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## Mack rezoning issue not over

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — While entrepreneur Justin Buccellato earlier this month withdrew his rezoning request for 20160 Mack, his plans for the property are moving forward.

"We'll be submitting a new site plan for a new development in the next few weeks," he told the Grosse Pointe News. "We're going a different route with a whole new rendering."

Buccellato sent a letter to city council Tuesday, Sept. 2, asking to withdraw his previous request. It was to have gotten a second read and final vote at council's meeting Monday, Sept. 8.

"I think this will give us a better chance to get that fifth vote," he said. "The vote was 4-3 after the first reading and we

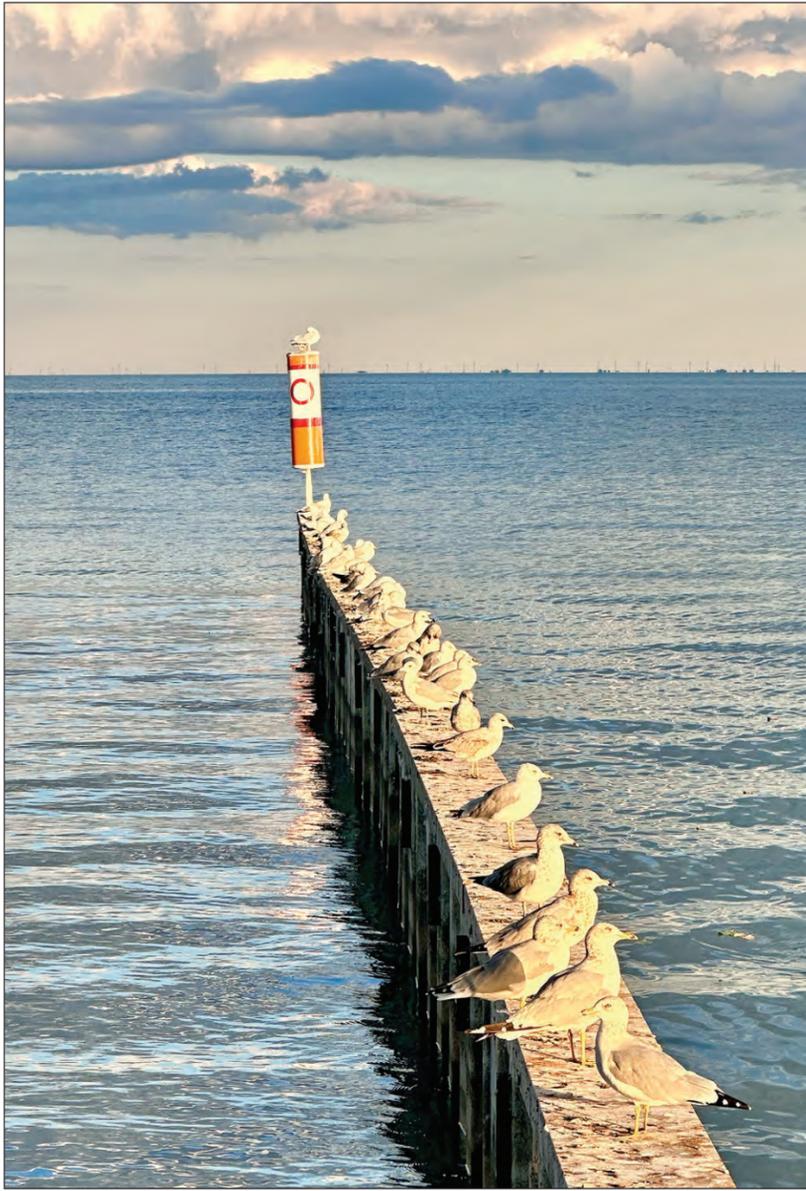
didn't feel confident enough with that."

Per city ordinance, if more than 20 percent of property owners within 100 feet of a site to be rezoned object to the change, council needs a super majority of five votes, rather than a simple majority of four votes, to approve the change.

After the first reading last month, Mayor Art Bryant and councilmembers Todd McConaghy and Angela Coletti Brown voted in favor. Councilmembers Vicki Granger, Kenn Gafa, Michael Koester and Jim Motschall were opposed.

Neighbors speaking against the rezoning said their main concerns are related to health and safety. That includes increased traffic, parking congestion, crime, storm-water runoff, the possi-

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## Summer sayonara

We've all heard about getting our ducks in a row, but seagulls? Grosse Pointe Farms resident Leslie Potter spotted this feathered lineup at Pier Park earlier this month.

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## Tree grant in doubt

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The issue is in doubt about obtaining a tree-planting grant from a regional utility company.

Pessimism is due to the city already receiving the grant in recent years. Plus, there's an absence among municipal administrators of someone knowing the ins and outs of how to apply successfully.

The DTE Energy Foundation offers the grant. Winners receive up to \$4,000 each to plant trees.

"All trees must be planted on public property or property open to the public," according to the application.

"DTE usually offers this grant program every year," said Lisa Kyle,

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## Enacting alley action

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Phase one of a five-part alley refurbishment plan is underway to make sure backstreets aren't backhanded.

"Immediate action along with a coordinated long-term annual strategy must be taken to improve the safety, cleanliness and appearance of city alleyways," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

The Park's nearly seven miles of alleys provide access to more than 900 residences, he said during the Sept. 8 council meeting.

"The goal is to transform them into valued neighborhood spaces through inspections, community engagement and ongoing maintenance," he said.

"There have been instances where overgrowth is so large vehicles can't make it through," said Sean Brennan, ordinance code enforcement officer.

"This action plan helps us man-

age existing (assets)," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "It's hard to increase the value of our tax base because we're built out. It's looking at things like this that turn what is somewhat of a liability into an asset that is going to ensure this community thrives, continues to improve its tax base, quality of life

*'The goal is to transform them into valued neighborhood spaces through inspections, community engagement and ongoing maintenance.'*

NICK SIZELAND  
Grosse Pointe Park city manager

and make it a community of choice."

A multi-year draft plan was written in part by Brennan.

"It will be about a two-year plan," he said. "We're in phase one. We're documenting and surveying the alleys, going through and noting safety hazards, noxious weeds and pest harborage. We're rating

alleys, prioritizing them as such."

Phase two, scheduled to start this fall and extend into spring, involves engaging the community through the development of cleanup days. A team approach is envisioned by involving businesses, service clubs, Scout troops and students needing to amass community service hours.

Phase three enacts cleanup days for which the city will provide operational oversight, leaf bags, gloves, rakes, tools and packer trucks.

Phase four focuses on promoting alley maintenance and rewarding those doing so by, among other things, the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Committee extending its annual beautification awards to alleys.

Phase five looks at the long term. Intentions are to install low-level LED lighting and security cameras to deter crime; more beautification efforts, such as promoting murals; encouraging or subsidizing the placement of rain barrels to divert

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## Pointer of INTEREST

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**Kevin Rasmussen**

Home: Grosse Pointe Park Service, discipline, community, joy — they're all there at the crosswalk



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# Shores Oktoberfest next week

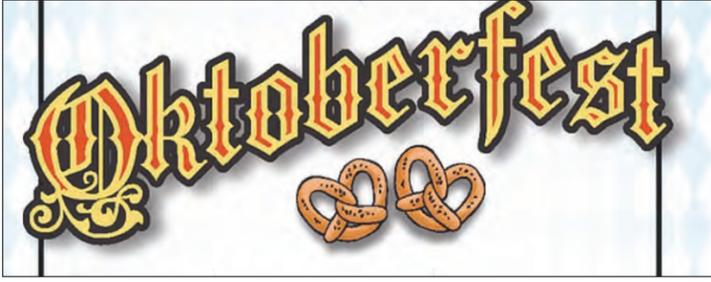
**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation is holding its main fundraiser 6:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Lochmoor Club.

The theme is Oktoberfest. “The event has been planned by our formidable team of Hidee Neuenschwander and Fran Solomon, co-chairs of the special events committee,” said Rob Sattler, GPSIF president. “They have a reputation for planning fun and productive events which usually sell out and this year’s event is on track to do just that.”

The evening will include German food, a German band and beer tasting.

Raffle tickets are being sold ahead of time for \$100 each. First through third prizes are \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively. Just 250 tickets will be sold and are available at [gpsif.org](http://gpsif.org) or from any foundation trustee.

Tickets for the dinner are \$100,



or \$750 for a table of eight.

Silent and live auction items include handmade themed baskets; a week’s stay at a home in Pedasi, Panama; David Yurman diamond earrings; a Lochmoor golf package and sports ticket packages.

The foundation was formed in 1984 and has an endowment of more than \$2 million that pays for projects outside the normal scope of the city’s budget. Recent projects include replanting eight seascapes along Lakeshore, heated steps at

the entrance to city hall and improvements to the Little League fields at Vernier Hill.

Sattler said while the foundation is not leading fundraising efforts for a new pool at Osius Park, members are helping facilitate those efforts.

“The pool is the village’s project, but we’ll do what we can to support them,” he said. “We have a good team of trustees in place who can help reach out to their network.”

—Ted O’Neil

# Keeping kids safe online

By Ted O’Neil  
Associate Editor

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Dave Alley has some sobering information to which parents must pay attention.

Among middle schoolers nationally, 40 percent have chatted online with a stranger. Of those, 53 percent gave a stranger their phone number, 21 percent spoke with a stranger over the phone and 11 percent met a stranger in person.

Alley, a special agent with Homeland Security Investigations in Detroit, shared that information last week during a talk at Brownell Middle School hosted by Pointers for Academic Excellence.

“This is a passion of mine,” said the father of four. “It’s a calling.”

He also dispelled a few notions about child exploitation.

“Everyone has this image of a big fat guy sitting in his mom’s basement,” he said. “No one size fits all. We’ve arrested doctors, coaches, engineers, musicians.”

He also noted that males who exploit children tend to do so online, while females tend to do so with someone they have access to in real life.

“The main problem is

that youths are trusting, curious,” he said. “They don’t see the long-term consequences of their actions and can be intimidated by adults.”

He also emphasized that the victim is never to blame.

“Kids are afraid to come forward because the predator will tell them, ‘You produced child porn, you’ll go to jail,’” he said. “My message to them is to tell an adult. They will never be in trouble with the police.”

Alley also outlined how predators groom kids.

“They prey on the vulnerable and pretend to be nice,” he said. “They offer attention and affection and start to desensitize their victim to inappropriate content.”

“Then they make their ask,” he added. “They’ll say, ‘This is what people send each other.’”

Parents and youths also need to be aware that “disappearing” features on apps like Snapchat and Instagram don’t make them safe.

“The predator can easily take a picture with a second phone or record it with software,” he said. “Once something is online, it’s online forever.”

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# Free fall plant exchange Oct. 4

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — If the fall plant exchange comes, can spring be far behind?

Some people don’t know that Shelley’s “Ode to the West Wind” is about the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission’s Fall Plant Exchange.

A careless editor cut out the part about the sale being 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park, at

the foot of Windmill Pointe Drive.

“Everything’s going well for the plant exchange,” said Lisa Kyle, chairwoman of the commission.

As with Shelley’s lines, there’s timelessness to this year’s exchange.

“Same format,” Kyle said. “No change.”

Shelley can hardly wait.

“A heavy weight of hours has chain’d and bow’d one too like thee,”

he wrote.

The exchange is a no-cost flea market for plants, garden tools and equipment. There’s no requirement to donate anything in order to pick something up.

But there are rules: No sick or invasive plants allowed. Eligible for exchange are healthy, non-invasive plants that are wrapped, potted and labeled with as much detail as possible.

Kyle said it’s common

for gardening books to be part of the swap meet. Also exchanged are garden knowledge, tips and techniques.

As a practical matter, the exchange gives participants an opportunity to rid garages and storage sheds of unwanted flowerpots and tools.

Anyone can attend, not just Park residents. Activities are rain or shine.

—Brad Lindberg

# MACK:

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bility of a chain restaurant locating there and an influx of rodents if any type of restaurant moves in.

The property, currently a vacant medical office, sits on the east side of Mack between South Renaud and Oxford, with a rear parking lot that spans between both side streets. Buccellato was asking the city to rezone the property from office to commercial and wanted to build three connected retail sites.

Dozens of residents have spoken out against the plan at each council

meeting since late May and circulated a petition in opposition that garnered some 600 signatures. They’ve also raised concerns that John Vitale, the lead architect on the project, is a member of the city’s planning commission. Meeting minutes show he recused himself from voting both times the commission took up the matter.

Buccellato said the new plans will be for a two-story, mixed-use structure. He’ll also ask for a conditional rezoning.

“I’ll restrict myself to only having one quick-service restaurant with limited hours and no alcohol,” he said. “I want to continue to work with the residents on making

concessions with the intent of having a beautiful development there.”

He used Potbelly as an example — restaurants that offer sandwiches, soups and salads.

City Administrator Frank Schulte said Buccellato agreed to several site plan changes on the previous rezoning request after residents in the area met with the architect and city officials. That included reducing the footprint of the proposed building by 2,000 square feet, building a higher wall along the back of the parking lot to reduce noise, adding more landscaping, adding more windows, putting different lighting in the parking lot so it

would not spill into the neighborhood and allowing the city to put up signs making it illegal to exit the parking lot onto South Renaud or Oxford.

