court for the Blue Devils.

All of that also can bring plenty of pressure. However, DiVita has learned how to deal with that pressure in leading by

example. That is what she feels has become her biggest strength as her career as a Blue Devil has progressed.

"I think I've matured a lot and the leadership part of my game is something that I've been working on a lot," DiVita said. "That's something the team relies on me a lot for — holding myself accountable and other people accountable."

DiVita has grown into a leader both on and

off the court for South, but that is not the only aspect of her game she knows has improved. She leads the team in kills and even had 34 of them in a four-set victory for South over Anchor Bay Oct. 17. Also in that match, she had three solo blocks and 10 digs on defense.

Her defense has improved this season, but what DiVita really thinks has helped her and her team is how she has diversified her approach to the game on offense.

"I also think my shot selection when I'm hitting, I'm finding more ways to score than I normally would and that's helped me improve more," DiVita said. "My

back row attack has improved a lot so I'm useful in the front row and back row even more now. ... Tips and roll shots and knowing where to place those and not showing them too early so it catches the defense. It's helpful that I'm not killing my arm every night and it helps us find more ways to score."

That gives more reason for South's opponents to have a game plan specifically for facing DiVita. Other teams will try to take DiVita out of the equation or limit the damage she can do. All that means is DiVita's teammates are getting more chances to show that they are equally as dangerous.

"A lot of the girls this year have stepped up," DiVita said about her teammates. "Sydney Hoffman especially has had a great season. ... She's gotten very confident and is a player who when, maybe I'm not doing my best or we really need her, she steps up. (Elizabeth) Davey does a really good job of leading too, so I think it's definitely a big help that they've stepped up a lot and there's a lot of girls who have."

Davey is a senior while Hoffman is a junior along with DiVita. They are three of eight upperclassmen on this year's roster for South, with the rest of the team made up of sophomores and one freshman.

The Blue Devils may have a good amount of youth on the roster, but DiVita has been showing off her improved leadership skills along with her fellow upperclassmen by helping everyone on the team come together regardless of age or experience. Overall, DiVita feels like this South team has some of the best team chemistry she has ever experienced, which could be a crucial factor if the Blue Devils are looking to

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COURTESY PHOTO

Gabby DiVita

The Great Gabby

- 435 kills this season for South volleyball
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- Committed to play NCAA Division I volleyball at the University of Nebraska



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Knights end regular season with dominant win

The University Liggett School varsity football team ended the regular season on Friday, Oct. 25, with a blowout 52-0 win over Bishop Foley. The Knights were led by Nikkos Davis, who threw for 350 yards and had three passing touchdowns. Running back Gary Stacy had 119 yards on six carries for two touchdowns, while Santino Cicarella had 181 yards receiving and two touchdowns as well. The dominant defensive performance for Liggett was led by Liam Kurtz, who ended the day with six tackles and four sacks. Liggett now moves on to the first round of the playoffs in Division 7. The team hosts Bath on Saturday, Nov. 2, with kickoff at 1 p.m.

Cross-country runners aim for states at regional meet

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The season is nearly at an end for cross-country runners from around the Pointes and one of the final big races of the fall was run Saturday, Oct. 26, as the varsity boys and girls teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South competed in the Division 1 regional final. While neither the Blue Devils or Norsemen earned team qualifying spots, there was a pair of South runners who punched their tickets to the state finals.

One of those runners was senior Sarah Koval for South's girls team. While the Blue Devils

finished in fifth place overall as a team, Koval crossed the finish line in 15th with a time of 19:42, earning her a spot in the state finals.

"Sarah continued her astounding performance improvement, racing better and better over the last month of the season," South girls cross-country coach Steve Zaranek said. "She earned this state meet spot with an amazing race."

Despite not earning qualifying spots for states, Chloe Caulfield for South finished 22nd at 20:11 and Savannah Spangler also made the top 25 in 25th with a time of 20:20. Adelina Parikh for South was in the top

40 at 38th place. North's girls team's highest finisher was senior Asheli Anatalio, who finished 44th with a time of 21:18. Fellow senior Katie Madigan was just outside of the top 50 in 51st place.