“The developer also paid for a traffic study, which our contractor confirmed,” Schulte said. “There would be no substantial impact on traffic.”

“The city also offered mediation to come to some type of conclusion,” Schulte added, “but they (homeowners in the area) didn’t want that.”

Buccellato owns more than a dozen buildings on Mack in the Woods, including a Beyond Juicery + Eatery and a Subway, both on the east side of the street, in addition to his office.



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# Inside AI

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Mark Heppner, left, stands with Jim Harvey, principal at Jumar Consulting, at the club’s Aug. 26 meeting at Ford House. Harvey shared an overview of artificial intelligence and how to harness it going forward. He explained that AI uses algorithms that learn from data and work with probabilities, so they can handle uncertainty and complexity rather than just following fixed rules. Some everyday uses are tutoring, software coding, creating written content and chatting with humans, among many other options. AI financial investment is continuing to grow on a large scale and Harvey encouraged those interested to experiment with its many uses.

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# Looking out for spotted lanternfly

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — There's no confusing honeydew excreted by a wave of invasive insects with the refreshingly sweet juice of the breakfast melon.

Bug honeydew is the waste product of the area's latest pest, the spotted lanternfly. It chows down on at least 70 types of plants, but puts the tree of heaven at the top of its menu.

"Honeydew is the messy part," said Deb McCullough, entomology professor at Michigan State University. "Wasps and bees and things want to feed on something sweet and sticky like honeydew. Then, black, sooty mold grows on it."

Excretions are of such volume that scientists doing field research on spotted lanternfly wear protective clothing.

"Sometimes you put on rain gear," McCullough said. "Because these insects feed so voraciously, you can literally see honeydew coming out of them. If you're standing under a tree that has quite a few spotted lanternflies, it's like rain. Your hair gets sticky. My grad student, who is working at sites in Toledo and Michigan, wears a hat every time."

An adult spotted lanternfly is about one inch long and earned its descriptive name through a combination of fact and fable. Black spots mark its pinkish-gray forewings which, when open, expose bright red inner wings also dotted with black spots. Legend has it the bug's snout glows at night, but it doesn't.

"It really likes tree of heaven," McCullough said. "It will feed on lots of other things, though. It likes maples and willow. It likes grapevines — not the grapes, but the woody part of the vine. It likes poison ivy vines. It will try to feed on just about everything."

Feeding takes some doing. Spotted lanternfly doesn't have a jaw or teeth.

"It cannot bite," said Kelly Konieczki, a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission. "It's important people know it doesn't pose a risk to



PHOTO BY KELLY KONIECZKI

**This spotted lanternfly nymph met its match in the backyard of Kelly Konieczki.**

human or animal health. It's just a nuisance."

## Feeding

The bug's mouth consists of a tube. Feeding requires using the tube to pierce bark and almost passively accept the flow of sap.

"This group of insects doesn't have any muscles to suck," McCullough said. "But they have this big, long stylus, a piece of mouth part that it pokes into the plant. Pressure the sap is under within the plant forces it into their mouth."

Sap is relatively safe for insects to consume.

"By feeding on that sap, the insects are not encountering a lot of what we call defensive compounds — like insects that chew on leaves get tannins and phenolics and all kinds of stuff that can be toxic if you're not adapted to them," McCullough said. "A tree isn't going to put a lot of nasty stuff in sap because that is water, sugar and some nutrients it needs to move up the tree. Sap is not a bad

thing to feed on if you can get to it."

Sap's downside for lanternflies is being mostly sugar water.

"Spotted lanternfly doesn't need a lot of sugar and water to get the nutrients they need," McCullough said. "That's why they squirt out honeydew, basically sugar water."

**Not a killer**

Nor does spotted lanternfly kill trees, unlike the area's most famous century-old invasive, Dutch elm disease, or more recently emerald ash borer, which began wiping out ash trees in the Pointes more than 20 years ago.

McCullough said, "If you have trees of heaven, with a high density of insects eating those trees over and over, year after year, you can see the trees decline and maybe get killed by a secondary disease that wouldn't necessarily affect a healthy tree."

Konieczki was the first in the area known officially to locate a spotted lanternfly. She didn't have to go far.

"I've been aware of spotted lanternfly since they were first detected in Michigan in 2022, in Oakland County," Konieczki said.

She's been on watch ever since. Early one evening this summer, she found one among tree of heaven chutes in her backyard.

"I did a double take," she said. "I'd been preparing for this moment but couldn't believe it."

Konieczki dislikes spotted lanternfly as much as anyone. But she couldn't stomach squashing it then and there, as recommended by agriculture agencies and academics in numerous states.

She coaxed it into a bottle and condemned it to the freezer.

"The most humane thing to do is put it in the freezer," she said. "It's like putting them to sleep."

Konieczki followed protocol at the time by announcing her finding to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, which uses tips to map the bug's spread.

"Prior to Ms. Konieczki's report, we had not received a report specific to Grosse Pointe," said Cirsten Cole, communications representative of the MDARD Bureau of Environment and Sustainability.

## What to do

An indication of the bug's increased presence is the MDARD no longer requesting people to

report sighting in the five counties constituting the southeast corner of the state.

"Instead," Cole said, "they should:

◆ "Stay calm. Spotted lanternfly does not pose a risk to human or animal health.

◆ "Consider contacting an arborist who is a certified pesticide applicator for information about appropriate treatment methods if there is a large infestation on your property.

◆ "Focus pest management in areas where spotted lanternfly is most abundant.

◆ "Be diligent if you choose to apply pesticide yourself. Always follow the instructions on the pesticide label and wear appropriate personal protective equipment."

## From China

Spotted lanternfly is native to China. So is tree of heaven.

"They do very well together in China," McCullough said.

"It arrived in Pennsylvania in 2014, on a shipment of stone from Asia," according to a 2023 Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development video.

"(It) has become established in 17 states," McCullough wrote a

year ago in, "New Spotted Lanternfly Bulletin for Michigan Homeowners and Residents," one of three related bulletins posted on the MSU website [canr.msu.edu/spotted\\_lanternfly](http://canr.msu.edu/spotted_lanternfly).

"We have another bulletin coming as soon as I finish it," she said.

As when emerald ash borer arrived in the area, spotted lanternflies rule the roost. They have no natural enemies, although nature is likely to see to that.

"In Pennsylvania, where after years of really high populations, the population of lanternflies has declined," McCullough said. "Birds are getting some of the credit. Birds are preying on them."

The same type of thing happened with woodpeckers and emerald ash borer, although not to the degree needed to beat back the pest, which has spread to Oregon, according to McCullough.

"Bird have to learn that spotted lanternfly are good to eat," she said.

## Action plan

Members of the beautification commission and its subcommittee on

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## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, SEPT. 22

◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Central.

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# Park man keeps his eyes on the prize

By Anne Gryzenia  
Publisher

On weekday mornings in Grosse Pointe Park, when the rush of morning traffic intersects with the shuffle of children hurrying to school, there's a new figure at the corner: Kevin Rasmussen in his reflective vest, sign in hand, stopping cars so kids can cross safely.

"The best part about being a crossing guard is the joy," Rasmussen said. "The kids, the parents — they're so appreciative. And at \$18 an hour, it's probably the highest pay in the Pointes. But more than that, it's knowing you're helping kids get to school safely."

Rasmussen has been a member of the city's Public Safety Advisory Committee since its inception, but it was a casual conversation with Park Department of Public Safety Director Jim Bostock at a Kercheval After 6 event that pulled him into the crosswalk.

"I asked what more I could do," Rasmussen said. "He said we need crossing guards. I asked, he told me and I accepted."

For Rasmussen, the role ties together a life defined by service, craft and community.

His story began with movement — lots of it. He attended nine different schools before graduating from Birmingham Groves High School. His early years included stints at Chrysler Elementary School in Detroit and, later, life on



COURTESY PHOTOS

Kevin Rasmussen's first first day of school in 47 years.

a Hillsdale County farm, where he joined the Future Farmers of America and studied crop and soil science and animal care.

"I think people would be surprised to know I was FFA," he said. "I really learned discipline and responsibility back then."

That theme continued into military service. Rasmussen joined the Air National Guard at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, later transferring into the U.S. Marine Corps. Over two enlistments, he served as a field radio operator, reconnaissance Marine

and avionics technician.

His greatest takeaway? "Self-discipline," he said. "It's the thing that serves me the most today."

After moving to Grosse Pointe Park in 1988, Rasmussen answered a Grosse Pointe News ad and began a decade-long career building stylized models with Hans Duus on Kercheval. When Duus retired, Rasmussen transitioned into architectural model work with Jon Bell and, in tandem, sculptural mold-making with the internationally known artist Janice Trimpe.

Beyond the workshop,

## Want to help keep kids safe?

The Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department is seeking crossing guards. Positions are flexible (choose your shifts and days), pay well and offer the chance to directly impact the safety of students in your community. Email [publicsafety@grossepointepark.org](mailto:publicsafety@grossepointepark.org) for more information.

Rasmussen has been a lifelong sailor, campaigning a Crescent sloop on Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie. He's even featured in the documentary, "The Goat Yard," chronicling Detroit's sail culture. Years ago, when a microburst with 75 knot winds came whipping in during an around-the-island race near Put-In-Bay, three boats sank in a matter of seconds — including his.

"I thought it was the end of me," he said, but everyone ultimately was rescued by a neighboring boat.

Closer to home, Rasmussen tends bees and gardens; posts city meetings to his Facebook group, Grosse Pointe Park's Civil Discourse, City Hall, BOE Oversight, Et Cetera; and follows local politics closely.

Rasmussen has two stepdaughters, Bailey and Chandler, who went through the Grosse Pointe schools, giving him a parent's perspective on the importance of school safety.

"It's different when you've walked those hallways as a parent," he said. "You see what's at stake."

Now, just a week into



Rasmussen and his stepdaughters, Bailey and Chandler.

his work as a crossing guard, he feels the role connects all the threads of his life. Service, discipline, community, joy — they're all there at the crosswalk.

And he insists the city

needs more people to join him.

"Crossing guards can work part time, pick mornings, afternoons or both, and choose their days. It's flexible and it matters."



Rasmussen and his bees.



Rasmussen's sloop being raised after sinking in Lake Erie.

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## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Identity theft

In late August, a 39-year-old Farms woman received a letter from Bank of America that she had taken out an auto loan for \$28,065. She had not.

Two days later, she received a new driver's license in the mail which she did not request.

The Secretary of State informed her someone used her identity at a kiosk to apply for a new ID.

## ATM

After a 62-year-old Farms man used his debit card at an ATM inside an area gas station Wednesday, Sept. 10, two fraudulent transactions at a 7-Eleven in Warren appeared on his account.

## Thief

A man stole a \$50 bottle of Moet from a store in the 18000 block of Mack at 5:27 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, and threatened the clerk who followed him out of the building.

## Hat thief

A 65-year-old Detroit man was cited for tres-

passing after he stole a black hat from a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 9:39 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

The hat was recovered and the attendant did not want to press charges.

—Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Out of gas

A 22-year-old Grosse Pointe man was arrested for drunken driving after being found asleep behind the wheel of his vehicle around 6 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, in the parking lot of a gas station on Mack.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.14 percent.

## Tool time

About \$3,000 worth of tools were stolen from a work van in the 1800 block of Newcastle around 2 p.m. Thursday,

Sept. 11, while the owner was inside the house working.

## Stolen vehicle

A 2025 Dodge Ram was stolen in the 2000 block of Lennon overnight into Monday, Sept. 15. There was no broken glass at the site.

—Ted O'Neil

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Car theft

Broken glass on the roadway was the only thing left of a 2011 Hyundai stolen between 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, in the 1400 block of Somerset.

## Prowler

A man wanted on multiple warrants reportedly admitted trying to open doors of parked cars when interrupted by arresting officers

Thursday, Sept. 11, in the area of Wayburn and Charlevoix.

Police also reported the 62-year-old male suspect from Detroit entering yards.

"(He) was stopped and arrested for prowling," according to an investigator.

## Tool taken

Someone stole an \$850 RedMax leaf blower from a landscaper's trailer while the contractor worked in a backyard nearby.

The incident was reported Friday, Sept. 12, in the 1400 block of Berkshire.

## Dizzy driver

A drunken 29-year-old Detroit man lost control of his vehicle and crashed Monday, Sept. 15, in the traffic circle at Kercheval and Wayburn.

He wasn't injured. "(His) vehicle (had) heavy damage," according to police.

—Brad Lindberg

*Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse*

*Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.*

## City of Grosse Pointe

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A juvenile girl was arrested last week for retail theft from The Village in late July. She is the third suspect arrested for the incident.

## Two-timer

Officers were called to a local emergency room at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, because two women were fighting over their mutual boyfriend.

## Suspended

A 41-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving with a suspended license at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, after being pulled over at Mack and Rivard for an expired license plate.

## Wrapped up

A 20-year-old Detroit man was arrested last week for a larceny com-

mitted in March when he set up a Facebook Marketplace deal to buy two MacBooks, but stole them instead.

A second suspect was arrested the day after the incident, but the 20-year-old was not located until last week.

## ID fraud

A 46-year-old Hispanic man pulled over at Mack and Lincoln Saturday, Sept. 13, was arrested for driving with a fraudulent international driver's license. U.S. Border Patrol confirmed the man is in the process of gaining citizenship.