South's boys team also finished in fifth place and had one runner make a state-qualifying time. That runner was senior Tethyan McKenzie, who took 11th place with a personal-best time of 16:30.

The next highest finisher in the boys race was North's Caleb Kosel, who finished 23rd with a time of 16:51. Neil Orłowski in 44th place and Paul Stephens in 47th also earned top-50

finishes for the Norsemen, who took eighth place as a team.

The cross-country state finals for Division 1 are being held Saturday,

Nov. 2, at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

South senior Sarah Koval shows off her All-Region medal after qualifying for the Division 1 girls cross-country state finals with her performance at the regional meet last weekend.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS 2025 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Harper Woods Michigan will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.
TO BE HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
19617 HARPER AVENUE
HARPER WOODS, MI 48225

The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public input and comment on the proposed 2025 Budget for the City's General and various other operating funds. The proposed levy upon the 2024 Tax Rolls for each \$1000 of Real and Personal Property State taxable valuation is as follows:

FUND	CURRENT	PROPOSED	INC/DEC
General Operation	19.2617	18.8398	(0.4219)
Police & Fire	19.5000	18.0000	(1.5000)
P.A. 359 (City Promotion)	0.1925	0.1769	(0.0156)
Debt Retirement-Library	0.7500	0.0000	(0.7500)
Refuse Collection	2.4573	2.4034	0.0539
Library Operations	1.8458	1.8053	0.0405
Milk River Drain District	12.000	10.5000	(1.5000)
TOTALS	56.0073	51.7254	(4.2819)

Summaries of the proposed revenues for the 2024 budgeted funds are as follows:

General Fund	\$14,055,419
Major Street Fund	\$1,284,757
Local Street Fund	\$914,071
Milk River Drainage Fund	\$2,805,053
Refuse Collection fund	\$1,206,857
Library Fund	\$638,418
Debt Service Fund	\$0.000
Water & Sewer Fund	\$5,505,500
Police Forfeiture, K9 & Special Projects Fund	\$0
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$0
Revolving Loan Fund	\$0
Vehicle and Equipment Fund	\$340,463

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the proposed 2025 Budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm weekdays in the office of the City Clerk, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225-2095 (Telephone 313-343-2510). All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

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South girls swim gets impressive win over top-ranked Mercy at home invitational

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South varsity girls swim and dive team welcomed swimmers from four other schools, including Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School, to the Boll Center natatorium Saturday, Oct. 26, for the Grosse Pointe South Open Invite. The Blue Devils came out on top of the standings at the end of the day, finishing more than 100 points ahead of top-ranked Mercy.

The Blue Devils tallied 705 points at the meet to earn first place, surpassing Mercy's 595 points. Leading the way for South as one of the top point scorers was Mischa Eng. The junior took first place in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke. She also was part of the 200



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JESSICA BRYAN

South girls swim and dive coach John Fodell gathers with his team following a victory in the Grosse Pointe South Open Invite on Saturday, Oct. 26.

medley relay first-place team — alongside Caroline Bryan, Nicole McEnroe and Quinn Ryan — that finished with a time of 1:47.98. Eng, Ryan and Bryan

along with Whitney Handwork also were part of the 400 freestyle relay team that won first place by 10 seconds over the competition with a time of 3:38.41.

In addition to those relay wins, Bryan took

first place in the 100 fly at 0:56.57, her best time of the season, and earned second in the 100 backstroke behind Eng. Handwork won the 50 freestyle at 0:24.19 and the 100 freestyle with a time of 0:53.19. Handwork also took second place in the 200 freestyle relay with Hannah DiDio, McEnroe and Heidi Bryan.

Liggett took fourth place in the meet with 172 points. Freshman Paige Moutard raced her way to two third-place finishes in the 200 freestyle (2:02.46) and 200 freestyle relay with Audrey DiDio, Kate Ricci and Liliana Haladjian. The team of Addie Ancona, Greta Fidler, Annabel Klaasen

and DiDio finished fourth in the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:07.17.

North finished fifth in the standings while only having three swimmers competing for the day. Senior Avery Beal finished second in the 50 freestyle at 0:24.34 and second in the 100 freestyle with a time of 0:54.31. Freshman Hadley Beal raced to seventh place in the 100 breaststroke and sophomore Mia Melhem's best finish was eighth in the 100 butterfly.