—Laurel Kraus

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## Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil

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## TREE:

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chairwoman of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission. "You can't get funding every year. If you submit an application every year, you will not be awarded every year. The last year, I think, we were awarded was 2022."

The Park's late and longtime city forester, Brian Colter, handled the city's application process, which required more effort than signing a form. Applicants must justify their requests with quantified data.

"I don't have any of that information," Kyle said. "So, I may not be able to pull it together this year. The deadline is Sept. 15. We don't have a lot of

time."

"What kind of data do we need?" asked Councilman Brent Dreaver, liaison to the commission, during its Sept. 3 meeting.

Kyle said, "How many trees were planted. How many trees were removed. Tree canopy information. How much we spent (for trees and tree maintenance) in 2024. Our tree budget. I'm completely at a loss for that."

Colter used the grant to buy street trees, thicken the overall canopy and replace trees lost to storms, disease and other reasons.

"Brian knew on any day how many trees we planted, how much money we spent, how much on removals," Kyle said.

In Colter's final forestry

report before his death in March, he tallied 340 trees planted in the Park last year due to grants and donations.

A vigorous planting schedule helped the Park qualify last year for designation as a Tree City USA.

"This is the 42nd year we've been a Tree City USA and the 19th time we've got the more prestigious Growth Award, which means we went above and beyond the four standards necessary for Tree City USA," Colter said in March. "I used sycamore tree contribution as a main point of obtaining this better award. Only one other community in Michigan has more Growth Awards than Grosse Pointe Park. Berkley has 20."

Kyle needs data stored

on Colter's former computer in his basement office at city hall.

"Brian had everything archived," Kyle said. "He had his own method."

She hopes to access and consolidate his files by the end of the year.

"Brian's files were orga-

nized, but scattered in different locations," Kyle said.

She said she'll tap administrators for data when applying for the grant next year.

"We'll start working with Tom Jenny (head of the public works depart-

ment) to start putting all of that data back together again," she said.

Despite the long shot, Kyle said she asked City Manager Nick Sizeland if she could pursue the grant.

"He said, 'Go for it,'" Kyle said.

## ALLEY:

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runoff from the storm water sewer system; planting rain gardens and establishing an adopt-an-alley program.

Everyone on the council endorsed the plan.

Councilman Tim Kolar said improvements should include raising

low-hanging electrical wires.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Caulfield said, "This is the type of thing I've been asking for."

"There's not one of us here who doesn't want this same thing — nice, clean alleys," Councilman Marty McMillan said.

"This is a blueprint for other things in the city we want to do," Councilman

Brent Dreaver said. "It's a great launching point for people to glean inspiration. Alleys can be warm, interesting places."

"It's great," Councilman Max Wiener said. "Good work."

Hodges proposed seeking grant funding for the project.

Sizeland said grants may be available to buy rain barrels.

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### OUR VIEW

## Vote yes on GPPSS bond

**W**hile Election Day on Nov. 4 might seem far off, state law requires absentee ballots be made available 40 days ahead of time, which in this case is next week, Sept. 25, to be exact.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System will be asking voters to approve a bond at \$120 million for 20 years.

We wholeheartedly support a “yes” vote. The results of our reader polls (below), however, give us some pause and show that the district has its work cut out for it.

As far as voting on the matter, 61 percent of respondents said they still are undecided. Almost a quarter, 23 percent, said they will vote for it and 16 percent will vote against.

Awareness is a whole other issue. Some 67 percent of respondents said they are not aware of the bond. Another 22 percent said they are and 11 percent do not care.

Information about the matter can be found at [gpschools.org/2025bond](http://gpschools.org/2025bond).

The full ballot language reads:  
Shall the Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Million Dollars (\$120,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of:

- ◆ remodeling all existing School District buildings, including security, roof, energy conservation and mechanical systems improvements;
- ◆ equipping, furnishing, reequipping and refurbishing all School District buildings;
- ◆ acquiring and installing technology infrastructure and instructional technology equipment; and
- ◆ erecting, furnishing, equipping, developing and improving athletic fields, athletic facilities and other facilities, parking areas, fencing, drains and sites, in the School District?

The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed by this ballot proposal is estimated to remain at or below 3.14 mills which is an estimated -0- mill increase from the debt millage levied in 2024. The estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.70 mills (\$0.70 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Pure Grosse Pointe

Koa, a 2-year-old standard poodle, loves to wear his goggles during car rides so he can hang his head out of the window. He also loves wearing his Hawaiian shirt, as well as a Tigers shirt and Lions jersey. Koa is completing his training to be a service dog for his human companion, Lisa Christensen of Grosse Pointe Woods, who has a spinal injury from a car accident. He also helps her mother, who is going through cancer treatment.

Koa was in a promotional video filmed at Pet Supplies Plus in The Village with Detroit Lions linebacker Alex Anzalone. Of course, Koa wore his Lions jersey for the video, which was made for the Lions’ website and socials. Not one to shy away from the spotlight, Koa has his own Instagram page, @thefrodogg.

annual millage that will be required to retire each series of the bonds is 1.63 mills annually (\$1.63 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The bonds may be issued in multiple series. The maximum number of years each series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty (20) years.

If passed, Grosse Pointe’s bond debt will continue to be lower than what are considered “peer districts,” including Birmingham, Troy, West Bloomfield, Northville and Ann Arbor.

According to historical data, bond elections over the past decade with no millage increase have an 82 percent chance of passing. Those with a millage increase are a 50/50 shot.

GPPSS Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said bond money will be spent on every facility in the district and will touch on infrastructure needs, as well as safety and security, athletics, arts and other extracurricular endeavors.

Using information put together by Plante Moran in 2022, administrators identified \$60 million in critical needs the bond would address such as HVAC systems, roofs, windows and parking lots. Dr. Tuttle said if the bond does not pass, that money would have to come out of the general fund, 86 percent of which goes to pay for personnel costs,

mainly salaries and benefits.

The district then appointed a Bond Advisory Committee to decide on the other \$60 million. Meeting four times over three months, the committee favored:

- ◆ \$8.2 million for new furniture,
- ◆ \$4 million to refurbish the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School,
- ◆ \$9.7 million for boiler replacements,
- ◆ \$750,000 to relocate the main office at Grosse Pointe South High School,
- ◆ \$125,000 to resurface the track at South,
- ◆ \$50,000 to each building principal to use at their discretion on critical needs,
- ◆ \$1 million for air conditioning upgrades at the administration’s discretion,
- ◆ \$475,000 for early childhood initiatives and
- ◆ \$3 million for locker room renovations at the high schools.

Another \$3.7 million will go to reconfigure the closed pool at Parcels Middle School, possibly into a technology and innovation hub, a STEM lab or an e-sports arena.

Dr. Tuttle said such features could attract more students to the district.

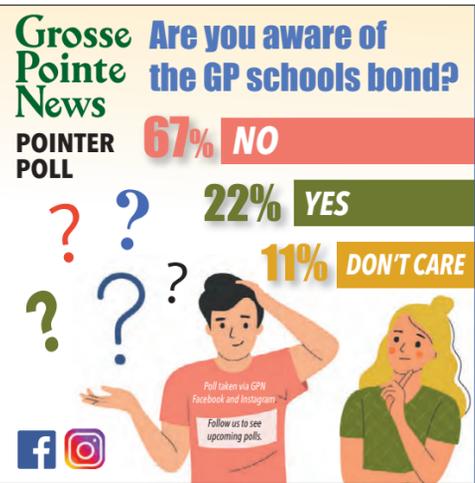
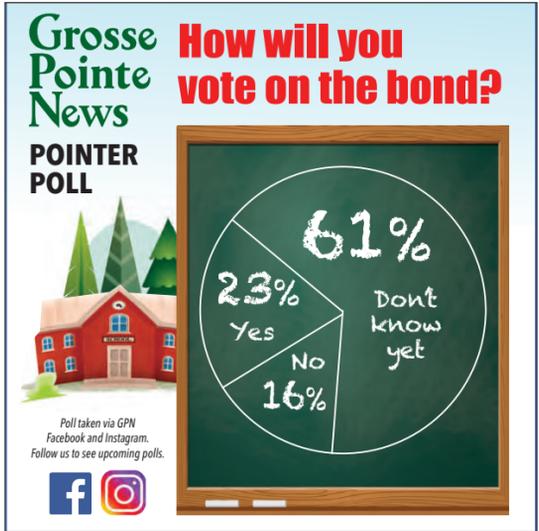
If passed, bonds would be issued in three series, the first being in November so the millage could be levied on winter tax bills. Dr. Tuttle said the second and third most likely will come in 2027 and 2030. Amounts generated are pegged at \$45 million each for the first two and \$30 million for the third, although Dr. Tuttle said those amounts and the timing could change based on project and cash flow needs. Each would run for 20 years.

Each series would detail the projects included as they would be put out for bid. Estimated cumulative interest is \$83 million, which the millage described above would be used to pay down.

Unfortunately, there have been calls on social media to vote against the bond by some who disagree with the current board majority. The same rhetoric was banded about last year regarding the sinking fund millage by those who disagreed with the previous board majority.

Such talk is both unhelpful and unserious. Bonds, sinking funds and operating millages are about doing what is best for our students, attracting the best teachers and staff and protecting home values. It is hard to say who will be on the board in six or eight years, much less 20 or 25.

After starting the 2024-25 fiscal year budget with a projected \$1 million in deficit spending, the district finished the year with an unaudited surplus of \$5.4 million and nearly doubled the fund equity balance to 15 percent. We believe under the leadership of Dr. Tuttle and her administrative team, which now includes a full-time CFO, the district is in good financial hands, which is why we recommend voting to pass the bond.



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I SAY By Laurel Kraus



# 'Here am I, send me'

*"All death can do to the believer is deliver him to Jesus." — John MacArthur*

Charlie Kirk, a 31-year-old conservative activist known for holding debates on college campuses, was assassinated while at one such event in Utah last Wednesday.

If there is one thing any of us could say about him, it is this — Charlie loved the Lord.

He gave his life to Christ in fifth grade and spent the rest of it striving to be used of God, sharing the good news at every opportunity and desiring for everyone he

came in contact with to experience the true joy and peace only Christ can provide.

In his death, I am reminded of the Christian call to action in Isaiah 6:8.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?' And I said: 'Here am I. Send me.'"

Just prior to beginning to answer a question on gun violence, Charlie Kirk spent his last 15 minutes on this earth witnessing to the 3,000 people in attendance and professing his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Among his last words before meeting Jesus face to face were, "Jesus Christ was a real person. He lived a perfect life. He was

crucified, died and rose on the third day and He is Lord and God over all."

As Christians, may we all be so blessed as to proclaim Christ to our last breath. May we all be so bold, so unabashedly on fire for the Lord.

In a video clip that has now gone viral, Charlie recently was asked what one thing he would want to be remembered for.

"Courage for my faith," he said without hesitation. "That is the most important thing."

I live with a lot of fear. It's a spiritual battle I often fight.

Charlie had none. He aligned his words and actions with biblical truth and let God "worry" about the rest.

His trust was not in vain — rather, he is now

with Jesus and his message is louder and spreading farther than it ever has.

Faithfully serving God is seldom the easy path and has never guaranteed us a happy or fair ending to this life. The apostles died brutal deaths as martyrs.

But Charlie lived without fear because he knew God IS in control. He believed Romans 8:28.

"For all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose."

Even in the bad times. Even in the worst times.

It strikes me profoundly that God didn't allow the gunman to take Charlie's life until he had finished sharing the Gospel and moved onto

the next question.

"There is a God, I am not Him and I surrender to His will," Kirk said recently.

In the past days, I came across a post by a Michigan pastor who said this about the passing of Charlie Kirk:

"His faith in Jesus Christ was clear, bold and persuasive and now, his faith has become sight."

As so many already are doing across the world, I implore each and every person to pick up a Bible and see what it's all about. See what exactly it was that a young husband and father of two knew was worth dying for.

I'll end with some final words from Charlie Kirk: "You have an opportu-

nity. The Gospel in four words is 'Jesus took my place.' In three words it is 'Him for me.' In two words it is 'substitutionary atonement.' In one word it is 'grace.'

"Grace you cannot earn. Grace you do not pay for. It doesn't matter how much money you give to the hospital, you can't earn it. It doesn't matter if you're a good person. It doesn't matter if you have always done the best you can, because what's different about Christianity is that it's a gift for all of humanity to receive, regardless of everything that we have done.

"And your life will be transformed. You will be born again. Grace is not earned, it is given by a God who loves you and wants to spend eternity with you. (Accepting) it is the most important decision you can make in your life."

## LETTERS

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

### Pay attention

To the Editor:

I write as a former Board of Education trustee, having served from 2021-24, including terms as vice president and secretary. I attended Michigan Association of School Boards conferences, earned educational credits, taught every K-12 grade level and raised six children who all attended Richard, Brownell and South before pursuing higher education.

I chose not to run again in 2024 due to personal commitments, but remain engaged by attending meetings.

What I've witnessed from the current board majority in just eight months is deeply troubling and nearing crisis. Trustees Colleen Worden (president) and Valarie St. John (secretary) are violating ethical standards. St. John was caught claiming a primary residence exemption on two homes — and signed the form under penalty of perjury. Her behavior at meetings is unprofessional: texting, yelling at Dr. Andrea Tuttle over her salary, insulting fellow trustees.

Worden, an attorney, posted about board business in a private Facebook group — violating a legal ruling. She routinely shuts down dissent, lets allies speak off-topic during public comment and even tried to involve police against a respected senior. When threats were made against a trustee, she responded, "Thank you."

Trustee Clint Derringer is abusive

and dismissive toward Dr. Tuttle and Trustee Ginny Juep. Trustees Tim Klepp and Laura Hull rarely speak during meetings but typically vote in alignment with the majority.

There are growing concerns that this board may not be operating with full transparency under the Open Meetings Act. Their pattern of dismissing legal and administrative guidance has contributed to instability, particularly with the departure of multiple CFOs and the resulting need for costly outside consultants.

Trustees Worden and St. John must be recalled. They are ethically unfit. We must demand transparency, decorum and fairness before lasting damage is done.

Dr. Tuttle has been exceptional. We can only hope she stays until better leadership arrives.

If our schools fail, our property values will follow. Grosse Pointe must pay attention — now.

LISA PAPAS  
City of Grosse Pointe

### Woods rezoning by the book

To the Editor:

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods emphasizes open communication, transparency and community engagement. While we welcome resident input, recent negative claims against the city council, administration and planning commission concerning the rezoning process for 20160 Mack are flatly incorrect. Those negative claims fail to reflect and appreciate the city's obligation to strictly adhere to legally required processes.

The rezoning proposal for 20160 Mack was consistent with the city's 2024 master plan. Council approved the plan after two years of development with open invitations for resident input, town hall meetings, an interactive website, local newspaper articles

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GUEST VIEW By Charlie Kirk

## Fight for free speech

Here's a better idea of how to deal with hate speech.

Have better ideas. The answer to white supremacists and Nazis is not preventing them from showing up on campus. The answer is that you also show up; cross examine them and pump them for honest answers to your challenging questions. If you try to censor them, you're giving them what they want, which is to portray themselves as victims or martyrs.

When someone has racist, offensive or



bad ideas, challenge them respectfully. If you are trying to shut them up because you disagree with them, then you are an intellectual midget.

Keep reminding yourself: never try to silence someone. If you're tired of someone being a troll, you can always walk away. You can remove yourself from this conversation. But don't use force to try to stop this conversation. That's when you become a fascist. That's when you land on what I call the cam-

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YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1950

75 years ago this week

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AT ALL TIME HIGH:** Grosse Pointe Public School enrollment is at an all-time high this year. On the third day of school, Sept. 9, it stood at 5,960. This is 539 more than on the corresponding day last year and so far records of the Board of Education show the largest increase shown in any year over the preceding year on a corresponding date.

**METHODISTS MOVING INTO NEW BUILDING:** The Grosse Pointe Methodist Church will host its first services in its new building at 211 Moross Road, between Kercheval and Ridge, on Sept. 17. The new Gothic edifice consists of a sanctuary with a balcony, a community room and

kitchen in the basement and an educational wing which will house the church school activities in suitable classrooms.

**WOODS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING BIG NEW ADDITION:** Ground has been broken for a \$50,000 addition to the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church which is expected to be opened and in use by the end of the year. The addition will contain classrooms, parlors and recreation space and is designated as the Church House portion of the property.

1975

50 years ago this week

**WOODS PARK LAW ADOPTED:** Rules and regulations governing use of the Woods' Lake Front Park have a new set of "teeth" as the St.

Clair Shores Council approved an ordinance regulating conduct in privately owned parks, i.e. the Woods. An ordinance on this subject was unanimously submitted by the Woods council to St. Clair Shores officials this February in an attempt to reach a solution to a nagging problem regarding the enforcement of rules and regulations governing the park.

**TAKE STEPS TO INCREASE CENTER USE:** After several years of controversy and debate, the administration of the Performing Arts Center at North High School has been resolved by the Board of Education. Responsibility for the center was delegated to the Coordinator of Community Services by a unanimous vote. The move was made in order to "facilitate more equitable and expanded opportunities for all community groups," according to Superintendent of Schools Dr. James A. Adams.

**HOSPITAL OPENS FAMILY CENTER:** Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux, has recently opened a new family practice center, designed to aid persons unable to find a doctor. The center, now operating from a temporary headquarters within Bon Secours, offers a comprehensive form of health care involving all aspects of internal medicine.

2000

25 years ago this week

**FARMS COUNCIL APPROVES HILL DEVELOPMENT:** After a month's wait and a long meeting, the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council approved, with conditions, a request by developer Richard Russell to tear down the buildings at 87 and 89 Kercheval on the Hill. Russell's plan as presented on Sept. 11, calls for creating one 50-foot wide, 100-foot deep two-story building. The exterior facing Kercheval would have a limestone facade and a Parisian flavor. The rear would have a brick facade.

**PSO HITS IT BIG IN HBO BASEBALL FILM:**

Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Mark Jacob had the opportunity to meet New York Yankee legend Yogi Berra at Tiger Stadium during the filming of the HBO movie "61." Jacob had a part in the Billy Crystal movie playing Yankee pitcher Tex Clevenger.

**EXPERTS DISCUSS FUTURE OF RETAIL IN THE POINTES:** Those interested in Grosse Pointe's retail business future had the opportunity to hear from three experts at a special symposium sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. The speakers, Fred Marx of Marx Layne, Joan Primo of The Strategic Edge and Hill-based financial planner John Rickel, made presentations and answered questions from the audience. Marx commented that the expression "build it and they will come" is fine for Comerica Park, but it doesn't apply to retail stores in this day and age.

2015

10 years ago this week

**PATTERSON PREFERRED FOR**

**PARK:** It was standing room only during the discussion about creating a dog park for four-legged residents and their owners at the Sept. 9 meeting of the Park's Recreation Commission. In the end, the commission was left with two directives; the residents want a dog park and the preferred location is Patterson Park.

**BASHARA BACK IN COURT:** Bob Bashara was back in court Tuesday, Sept. 15, in front of Circuit Judge Vonda Evans. Bashara requested a new trial after he was convicted of the January 2012 murder of his wife, Jane. Bashara was found guilty of first-degree murder in December and is serving life in prison without chance of parole.

**UPSIDE DOWN:** A woman in her 80s, driving to a hair appointment, survived without injury last week landing upside down in her car on Fisher. Medics took her to a hospital to make sure. "She was worried her hairdresser was going to be mad at her for being late to the appointment," said Officer Frank Zielinski, a traffic crash investigator for Grosse Pointe Farms public safety.

LETTERS:

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and articles posted on our e-blast for residents. Unfortunately, residents who now oppose the rezoning did not take the time to attend any of these meetings that were key opportunities to offer their input concerning the future land use and redevelopment of property on Mack.

Sadly, recent false statements to the media by some residents have not depicted the process fairly or accurately. They have confused issues regarding the master plan and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority grant, which we were fortunate to receive.

After adoption, the city received a \$50,000 MSHDA grant to update its zoning ordinance, aiming to create a clear, modern and accessible document aligned with the new master plan.

The city is firmly committed to transparency and open dialogue. It has a long-standing reputation for following the law and respecting its residents.

Misinformation being provided by the residents opposed to rezoning 20160 Mack is not an accurate representation of the strict adherence the city demonstrated to uphold the legally required rezoning process and the integrity of the process.

We encourage any resident with questions or concerns to reach out directly so that we can provide clarity and foster honest, constructive dialogue.

FRANK SCHULTE  
Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator

Invite serious scrutiny

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters (LWV) promotes itself as a nonpartisan, independent organization. In my opinion, that portrayal does not stand up to scrutiny. A close look at the league's

own documents, local, state and national, shows that it is not just a voter education group but a full-fledged advocacy organization. They have a lobbying team, a litigation department and they take strong political stances. The LWV instructs its committees and chapters to apply a diversity, equity and inclusion lens to all policy positions.

Nationally, they support abolishing the Electoral College, oppose voter ID laws, support abortion rights and advocate for gender-affirming care for minors.

In Michigan, the LWV backs driver's licenses regardless of immigration status, restoration of voting rights for ex-prisoners and continuing the abolishment of the death penalty.

Locally, the league promotes low-income housing and supports centralized public transportation — even when it means removing the Pointes' ability to opt out. Their preferred approach to centralized transportation would cede key appointment powers to the mayor of Detroit and Wayne County, reducing local control. They also advocate for policies aimed at reducing the use of private automobiles.

These are all legitimate political positions, but they are not neutral ones. In every instance I examined where the LWV took a position that divides the political parties, the league sided with the progressive or Democratic Party stance. Not once did I find alignment with a conservative or Republican viewpoint.

That's why I applaud Joe Ricci for declining to participate in the LWV's mayoral debate in Grosse Pointe Farms. Advocacy groups have a place in American democracy, but claiming to be an unbiased, neutral facilitator should invite serious scrutiny.

Let's call things what they are. An advocacy organization cannot credibly act as a neutral party.

NADYA THOLE  
Grosse Pointe Park

ONLINE:

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ever." Alley said parents should look for clues that their child has possibly been victimized. They might:

- ◆ quickly close their laptop when someone enters the room,
- ◆ stop using their phone,
- ◆ get nervous when receiving a text or direct message and
- ◆ withdraw from family, friends and activities.

He also suggested setting guidelines.

"There should be limits such as no devices in the bedroom after a certain time at night," he noted. "Do random searches of their devices. If there's a totally clear history, there's a problem."

Alley said parents should be friends with and have passwords for all of their children's social media accounts.

Parents also need to know mistakes will be made.

"If your child confides something in you, don't

block the predator or delete anything," he said. "It might be the only evidence we have."

Finally, Alley said parents need to have this discussion with their children.

"Make sure they understand the consequences and that no adult should ever contact a child directly," he said. "Tell them to never post anything they wouldn't want their grandmother to see."

Visit [takeitdown.nmec.org](http://takeitdown.nmec.org) for more information.

SPOTTED:

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sustainability intend to come up with some kind of action plan for spotted lanternfly.

"Knowing what to look for is key," said Konieczki, a proponent of using native plants in the landscape. "There are a lot of lookalikes, other beneficial insects, like the red milkweed beetle. It's key to notice what plant you're seeing them on and being familiar with what they look like."

Spotted lanternflies hatch in June as black, wingless nymphs with white spots. By July, they've transitioned into adults with black-spotted wings.

September is egg-laying time.

"Egg masses are usually laid on tree trunks or branches, but can also be on other hard surfaces ranging from posts, bricks and landscape boulders to vehicles, flowerpots and outdoor furniture," according to another of McCullough's bulletins, "Spotted Lanternfly — A Guide for Homeowners and Residents in Michigan."

Egg masses are covered by a cement-gray substance that weathers away, typically exposing 25 to 35 eggs, she wrote.

"This is not going away," Konieczki said. "The best thing we can do is just be aware and take preventive measures."

GUEST:

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pus islands of totalitarianism.

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the greatest political document ever written by man; that big government needs to be scaled back and reconsidered; and the best solution to our problems is people helping people and entrepreneurs taking risks outside of government intervention.

*Owner's Note: Charlie Kirk was assassinated Sept. 10, 2025, doing what he loved: exercising his uniquely American right to freedom of speech on a college campus. The above is an excerpt from his 2022 book, "Campus Battlefield."*

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# SideStreet Diner celebrates 15 years

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — “When I think about what we’ve come through, we had a power outage and I slept here in a booth for four days because it was illegal to leave the generator unattended,” recalled Meghan Spicer Josefosky, as she looked back on a decade and a half of running a woman-owned, independent diner in The Village with her cousin, Sheila Taylor-Frunek.

SideStreet Diner at 603 St. Clair celebrated its 15th anniversary at the beginning of the month, but the cousins have been on the local restaurant scene much longer.

“We’re partners for life, but not life partners,” Taylor-Frunek joked.

In April 1992, Josefosky opened Mack Avenue Diner. Taylor-Frunek joined her the next month.

“We’re going on three generations,” Josefosky said. “We have customers that have grandchildren now that didn’t even know their spouse when they started eating with us. I have so many employees that their parents met working for us and now their kid works



COURTESY PHOTO

SideStreet Diner celebrated 15 years of feeding the community Sept. 1.

for us.”

The two got the keys to SideStreet Sept. 1, 2010.

It’s been a labor of love all the way down to the women personally ripping out the carpet and putting in eclectic tile with no particular pattern — something they have no interest in repeating.

“I’m not putting that on my resume,” Josefosky laughed. “Don’t ever call us to help.”

From normal industry trends to the pandemic, when SideStreet never

closed and even had volunteer staff at one point, the diner has weathered many storms.

The owners cited consistency as their secret sauce — consistency with hours, product, service and even staff. There isn’t much turnover at SideStreet. One employee was 14 when she started working for Josefosky and Taylor-Frunek. She turned 40 last week.

“We’ve never closed or interrupted business so to speak and I think it’s a

huge feather in our cap,” Josefosky said, “and the fact that we continue to grow and we continue to attract new customers and new interest and there’s still life in it.”

Though a lot has changed since 2010, the draw of a classic American diner remains.

“About a month ago we had somebody, they were coming from Scotland to Grosse Pointe for a function like a wedding and they Googled ‘American diner,’” Josefosky said. “They told us, ‘We

wanted to come to an American diner and that’s how we found you.’ They were so excited.”