Swimmers from North and South will meet again Saturday, Nov. 9, when the Blue Devils host the MAC Red Division championship meet.

Knights finish third at Division 4 tennis finals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The boys varsity tennis season at University Liggett School came to an end Tuesday, Oct. 22, after the Division 4 state finals in Midland. After battling through a tough fall, the Knights did not bring home the state title, but still landed among the top teams in the state with a third-place finish.

A majority of Liggett's success in the state tournament came during doubles play. The Knights had three doubles teams make it to the championship matches out of four flights.

All three of those championship appearances in doubles play were lost to teams from state champion Holland Christian. In No. 1 doubles, Liggett's Landen Maltby and Luca Marciano lost to Henry Langejans and Lucan VanWieren. Griffin Marchal and Nicholas Cooksey for Liggett made the finals in No. 2 doubles and impressed their coach during the entire tournament despite losing in the finals.

"I look at my No. 2 doubles team. ... They only gave up six games in their first three matches because we're used to playing against really strong competition," Liggett boys tennis coach Mark Sobieralski said. "Holland Christian, they were so solid. They won six flights. We played them in the finals of No. 2 doubles and we lost 6-3 and 7-6, but we played our butts off."

Liggett did not make the finals at No. 3 doubles, with the team of Charlie and Peter Laethem being eliminated in the semifinals. Davis Ford and William Ferguson reached the championship in No. 4 doubles before losing.

Charlie Cooksey won a match for Liggett in the first round of No. 1 singles before falling in the second round. Tise Courtright received a first-round bye in No. 2 singles and won his second-round match over Grosse Ile's Jack Johnson, but then was eliminated in the quarterfinals.

Yurii Polnyi in No. 3 singles made the deepest run in the tourna-

ment of any Liggett player. The freshman won matches in the second round and quarterfinals to advance to the state semifinal match, where he was eliminated by the eventual champion, Michael Houtteman from Maple City Glen Lake. Rene Quint from Liggett lost in the first round of the No. 4 singles bracket.

A third-place finish at the state finals could be seen as a promising sign for the future with a Liggett team that will see several players returning next year. The Knights had only three seniors on this year's roster, so much of the lineup expects to be back on the court in 2025, and their coaches believe this fall's experience at the state finals is going to prove invaluable in the future.

"The young kids got to see what it's like," Sobieralski said. "It's loud and there's a lot of energy at the state tournament. ... There are a lot of things they have to deal with pressure-wise. ... They got to see that you really have to be mentally prepared for that first match."



Blue Devil swimmers cheer on their teammate in the pool during a race on Saturday, Oct. 26.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The Planning Commission of the City of Grosse Pointe Park will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Fourth Floor, 15115 E. Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230 on the following matter:

The City has proposed an amendment of the City's Zoning Ordinance. The City is proposing a revision to the entire Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the proposed revision to the Zoning Ordinance is available for review at the City Hall Office and online at the City's website.

Further information concerning this request may be obtained from the Public Service Department during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling (313)-822-4365. Written comments concerning this request will be received by the Public Service Department prior to the public hearing or by the Planning Commission at the public hearing. Comments can be submitted via email at planning@grossepointepark.org. The recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council after the Public Hearing.

Bridgette Bowdler,
City Clerk

GPN: 10/31/24

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2024 DATE

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present, except for Councilmember Vivian Sawicki

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 7, 2024 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held on October 8, 2024.
- 2) To adjourn to Budget workshop session
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 131023 through 131127 in the amount of \$908,223.91 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,384.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of November 2024. (3) approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$5,875.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (4) approve payment to Suburban Library Cooperative in the amount of \$5,100.18 for the automated system services, laser scanner and printers, and staff user and email fees. (5) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$21,310.50 for lawn restorations at several locations following main breaks, tree removals and stop box repairs. (6) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$16,700.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs. (7) approve payment to Wolverine Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$5,372.50 for the removal of main break spoils and ground fill supplies. (8) approve payment to Contractors Connection in the amount of \$6,559.30 for the purchase of safety equipment required for road and main break repairs. (9) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,688.58 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of October and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of miscellaneous cables. (10) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$33,857.30 for professional services during the month of October for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, Sanitary Sewer Cleaning, Harper/VanAntwerp Dev., Probation Office Evaluation, Misc., Concrete Repairs, Pavement Crack & Seal Project, Pavement Striping Project, DWRF Project Plan, DWRF Lead Water Service Repl., DWSD Sewage Discharge Dist., CDBG Sidewalk Repl. Project, and Salter Park Community Center.
- 2) to approve the agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Suzanne Todd for the part-time position of Interim Library Director, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