Fifteen years later, customers are still looking for the same thing.

“People want good food at a good value and they want more than service — they want an experience and we offer that here,” Josefosky said.

Hours at SideStreet Diner are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the weekend.

## Special celebration

SideStreet’s Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day Celtic menu runs this week only through Sunday, Sept. 21.

“A lot of people don’t want to wait till March to have our Irish fare,” Taylor-Frunek said. “We’re happy to offer it at least for a week in September.”

The menu is filled with family recipes such as the Scottish meat pies and Irish sausage passed down from Taylor-Frunek’s father, who was a relatively famous local Irish entertainer named Charlie Taylor.

SideStreet has been offering the menu since the year it opened.

“That started just to celebrate our own heritage and share it with people, because most people view the Irish celebration as your stereotypical St. Patrick’s Day and in my household that was not the case,” Josefosky said. “It was the High Holy Day in my house and no green beer and no four-leaf clovers. Shamrocks only.”

# Daily Jam open for business

By Ted O’Neil  
Associate Editor

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — A new restaurant in a familiar location marks not just fresh menu choices but a third-generation partnership between two longtime families in the restaurant business.

Daily Jam opened last week at 20710 in the former Big Boy. It is being run by Dan Curis Jr., Richard Curis, Anthony Ansara and Victor Ansara Jr.

Their fathers, Dan Curis Sr. and Victor Ansara Sr., are lifelong friends and their grandfathers were partners in several Big Boy restaurants starting in the 1950s.

“We had the Big Boy here for 50 years and now we’re looking ahead to the next 50,” Curis Jr. said. “We’ve had a great response so far and a lot of our old customers have already stopped in, including one couple who used to come in four days a week.”

The first Daily Jam opened in 2011 in Arizona. The Ansara family, which owns 22 Red Robin franchises in Michigan and Ohio, opened the first Michigan Daily Jam in Farmington Hills two years ago.

“Being from Arizona, it has a Southwest-inspired menu,” Ansara said, “a lot of Mexican-themed spices, although we toned it down a bit to fit the Midwestern palate.”

Daily Jam is open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily and offers breakfast, brunch and lunch options, including omelettes, hot and cold sandwiches, soups and salads. Alcoholic drink options include Bloody Marys, mimosas and assorted beers.



PHOTO BY TED O’NEIL

From left, Richard Curis, Anthony Ansara, Dan Curis Jr. and Victor Ansara Jr.

things locally as much as possible,” Ansara said. “Our beer comes from Someday Brewing right next door, our coffee is from Great Lakes Coffee Roasters and our bread is from Cantoro’s Bakery.”

Big Boy, which Curis Sr. owned since 1978, closed New Year’s Eve last year.

“We pretty much gutted everything, front and back of the house,” Curis Jr. said. “We put in new plumbing, new ventila-

tion and a whole new kitchen. The building is 60 years old, so it needed some work.”

Curis Jr. said they also were able to keep several staff members.

“They like the hours, not having to work nights,” he said. “It makes for a better work-life balance and it’s nice because they recognize a lot of faces.”

He added they might open once a month for dinner in the future and the space is available for private events when the restaurant is closed.

Ansara said the families intend to look at other Daily Jam opportu-

nities around Michigan.

When Curis Sr. — who also owns Champs Rotisserie and Seafood as well as three Detroit Wing Co. franchises — applied to the city last year for a liquor license, he indicated his previous franchise agreement with Big Boy was set to expire this past April and would not continue as a Big Boy under any circumstances.

“We’re happy with the decision,” Curis Jr. said. “We’ve gotten a lot of good feedback.”

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The entire cast sits with playwright Devin Scillian and directors Sharron Nelson Corbin, Diane Rinderknecht and Emmajeane Evans.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Homegrown talent

Grosse Pointe Talent's youth theater camp recently performed "Memoirs of a Goldfish," written by Devin Scillian, recently retired WDIV-TV Channel 4 news anchor. Though the performance was new, it was batted about years ago by camp directors Sharron Nelson Corbin and Emmajeane Evans. "Devin was the emcee for a fundraiser for Full Circle and the fundraiser was entertainment at the then-new Brownell stage," Nelson Corbin said. "I had choreographed a program to 'Seussical' with the Full Circle students and the Grosse Pointe Theatre Youth on Stage students. "We never exchanged

numbers, email addresses to get a copy of the script and it never happened," she continued. "Well, time flies and I figured why not reach out? I sent a letter to Devin from myself and Emmajeane asking if we could read his script. Well, we read it and loved it. Our camp theme is 'love' and it definitely fits. It is an entire children's musical in one act, so we shared the main character with seven actors." Scillian, who wrote the play himself but had help writing the music, came to watch the campers practice the week of Aug. 18. Their final performance was the afternoon of Aug. 22.

Scillian said he was delighted when they sang for him. "I was blown away by the kids," he said. "They basically had four days to learn their lines and the songs. FOUR DAYS! They just made my heart swell. I was so impressed and watching my words and music come alive is always such a thrill. What an honor." The performance was presented in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Department. Others involved included director Diane Rinderknecht; vocal director Deborah Frontczak; and technical directors Mike Clyne, Charlie Rinderknecht and Don Corbin. "A special thank-you to Chad Craig, director of the GPP Parks and

Recreation Department and the staff of the GPP Parks and Recreation Department," Nelson Corbin said. "Another special thank-you to Jef Fisk for recording the performance."



The role of Goldfish was shared among seven actors, from left, Hudson Petrides, Jack Campbell, Celest Brass-Beers, Ava Dehn, Frances Morgan and Cash Petrides. Not pictured is Charlie Rosso.



The guppies, from left, Penelope Simon Gotham, Isley Pfeffer, Autumn Sarnacki, Kyra Mukadam, Odessa Stevant and Ren Aro.



Goldfish Ava Dehn and Emmy Schwartz perform a pantomime mirror scene.



Camille LaBeau as Fred, a crab, intimidates Mason Dehn's Mervin, a snail.



Clark (Sam Campbell) looks admiringly at movie star Cha Cha (Carmen Wojno-Maas) while his wife, Rhoda (Kiara Kardel) is furious.

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The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present

**MOTIONS PASSED**

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held August 11, 2025 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meetings held on April 23, 2025 and August 27, 2025.
- 2) To add to the agenda discussion regarding site plans for Community Center.
- 3) to have the site plans for the Community Center reviewed by the Planning Commission as is customary for all new development in the City.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon and with no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED**

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 133184 through 133298 in the amount of \$1,271,970.78 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,703.33 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of September 2025. (3) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$11,406.53 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of August and for IT support services for all departments, and the purchase of monitors, cables and a back up device. (4) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$19,481.00 for miscellaneous restorations due to tree removals and main breaks. (5) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$26,300.00 for tree trimming and for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs. (6) approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods in the amount of \$97,945.40 for pro-rated share of the Torrey Road pump station charges for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. (7) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$42,337.59 for professional services during the month of August 2025 for the following projects: Sidewalk Replacement, #180-367; Eastland Center, Redev #180-244; 2025 Misc. Concrete Rep., #180-363; 2025 Joint Crack/Seal, #180-366; Tap Sidewalk Pgm, #180-349; Roscommon Pocket Park, #180-329; Miss Digs, #180-255; Harper GLWA Water Main Repl., #180-368; DWRF Lead Water Svc Repl., #180-331; City Hall - ADA Accessibility; Temp Water Operator, #180-303; 2025 San. Sewer Cleaning, #180-365; 2025 San. Sewer FCIPP, #180-364; 2025 Storm Sewer Rep., #180-362; 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining, #180-379; HWHS Football Field Clubhouse, #180-327.
- 2) to approve the following property for receipt of Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) Certificates for a twelve (12) year period: The Land situated in the City of Harper Woods, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, and is described as follows: Units 1 through 71, both inclusive, FRASER SQUARE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 59555, page 540, as amended, and designated as Wayne County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 1261, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the public Acts of 1978, as amended, and further to authorize the City Clerk to sign the Certificates.
- 3) to approve the proposal dated July 28, 2025 submitted by Johnson Controls for the HVAC upgrade in the amount of \$7,290.00 and the proposal dated August 19, 2025 for the lighting panel upgrade in the amount of \$24,990.00 for a total of \$32,280.00 as requested for the Harper Woods Library operations.
- 4) to accept the proposal from Lord and Winter dated July 29, 2025 for the Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessment of Salter Park in conjunction with the proposed Community Center development in the amount of \$19,500.00.
- 5) to approve payment to the US Bank Trust Company in the amount of \$19,687.50 for the interest on the Michigan Clean Water Program, #5370-01, and \$12,600.00 for the principal payment on the Lead Service Line Replacement Project, #7829-01, for a total of \$32,287.50.
- 6) to adopt the inter-local agreement, as amended, between the City of Harper Woods and SMART with the inclusion of the indemnification clause.
- 7) to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2025-03 entitled "An Ordinance to Regulate Virtual Currency Machines and Related Devices Operated in the City of Harper Woods," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this is accordance with City Charter requirements.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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## Tau Beta Fall Market is Oct. 2-4

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

A steadfast sign of the changing seasons and upcoming holidays, the Tau Beta Fall Market soon returns for another year, offering visitors a unique, one-stop shopping experience.

From its sneak-peek preview party to its selection of meticulously curated vendors, each piece of the market entails carefully thought-out details that make it a weekend to remember.

Co-chaired by Andrea Powers and Lindsay Brock, this year's market kicks off with a preview party from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, featuring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$100 in advance, \$120 at the door, and allow guests a look at the market's 22 vendors, including seven newcomers.

"We get lots of vendor applications and some of them we solicit," said Powers, noting Brock brought newcomer Walker&Wade to this year's event, while she secured Club & Court. "We wanted to select vendors that would be appealing to everyone, but that we like as well."

Selections for men, women and children will



Tau Beta Fall Market co-chairs Andrea Powers, left, and Lindsay Brock.

bedeck vendor booths, which will feature items catered to a variety of interests and in a variety of price points.

"We have something to fit every budget," Powers said. "We did try to concentrate on that, so people can do their holiday shopping. The market is in early October, so it can be a jumpstart to the holidays."

"Or graduation gifts or birthdays," Brock added, "and everything in between."

From home accents, small gifts and chocolate to jewelry, apparel and handbags, shoppers will find gifts for all tastes and styles — and likely something for themselves, too.

In addition to an advanced look at the vendors, the preview party includes a roster of nine raffle prizes.

"We always do a raffle and I'm so proud of how it came together this year," Powers said.

Among the preview party prizes are an original oil painting by Brock's mother-in-law, artist Jennifer Chope; a private wine-tasting event with a professional sommelier at Flyleaf; a gold pendant David Yurman necklace courtesy of AHEE Jewelers; and more.

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100.

The Friday market, which runs 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 3, also includes a raffle with a pair of prizes: five hours of personalized fashion services with Adorned by Kelley and a private shopping event with eugenie Detroit.

Cocktails, including Tau Beta's signature "Market-Tini," are available Friday after 4 p.m.

Shopping continues 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. A buffet lunch will be available for purchase

Saturday afternoon.

Tickets to the market are \$5.

"It's a great time to catch up with friends after being gone all summer," Brock said, "and now that the kids are back in school, the dust is settling for the fall holiday season."

"It's a great community builder," Powers added, "and a one-of-a-kind, unique shopping opportunity featuring vendors from all over the country."

Overseeing the market is no easy task. Powers and Brock keep an eye on more than 20 committees that work on specifics.

"It's a lot of people and they all do their thing," Brock said. "We are only checking in with them, not stepping on their toes. It's their domain."

Committees involve a cross-section of Tau Beta members, from those with market experience to newcomers. In addition to their commitment to the market, members provide housing and food for vendors during their stays in Grosse Pointe, "so they're never in a hotel or seeking food," Brock said. "It shows them the loyalty of the organization and adds a nice layer to it for the vendors; they're on a business trip but they still feel at home."

Added Powers, "It's what's unique about the market and why so many of our vendors come back."

Also unique to the Tau Beta Fall Market is the good it does in the community. Beyond the treasures it presents to shoppers, the market allows Tau Beta to provide help to a variety of charities, including The Children's Center of Detroit.

"Each year, the proceeds from the fall market allow us to continue supporting the Tau Beta Center for Literacy and the Center for Discovery at The Children's Center," Tau Beta President Debbie Minanov said in a press release. "These funds make a real difference by helping to provide essentials through the food pantry, creating enriching summer programs and ensuring families can share a holiday meal through our annual turkey drive. Beyond this work, Tau Beta members are also able to recognize and support other deserving organizations through our grant program. We are proud to carry forward the Tau Beta mission of helping children and families shape their own futures."

It's a mission that's been engrained in Brock since high school, when she participated in Tau Beta's junior program.

"It's nice to give back to the community and to people who need help," she said. "Life throws us curveballs. It's not how

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### Preview party raffle prizes

◆ Flyleaf Literature & Libations  
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Donated by Gretchen R. Valade, eugenie

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◆ Winter Escape Styled by Pearl, Taylor Reese and Julia Amory

Donated by Pearl Grosse Pointe, Taylor Reese and Julia Amory

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◆ For the Love of Tennis

Donated by April Finch, Barefoot Monkey Palm Beach and a friend of Tau Beta

Cotton tunic with tennis design and white Ame & Lulu Tennis Bag. Valued at \$250

◆ Coterie Elevated Aesthetics

Donated by Celia Wade  
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◆ Adorned by Kelley & Neiman Marcus Beauty Package

Donated by Kelley Muzingo

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◆ Private Shopping Event at eugenie, a Detroit-based boutique

Donated by Gretchen R. Valade, eugenie

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### New vendors

- ◆ Ace of Clubs Golf Co. of Wyandotte — Custom leather golf accessories
- ◆ Club & Court of Bryn Mawr, Pa. — Luxury ladies tennis, golf and leisure apparel
- ◆ HAPPINESS & CO of Shelby Township — Luxury non-toxic candles and sprays
- ◆ Lulu & Merie of Fox Chapel, Pa. — Personalized gifts and papers
- ◆ Pura Cashmere of Perrysburg, Ohio — Sustainable luxury knitwear
- ◆ The Calvert Collection of Haverford, Pa. — Designer clothes, jewelry, home decor, accessories and gifts
- ◆ Walker&Wade of Palm Beach, Fla. — Beach-to-table resort wear made in Bali

### Returning vendors

- ◆ Brackish of Charleston, S.C. — Handcrafted feather accessories for men and women
- ◆ Carrie Dunham of Bay Head, N.J. — A sophisticated "Bermuda bag" interchangeable and convertible, clothing and more
- ◆ Daniella Ortiz of Palm Beach, Fla. — Luxury leather handbags handcrafted in Argentina
- ◆ DCLW Designs of Westlake, Ohio — Imported unique gifts and stylish home furnishings
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- ◆ Quix Chocolate of Ferndale — Belgian boutique chocolatier
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- ◆ Susan's Collection of Jupiter, Fla. — Curated collection of jewelry, handbags and scarves
- ◆ The WW Collection of Ridgefield, Conn. — Beautiful things to dress you and your home
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## Inaugural 'Ride to Read' event is Sept. 24

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

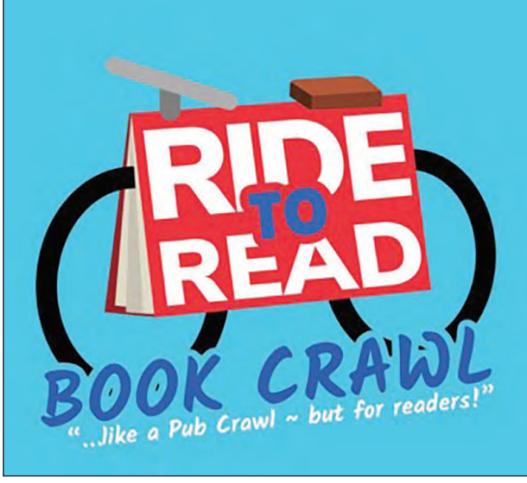
In celebration of literacy and the love of reading, the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library present the first Ride to Read Book Crawl at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24.

"We're thinking of it as kind of a pub crawl for readers, with book locations instead of bars and restaurants," said Tracy Magee, president of the Friends board of directors.

GPPL Board of Trustees President Bob Allen, liaison to the Friends, presented the group an idea they couldn't resist, "so we decided to run with it," Magee said.

All ages are welcome to take part in Ride to Read, which encourages participants to do as its name suggests — ride bicycles or drive cars between locations where reading is endorsed.

Participating locations include the Central and Ewald branches of the GPPL, as well as Flyleaf on The Hill and Coreander's Children's



Bookshope in the Park. "We picked locations we thought made an easy enough route and that would bring us all together to celebrate the love of reading in our community," Magee said.

Guests are asked to check in beginning at 5:15 p.m. at Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The plaza will be alive with activity, including refreshments and the GPPL BookBike mobile library.

Each participant will receive a bookmark bingo card, which quali-

fies them for discounts and giveaways at every stop.

"From there, we'll go the short few blocks away to Flyleaf, who will have drink discounts for those participating," Magee said. "They're creating a unique cocktail for the participants that evening."

The next stop will be Coreander's in the heart of Grosse Pointe Park.

"They're staying open late for the event," Magee said. "Shoppers will get a discount there. Then we'll end at Ewald, where we'll have snacks and

beverages in the plaza and will thank everyone for participating."

The event should close around 7:30 p.m.

Apart from participating locations, Ride to Read is being promoted by the Grosse Pointe Pedalers bicycle group.

"That's why we're having it on a Wednesday," Magee noted. "That's when they gather, so that evening they will be gathering with us."

While all ages are invited to participate, Magee emphasized this is not a drop-off event for children; parents are expected to stay with their children the event's duration, she noted. Where they stay is up to them.

"People can linger and stay at one location or do all four locations," Magee said.

However, she added, there's a nice incentive to visit all four sites.

"Participants to all four, those who have all four checkmarks on their bingo card bookmarks, will be entered into a raffle for a Paperwhite Kindle," Magee said. "Every stop is an entry in

the raffle."

Magee said if the event is well-received, it may expand to include other locations. She'd love to see it become an established Grosse Pointe tradition.

"The Friends mission is to encourage literacy, lifelong learning and love of reading," Magee said, noting events like Ride to Read are meant to promote reading while bringing readers together and, perhaps, introducing book lovers to new opportunities in the community.

"This will also kick off our membership drive," she continued. "We're sending renewals to our

300 members. We try to have activities that bring in new members and that appeal to younger members."

Registration is encouraged but not required, Magee added.

"This is an opportunity for the Friends to demonstrate all we do to support the library and the love of reading in creative and engaging ways," Magee said. "Come and enjoy the event and learn about the reading opportunities in our community."

To register, visit [gpfriends.org/events](http://gpfriends.org/events).

"Though we're hoping for good weather, the rain date is the next day."



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The BookBike will be a part of the festivities.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

## Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To

register for the following, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

◆ Building a Business

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we fall, but how we pick ourselves back up that you remember."

Powers joined Tau Beta in 2020, after her mother-in-law and sister-in-law — this year's honorary chairs, Christine Powers and Carrington Powers Smith — introduced her to the organization.

"It's a family thing for us," she said, noting her daughter's and niece's involvement. "I was excited about the opportunity to be involved with The Children's Center and other charities. Not being a native of Grosse Pointe, I got to meet other ladies who are likeminded and equally as passionate."

"And like our commit-

tees, there are all different age groups and folks who you might not have had the opportunity to meet," she added. "It's an opportunity to work with a pretty dynamic group of women."

Brock thanked the community for championing the cause.

"The market wouldn't be what it is today without the community support," she said.

"Come and shop," Powers added. "It's a wonderful preview party with a signature cocktail and hors d'oeuvres — a fun evening. Come back through the weekend or just stop by when you're available and have lunch. The vendors are phenomenal and it's a beautiful weekend."

For more information or for tickets, visit [tau.beta.org](http://tau.beta.org).

Plan with AI, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Book Lecture: "Revolutionary Vision Blvd.," 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Non-Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Craft-to-Go, all branches, all day Monday, Sept. 22.

◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Home Food Preservation Series with Michigan State University, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Ride to Read Book Crawl, 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Plot Twist: A Teen

Book-to-Movie Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Phil Hale Jazz Quartet, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Greatest Generation Interview: Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, retired, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Reader Dog, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-Up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Reader Dog, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

## Ford House

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

◆ Ford House After Dark, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. Tickets are \$25 for Friends of Ford House, \$35 for the public.

◆ Bird Walks, 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Cost is \$8 for Friends of Ford House, \$10 for the public.

◆ Harvest Day, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. Admission costs vary.

◆ Autumn Shoreline Guided Tour, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1. Admission costs vary.

◆ Nooks & Crannies: Behind-the-Scenes Guided Tour, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1. Admission costs vary.

◆ Caring for Your Historic Home: A Guide to Hiring Right, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2. Cost is \$10 for Friends of Ford House, \$20 for the public.

For tickets and information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

## The Helm

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

◆ The movie "The Golden Voice" will be shown at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests.

◆ Out to Lunch Bunch: Pegasus in St. Clair Shores, noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24.

◆ Lunch & Learn: Handwriting Analysis and Forensics, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, with certified document examiner Ruth Holmes. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for guests.

◆ The movie "The Life List" is shown at noon Friday, Sept. 26. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests.

◆ Memory Loss and Cognitive Decline, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, with a panel of

experts. Presented by The Family Center.

◆ Canasta, noon to 4 p.m. Mondays. Free for members, \$6 for guests.

◆ The Friendship Club, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month.

◆ Bridge Club, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. Free for members, \$6 for guests.

◆ Walking Club, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

◆ Grief Work Support Group, 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, with psychotherapist Frank Wilberding.

## 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](http://warmemorial.org)

◆ Adulting 101, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18.

◆ Flying the P-3 Orion: A Vietnam War Pilot's Story, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18.

◆ United States Naval Academy Admissions Forum, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 20.

◆ Night Cap: At-Will Band, 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

◆ Free Bikes 4 Kidz Collection Event, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

◆ Awaken Your Senses: A Morning of Yin Yoga, Massage and Sound Bath, 9 to 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28.

◆ Bootlegger's Delight: A War Memorial Speakeasy, 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$45 VIP.

◆ A Conversation with "Join or Die" Filmmaker Rebecca Davis and Joining Fair, 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

## Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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# City resident headlines fundraiser at Ridley's

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

City of Grosse Pointe resident Matt Conn was the pick of the litter when organizers were searching for someone to headline the "No Balls" Comedy Ball.

The fundraiser, which benefits the Canine Companions Rescue Center and Michigan Animal Adoption Network/Animal Care Network, takes place 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

Jay Towers of Fox 2 Detroit and 100.3 WNIC-FM will emcee the event, which also includes comedian Jim Elliott.

Conn, a nationally touring comedian whose sharp wit and boyish charm have entertained audiences, is known on the circuit for his whimsical blend of witty observations and relatable storytelling. He has a clean, clever style that connects with audiences of all ages.

At the rate his children



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**City of Grosse Pointe resident and standup comedian Matt Conn will headline the "No Balls" Comedy Ball at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Sunday, Sept. 28.**

are growing up — his son just entered high school and his daughters both are in middle school — he has plenty of material for the stage.

"I'll do some family stuff," he said. "The kids are getting older. There are new dynamics now with a high schooler — the different talks I'm having now compared to before. And remember-

ing growing up; the things the kids are going through and recalling what I went through."

The event has all the makings of a tried-and-true fundraiser — a cash bar, buffet meal, desserts, raffles and silent and live auctions — as well as something that sets it apart: adoptable puppies. Donations assist ani-

- ♦ \$1,500 will treat a dog for heartworm.
- ♦ \$3,000 will cover the initial medical costs for an injured cat or dog.
- ♦ \$700 will provide a dog with a dental procedure.
- ♦ \$400 will cover bloodwork for a dog.
- ♦ \$200 will spay/neuter a dog.
- ♦ \$125 will spay/neuter

a cat.

"We are ecstatic to host this event again with our dear friends from Canine Companions Rescue Center," said Marie Skladd, president of the Michigan Animal Adoption Network. "We are especially excited to have comedian Matt Conn from Grosse Pointe and to have the wonderful Jay Towers return to emcee again."

"It should be fun," Conn added. "It sounds like a great event."

"Top Dog" sponsors of the "No Balls" Comedy Ball are Clements & Co Realtors, The Carpet Guys, West Woodward Animal Hospital and Direct Optical. The event's food sponsors are Bob and Patti Shaw. iHeartMEDIA is the event media sponsor.

Tickets are \$100 each and may be purchased at comedycastle.com.

The fundraiser is the latest gig for Conn, who spent a weekend this summer headlining a club in Branson, Mo.

Next week, he'll fly to Florida to record a comedy special for Open Bar

Comedy.

Apart from comedy and his day job — "and youth travel sports" — Conn said he tries to work on a major project every year.

"It's been three years since my book ('Trade Show')," he said. "Last year, I did 'Personal Storage,' a 15-minute short about a miser who lives in a storage unit. We filmed it at Premium Self Storage on Nine Mile."

The short won an Award of Merit Special Mention in the Best Shorts Competition, he added.

Most recently, Conn filmed a pilot titled "Life's Not Fair," with comedian Dave Landau.

"I'm really excited about this pilot," he said. "I wrote and directed and had a small part in it. We shot it in April over six days, four of them in Freeland. I'm editing it and hopefully will be getting it out soon."

Keep up to date on Conn, including his upcoming standup appearances, online at mattconncomedy.com.

# Pewabic Pottery begins leadership transition

Pewabic Pottery, a historic 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization ceramics center, working pottery and educational facility on Detroit's east side, has begun a search for a new executive director.

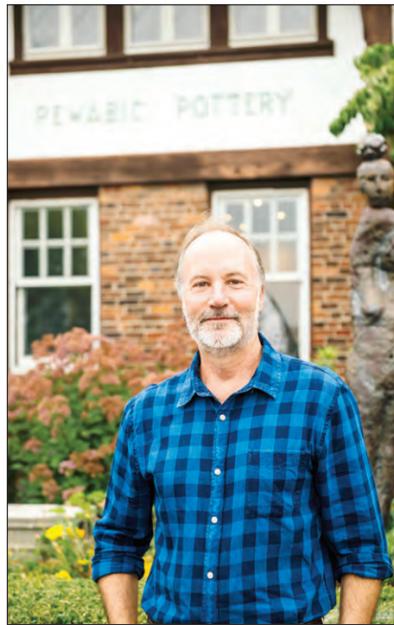
Current Executive Director Steve McBride, who has guided the pottery more than a decade, is retiring for health reasons. His last day is Tuesday, Sept. 30.