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complete its third undefeated regular season in program history, going 9-0 and being crowned MAC White Division champions. Finishing second in the division was Roseville, the team South is slated to meet in the first round of the MHSAA Division 2 football playoffs.

South and Roseville met in the postseason last year in the district final round, with Roseville taking down the Blue Devils 24-17. South did win this year's regular season matchup between the two teams 38-21 on Sept. 27.

A new rivalry seems to be blooming between the Blue Devils and Panthers over the past few seasons as they face off in more important MAC White Division and post-season games. South also won the regular season meeting in 2023,

before losing to Roseville in the playoffs, and knows it is going to take a strong week of preparation to avoid the same scenario happening in 2024.

"It's hard to beat a team twice in the same year," Hepner said. "... We're taking a real close look at everything we did in that first game and what worked and what didn't. We'll try to throw in some wrinkles and a few things different that we maybe held back going into this game."

Kickoff between South and Roseville is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at South.

For the Norsemen, the loss to the Blue Devils put the team's record at 4-5 to end the regular season. North did capture a share of the MAC Gold Division title for a third season in a row this year, ending in a three-way tie with Lamphere and Warren Fitzgerald at the top of the league.

North will begin the



During halftime of last Friday's North-South game, the South student section defeated the North student section in the annual tug-of-war showdown. The win for South snapped the North student section's streak of 13 straight wins.

postseason this coming weekend with a first-round matchup against Port Huron in Division 3. The Red Hawks also finished the regular season with a 4-5 record and were fourth in the MAC Blue Division.

"I think we're playing ourselves," Drouin said about the playoff matchup against Port

Huron. "We're playing a 4-5 team that hangs around longer than they should and won a couple of games they probably

shouldn't and lost a couple of games they probably should've won. If you look at the matchups across the board, we're

two very similar teams." Kickoff is scheduled for noon on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Memorial Stadium in Port Huron.



North senior receiver Leo Perettie tries to stay in bounds while avoiding the Blue Devils' defense.

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contend for a state championship to end the fall season.

"We're pretty young, but I think the upperclassmen have done a great job of making sure that they're really involved," she said. "We went out to Grand Haven at the beginning of the season and did a fun trip and I think that bonding brought everyone closer together. We love each other and we're a family."

During this season and

her senior season in 2025, DiVita wants to help South experience as much success as possible in the MAC and the playoffs. Once she graduates in 2026, she will go on to play Division I college volleyball at the University of Nebraska, announcing her commitment to the Cornhuskers in June.

Nebraska, currently ranked No. 2 in the AVCA college volleyball top 25, is one of the nation's premier college volleyball programs with five national championships. DiVita knows joining such a prestigious

program comes with big expectations. She already is putting in the work to see what her future college team is doing to rack up so many wins and is using what she sees to help the Blue Devils win, too.

"Shot selection is something that I'm going to need in college and also strength and getting stronger and maturing," DiVita said. "... It's cool watching (Nebraska) play and knowing I'm going to be there, but it's also cool that I can see how they score and think about how I can incorporate that into my game."

Correction:

In the Oct. 24 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, the article titled

"Norsemen and Blue Devils wrap up tennis season at state finals" should have read that Matthew Holowinski from South and Xavier

Sarnaik from North both won their first-round matches in the No. 1 singles bracket, but both were eliminated in their second-round matches.