"Pewabic Pottery has been an amazing place to be a part of for the last decade," McBride said. "I've had the privilege of working alongside a team of dedicated and passionate employees across a spectrum of disciplines that are housed within our national historic landmark — education, design, production, retail, manufacturing, tourism, history and art."

Pewabic Board of Trustees Chair David Fox announced the transition plan to employees last month.

"We want to thank Steve for an exceptional job leading the pottery for the past 10 years," Fox said. "Under his leadership, the pottery team doubled its retail output, focused its tile production with new kilns and a capital campaign, organized vessel making in the fire house, installed solar panels and a new air quality filtration system and initiated a place-making campaign to beautify the campus. We are extremely grateful for his service."

"Even amid national economic and social headwinds, nonprofit arts organizations like Pewabic have a unique opportunity to innovate, broaden access and emerge stronger in the years ahead, proving that creativity thrives in the face of challenge," Fox added.



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**Outgoing Pewabic Pottery Executive Director Steve McBride.**

The organization has a \$4.5 million budget and employs approximately 50 people.

Fox went on to explain that the pottery has begun looking for an interim executive director and a search committee led by Laura Trudeau is in place to find a permanent executive director.

McBride joined Pewabic in 2015, after a decade at Interlochen Center for the Arts.

# League of Women Voters of GP conducting local candidate forums

Ahead of the local community elections, the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe will conduct two remaining candidate forums. The public is invited to learn more about the candidates running for public office.

♦ 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23  
**Grosse Pointe Park City Council**  
Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park

*Invited candidates:*  
Thomas J. Caulfield  
Patrick Gleason  
Olga Merametdjan  
Max Wiener

♦ 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30  
**Harper Woods City Council**  
Wayne County Community College, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods

*Invited candidates:*  
Teresa Foster  
Sheila Hakim  
Vivian M. Sawicki  
Ivery Toussant, Jr.

The public is encouraged to submit questions for the candidates. The question submission form is available at [lwvgrossepointe.org](http://lwvgrossepointe.org).

Deadlines to submit questions are:  
♦ Noon Monday, Sept. 22, for the Sept. 23 forum  
♦ Noon Monday Sept. 29, for the Sept. 30 forum

Voters also may find information about the candidates on the League of Women Voters non-partisan Voter Guide at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) after Sept. 19.

## The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra 2025-2026 73rd Season

<p><b>Sunday October 26, 2025</b> Grosse Pointe War Memorial 7:30 p.m. 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms Preconcert talk Davis Gloff (WRCJ) 2:15 p.m.</p> <p> Mendelssohn: Overture to "Fingal's Cave" Dvorak: Cello Concert Nester Winner Bhargava Kulkarni, Cello Schumann: Symphony no. 3 Rhenish</p>	<p><b>Sunday December 7, 2025</b> Our Lady Star of the Sea 7:30 p.m. 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods</p> <p> Vivaldi: Concerto for 2 Trumpets Scott Schroeder, Paul Miller Saint-Saens: Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso Nester Winner Isabell Johnson, Violin Johnson: Courage Tchaikovsky: Nutcracker Suite Holiday Favorites</p>
<p><b>Sunday March 8, 2026</b> Schaap Center 3:00 p.m. 15001 Jefferson Ave, Grosse Pointe Park Preconcert talk Davis Gloff (WRCJ) 2:15 p.m.</p> <p> Dukas: Péri, Fanfare Wieniawski: Violin Concerto no. 2 Cristina Muresan, Violin Copland: Rodeo</p>	<p><b>Sunday May 3, 2026</b> Schaap Center 3:00 p.m. 15001 Jefferson Ave, Grosse Pointe Park Preconcert talk Davis Gloff (WRCJ) 2:15 p.m.</p> <p>Grieg: Homage March from Sigurd Jorsalor Brahms: Concerto for Violin and Cello Ravel: Bolero</p> <p> Greg Staples  Jeremy Crosmer</p>

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## 4B | 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.

## Edward Deeb

Edward "Ed" Deeb, 89, an active Detroit-area community leader and problem solver for more than 65 years, passed away at home Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025.

Born May 4, 1936, in Detroit, Ed was considered a tireless patriot, peacemaker, entrepreneur, youth advocate and philanthropist through his roles with numerous civic, charitable and professional organizations at the local, state and national level. He was a champion for small businesses and often reconciled conflicts between businesses and government entities, entrepreneurs, residents or clashing ethnic groups. Ed lived in Grosse Pointe Shores with his wife, Joanne, and their family for 40 years, during which time he was an active member of the community. He served as a board member and past president of the Barnes Elementary School PTO (now Barnes Early Childhood Center), board member and past president of Parcels Middle School PTO and board member and past president of Grosse Pointe North High School Parents Club.

Ed also helped found or co-found a number of organizations, including the Michigan Food and Beverage Association, Michigan Business and Professional Association, Michigan Youth Appreciation Foundation, Metro Detroit Youth Day, Eastern Market Merchants Association, Friends of Eastern Market, Women and Leadership in the Workplace Conference and Awards Program, Scouting for the Handicapped for Boy Scouts of America (Detroit Chapter), Michigan State University School of Music Advisory Council, Eastern Market Corp., Belle Isle Conservancy, American Arabic and Jewish Friends, Michigan State Lottery program with Sen. Gus Harrison, Arab American and Chaldean Council, Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation and Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe.

His claim to fame was his role as the founder and chairman of Metro Detroit Youth Day, an event that has been attracting thousands of youngsters to Belle Isle each July for more than 41 years. President George H.W. Bush presented Ed with the 477th Point of Light Award for his involvement and inspiration to young people in this role.

In 2018, the Department of Natural Resources of Michigan named one of the streets on Belle Isle after him. Edward Deeb Avenue is located near the site where Metro Detroit Youth Day is held each year.

Ed also was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserves.

Ed and Joanne were married more than 58

years and most recently lived in Bloomfield Township. He is survived by his wife, Joanne; son, George Deeb (Sarah) of Cary, N.C.; daughter, Jennifer Kluge (Michael) of Grosse Pointe; grandchildren, Natalie, Charles and Jack Deeb, and Lyndsay and Maxwell Kluge; and sister, Marge Deeb of St. Clair Shores. He was predeceased by his parents, George and Sarah (nee Mashour) Deeb; and brother, Raymond Deeb.

## Nancy Durant Downs

Nancy Durant Downs, 87, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025.

Nancy was born in Zanesville, Ohio, and moved to Columbus when she was 5. Nancy graduated in 1955 from Rosary High School, where she worked on the school newspaper and yearbook. After high school, she attended the Mount Carmel College of Nursing and graduated in 1958. At Mount Carmel, she developed a close bond with 14 fellow nursing students, becoming lifelong friends known as Flo's Fabulous Fifteen (named after Florence Nightingale). Nancy then earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1981. During her 42-year career as a nurse, she worked in the metro Detroit area at a variety of hospitals and home health care providers. She finished her career at an allergy practice. She most enjoyed positions where she was able to teach patients or coworkers.

Nancy had a passion for cooking and took pride in the meals she prepared. She wrote and published her own cookbook, "Family Favorites from Nancy's Kitchen," which contained more than 400 of her favorite recipes. She was an avid reader and started a neighborhood book club that lasted more than 12 years, helping her form many friendships.

In retirement, Nancy volunteered at a number of organizations, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, Henry Ford Van Elslander Cancer Center and Meals on Wheels. She was a meticulous gardener and enjoyed spending afternoons in her yard. Nancy had a fondness for classical music as well as Impressionist paintings. She truly relished spending parts of each summer and fall at her vacation home in northern Michigan. For more than 30 years, Nancy enjoyed the beauty of up north with family and creating cherished memories.

Nancy was a three-time cancer survivor and overcame numerous health issues with resolve and determination.

Nancy was prede-

ceased by her parents, Adrian and Theresa Durant; loving husband of 48 years, Marshall; and son, Kevin. Nancy is survived by her daughter, Patricia O'Connell (Glenn); sons, Michael Downs (Jennifer) and Brian Downs (Danielle); brother, John Durant (Nancy); grandchildren, Kaitlin, Ryan (Stephanie), Justin, Joseph, Thomas, Samantha, Allison and Christopher; great-grandchildren, James and Raelynn; and nephews, Joseph (Molly), John (Deborah), Michael (Nicole) and Thomas (Rachael).

A funeral Mass will be held Friday, Sept. 19, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Her family will receive guests from 9:30 a.m. until Mass at 10 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 29777 Telegraph, Ste. 1451, Southfield, MI 48034; or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

## Charles Edward Fine

Charles Edward "Ched" Fine, 89, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, in Dallas, during what he called the "44th anniversary of my 44th year, plus one."

He was affectionately known as "Ched" to his friends, "Dad" to his children and "Poppy" to his grandchildren. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 40 years, Jean Helen Lucas Fine, in 1998.

Ched was born Aug. 3, 1936, in Minneapolis, to Dana Fine and Florence Sponenberg Fine. He was raised in the Upper Peninsula and lived a full life defined by curiosity, kindness and a deep love for family, faith and community.

After earning an engineering degree from the University of Michigan, Ched embarked on a distinguished career with U.S. Department of Defense contractors, where his innovative feats left a lasting mark on the nation's security. In the mid-1960s, he took the helm of Jean's family business, Hackett Brass Foundry in Detroit, guiding it with steady leadership and inventive spirit until his retirement in 2000.

Faith and fellowship were central to Ched's life. Since 1966, he was an active member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, participating in various ways, from Bible study leader to Stephen Minister. The past seven years, he was an active member of Dallas Presbyterian Church. After his wife's death, he became a weekly volunteer at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. He served the Grosse Pointe Men's



Edward Deeb



Nancy Durant Downs



Charles Edward Fine



Pamela Marie Meyer



Dolores Roberts



Clarence Neill Banton

Club as editor of the monthly newsletter and helped tend the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Memorial Garden alongside Marian Walker, who brought him joy and companionship until her passing in 2020.

Ched was a man of many passions. As a pioneer in his field and, as he said, "a computer engineer before computers existed," he was endlessly curious. He kept his mind engaged with woodworking, puzzles, crosswords, playing the strategic game "Go" and researching his family history, stretching back hundreds of years. He also was a lover of the outdoors and spent countless hours cross-country skiing and folk dancing.

He had a special love for the water. The family sailboat became a cherished centerpiece of their lives. His membership with the Grosse Pointe Sail Club gave him the opportunity to share his knowledge and passion for theater, where he taught celestial navigation, a skill that helped save crews during the demanding Bayview Mackinac Race, a course from Port Huron to Mackinac Island. For Ched, sailing was more than a sport — it was a way to create safe, family-friendly adventures and memories to last generations. Travel became a focus in their lives during Jean's final years. Ched's adventurous spirit continued as he participated in overseas missions and explored the world with friends and family. Above all, Ched will be remembered as a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and mentor.

Ched is survived by his brother, David Fine; children, Karen Rigdon, Charlene Gulas and Bruce Fine; grandchildren, Alexander Rigdon, Catherine Rigdon, Anna Rowe and Danielle Gulas; and great-grandchildren, Eleanor Rowe and Alexander King. His kindness, character and gift of connecting with people from all walks of life ensured that he never met a stranger. His legacy lives on in the family he adored, the innovations he created, the communities he strengthened and the many lives he touched with his warmth and generosity.

A celebration of life took place at First Presbyterian Church of Dallas. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Grosse Pointe United

Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Foundation, 29777 Telegraph, Ste. 1451, Southfield, MI 48034, bit.ly/4m9qXOG; The Stewpot, 1610 S. Malcolm X, Dallas, TX 75226, thestewpot.org/give; or Forgotten Harvest, 15000 Eight Mile W., Oak Park, MI 48237, forgottenharvest.org/donate/

## Pamela Marie Meyer

Pamela Marie Meyer, 76, of St. Clair Shores, passed away Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025. She was born Dec. 9, 1948, to John and Helen (nee Dryden) Cates, both now deceased.

Pam is survived by her loving children, Cody Meyer (Dana) and Jennie Silva (Paul); adored grandchildren, JP, Ella, Max and Emmie; brother, John Cates (Lorry); and numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. She also will be greatly missed by her cherished dog, Johnny George. Pam was predeceased by her much-loved dogs, Mimi, Willy, Saucy, Brutus, Arthur, Coco, Buster, Lucky, Katie, Valerie and Allie; and a cat named Sassy.

Pam was raised in Beverly Hills, Mich., and graduated from Marian High School. She attended Ferris State University and spent her esteemed career in media sales in Kalamazoo, with the majority of her time spent at Cumulus Broadcasting, WKFR/WKNR Radio, where she sold, as she called it, "air."

Upon moving to Grosse Pointe Farms in 2009, Pam became very active in several charitable organizations. She was former president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary and Grosse Pointe Friends and Neighbors Club. She moved to Naples, Fla., in 2021, where she met many friends and was active in the community. After her "four-year vacation" in Naples ended, she returned to Michigan to be with family.