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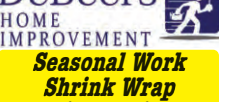


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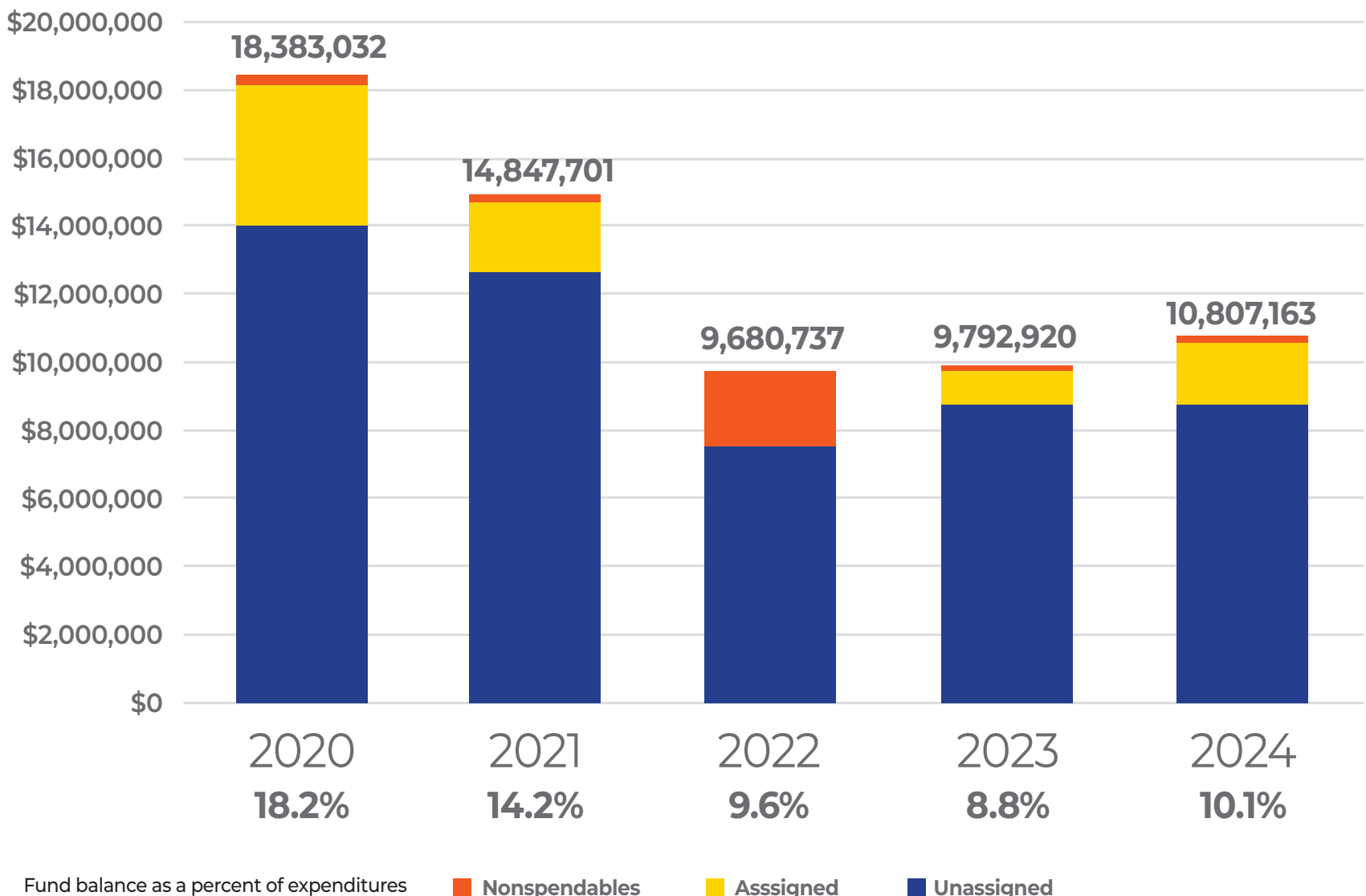
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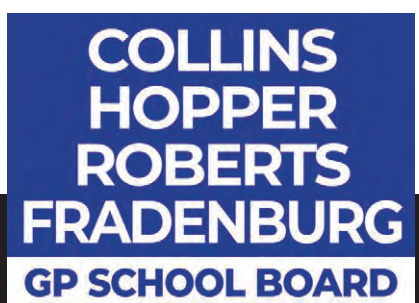
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