Pam had an impeccable sense of style, loved to decorate and enjoyed quality time with family and friends. But what truly defined her was her incredible wit — she had a way of making people laugh until they cried. She danced through life with a wink and a

whoopie cushion, reminding everyone that the best way to honor her is to keep the party going (just not after 7 p.m., please) and trying not to take life too seriously.

Share a memory with [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Dolores "Jeri" Roberts

Dolores "Jeri" Roberts, 97, of St. Clair Shores, passed away Monday, Sept. 1, 2025. She was a former resident of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Jeri was born March 21, 1928, in Detroit. She attended Detroit High School of Commerce and worked as an executive secretary to the president of UAW Local 212. She enjoyed playing tennis and golf, swing dancing, listening to music and volunteering.

Jeri was predeceased by her husband, Wilfrid John Roberts. She is survived by her children, Bernadette Krieger (Doug), Wilfrid John Roberts II and Zachary M. Roberts; and grandchild, Wilfrid John Roberts III.

A private service was held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. She will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

## Clarence Neill Banton

Clarence Neill Banton, 79, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2025, at home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Clarence is survived by his longtime partner, Kathy Beckwith; along with other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Clarence W. and Elizabeth N. Banton; and brother, James W. Banton.

Clarence was a man of many interests, including sports, automobiles, art and music.

Visitation will occur from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday Sept. 18, at James H. Cole Home for Funerals, 2624 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Visitation also will occur from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at the funeral home, immediately followed by a memorial service. Clarence was a Purple Heart recipient for his service in Vietnam and will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, [hom.org/donate/](http://hom.org/donate/).

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## Thomas Michael Sullivan

Thomas Michael Sullivan, 92, of Grosse Pointe, died peacefully in his sleep Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025.

Tom was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Doris Prus Sullivan, who passed away in 2013. He is survived by his children, Peter Sullivan of Weston, Conn., John Sullivan (Barbara) of Evanston, Ill., and Jane Beiles (Paul) of Fairfield, Conn.; grandchildren, Jack Sullivan, Max Sullivan, Tom Sullivan, Katie Sullivan, Megan Sullivan, Luke Beiles, Evan Beiles and Hadley Beiles; brother, Tim Sullivan; and many nieces and nephews.

Tom was born to Michael Raymond Sullivan and Kathleen Cullen Sullivan and raised in Detroit. He graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1954, and Wayne State University School of Medicine, where he was class president, in 1958. He conducted his residency training in internal medicine at Los Angeles County Hospital and in psychiatry at the Lafayette Clinic in Detroit. He was on the faculty at Lafayette Clinic, one of Michigan's premier psychiatric teaching hospitals. He also was a professor at Wayne State School of Medicine and served in the state of Michigan's mental health system. He had expertise in community psychiatry and substance use disorder.

Tom was appointed dean of admissions at Wayne State School of Medicine in 1975, when it was the largest single-campus medical school in the nation at a time of peak applications to U.S. medical schools. His career later transitioned into hospital administration, when he became acting director of the Lafayette Clinic until its closing in 1993. He retired from Wayne State University and the state of Michigan at that time and continued a private practice in clinical psychiatry.

After retirement, he continued his commitment to the community as a volunteer for many human service organiza-



Thomas M. Sullivan

tions, including Meals on Wheels, for which he hand-delivered food and good cheer to the homebound until age 86. He would unfailingly lend an ear and offer counsel and mental health advice to anyone seeking his expertise. Over ensuing years, Tom and Doris divided their time between Grosse Pointe and Palm Desert, Calif.

Tom's professional life of public service — with a marked generosity of spirit — was mirrored in his personal life, as he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle and brother and a loyal friend. He was an exceptional athlete and avid sports fan who enjoyed gardening and travel. He was an active participant in parish life throughout his decades at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Tom was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Palm Desert, Calif., and participated in interfaith collaborative service projects. As his medical career in mental health touched thousands of lives, Tom's exceptional kindness, inclusiveness and sense of humor brightened the lives of all who knew him.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. His family requests that, in honor of Tom's life, people extend a simple act of kindness to someone in need, plant for the future in the land he so loved to tend or donate to a charity of choice. Memorial donations also may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden, Inc.

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# 'Musical Magic' is theme of Oct. 11 dueling pianos concert

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Anne Roberts has found a new partner for Dueling Pianos IX.

During last fall's concert, Joseph Palazzolo announced his retirement from the longtime partnership, but lucky for Roberts, Hans Barbe was in attendance.

"I got to see Anne in action," said Barbe, the new music and choir director at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Dueling Pianos IX, "Musical Magic," will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Though Barbe agreed to perform — and the new partners agreed to feature the work of composer George Gershwin — they did not agree on a centerpiece.

"When she asked me to join her on the Gershwin thing, first she said it was 'Porgy and Bess,'" Barbe said. "I hadn't seen 'Porgy and Bess' and didn't really know it. When I listened to it, I didn't connect with it. Looking at other Gershwin pieces, 'American in Paris' resonated with me."

Both admirers of Gershwin's music, they agreed to the update.

"George Gershwin knew nothing about music, but he knew how to play piano," Roberts said. "He had a knack for composing, but couldn't write down music; he had to have someone transcribe it."

"Gershwin was one of the first major classical composers from the U.S. who brought the authentic language of the U.S. into the classical realm," Barbe added. "He was into blues, jazz, Americana. He's the bridge between that world and the European classical world."

Of "American in Paris," Barbe said it's "not one of the hardest pieces I've learned — it has its moments — but it's the longest piece I've learned."

"There are parts where I'm moved; I get goosebumps," Roberts said.

"There's a lot of nuance

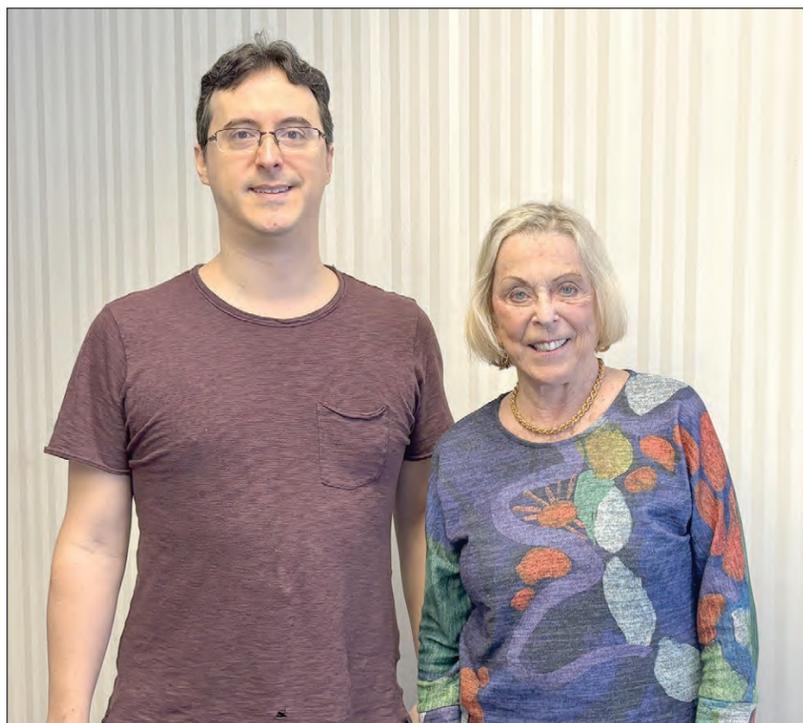


PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Hans Barbe and Anne Roberts will present "Musical Magic," a two-piano concert, Oct. 11, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

to it," Barbe agreed. "It starts happy-go-lucky, then there are cooler, meditative, slower moments."

The pair will perform the 41-page score during their concert, which also features pieces by Bach, Tchaikovsky and Leroy Anderson, as well as assorted "jazzy tunes."

As an additional treat, Palazzolo will rejoin his past counterpart to perform two songs, and pianist Tamara Baubie, who made a guest appearance at last year's concert, also will perform a piece with Roberts.

"Everyone on the bill is an accomplished musician," Roberts said.

Roberts, who's been performing two-piano music for years, is thrilled to return for another concert. It will be Barbe's first two-piano piece.

"We are both solo instrument people, so to have the opportunity to collaborate is so much fun," Roberts said.

"Your passion and enthusiasm for Gershwin rubs off on me," Barbe told her. "It's contagious."

Tickets for Dueling Pianos IX are \$25 general admission, \$50 VIP. They may be purchased online at [gpuuc.org/concerts](http://gpuuc.org/concerts) or by scanning the QR code.

Dueling Pianos IX is one of several musical events coming to Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. At 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, All Roots, featuring

Tosha Owens and Dan Minard, will perform a mix of Americana, folk, blues and jazz in the sanctuary.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, The Rhythmics, featuring John Corrado, will perform big band music.

The church also hosts a monthly open mic night. It's next one is on tap 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. Cover is \$5.

For more information, visit [gpuuc.org](http://gpuuc.org).

## Meet the director

Hans Barbe not only is replacing Joseph Palazzolo on the bench for two-piano performances.

The 2002 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School also filled Palazzolo's shoes as the music and choir director at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

He joined the staff last September following Palazzolo's retirement.

"I'm from the Park, graduated from South, then left for college and COVID," Barbe said. "... I lived in Florida throughout COVID and at the time (Palazzolo retired) was still based in Florida."

"I knew (Palazzolo) on a professional basis and respected him on a professional basis," he added. "When I was applying for the job, he reached out and said, 'I'm glad you're going for this.' He gave me advice."

Barbe, who also teaches piano and voice at Grosse Pointe Music Academy, said he loves the new position.

"I'm trained as a classical musician, but didn't get to do that in forever," he said. "Now I can play what I love to play."

While he doesn't perform Beethoven every week, he's happy figuring out "the in between," which he described as an eclectic mix.

"It's not just classical," he said. "It's U2, Pink Floyd — with the choir. I've done Paul Simon, Radiohead, Bjork. I try to bring eclectic things into the mix. I'm a multi-instrumentalist, too, so I play guitar and soon will debut the hammer dulcimer."

Barbe isn't just surrounded by music during working hours; his housemates in the Boston-Edison neighborhood of Detroit also are musicians.

"I'm classical," he said. "There's also a singer-songwriter, a jazz percussionist and an electronic musician."



## 46th annual Grosse Pointe Run is Sept. 20

The Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its 46th annual Grosse Pointe Run this Saturday at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park.

All ages are invited to the event, which includes 5K and 10K runs, a competitive 5K walk, a 5K for wheelchair users, a one-mile fun run and a 5K lei-

sure walk.

For those serious about their performance, the course is USA Track and Field certified and uses a professionally managed chip system, which automatically registers each runner's finish time.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the fun run starts

at 8:30 a.m. All other events begin at 9 a.m. Snacks and beverages will be available.

The event raises funds to provide college and trade school scholarships to high school students.

For more information, email [rotarygprun@gmail.com](mailto:rotarygprun@gmail.com).

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# Council gets Full Circle update

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Occupants of the Full Circle Foundation's chicken coops are as neighborly as residents of housing co-ops.

"They're very friendly," Full Circle Operations Director Stephanie DiVirgil said.

Chickens from Ribbon Farms 4-H Club were added this year to Full Circle's Edible Garden farm, established in 2021 on land donated by Riverview Health at 18300 E. Warren, Detroit.

"It has grown to over 50 garden beds on three acres," DiVirgil said. "We grow all kinds of vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers."

Young adults spend part of summer mornings planting, maintaining and harvesting the garden.

"It's important to get that sense of self-worth and feeling like part of the community," DiVirgil said. "They use those vegetables to make healthy meals. They also sell the produce. We sell vegetables at The Helm on Thursdays."

Full Circle officers made the rounds of Grosse Pointe Park City Council chambers Sept. 8, updating listeners about the charitable organization's move to the Jefferson commercial district, describing its resources for special needs youth and wrap-

ping up with a fundraising appeal.

"We're always fundraising," DiVirgil said.

Especially now that operations are being moved and expanded from Mack Avenue near Cadieux into two buildings consisting of an innovation center and Upscale Resale Shop on Jefferson at Somerset.

"We have a lot of naming opportunities in spaces in the innovation center and resale shop," DiVirgil said.

"We want this campus to be a hub for parent resources," DiVirgil said. "We want this to be the go-to where parents find information and resources for their children at any stage of diagnosis. Eventually,

we're going to have a social worker and therapist on site to help care and navigate life with special needs children, such as Medicare and Medicaid, estate planning, independent living opportunities and state- and county-provided resources."

Donations don't have to be in the form of currency.

"We can always use volunteers, especially in the next few weeks," DiVirgil said. "When I say we have a lot of inventory (for the resale shop), it is an understatement. We had a lot of our off-season items stored in the Trombly (Elementary School) gym. It literally took up the entire gym. There's

probably 80 or so racks of clothes, plus boxes and bags. That's all going to be transferred to the new space. It all needs to be hung and sorted."

DiVirgil called the new location "our new forever home."

"Thanks to generous donations from the A.A. Van Elslander Foundation and Jim and Patti Anderson, we were able to purchase and renovate our new dream space," she said. "Between the two buildings, we're nearly quadrupling the space we have in our current location."

She said to "stay tuned" about opening the resale shop toward the end of the year.

Thereafter opens the James and Patricia Anderson Innovation Center featuring a learning kitchen, craft area, spaces for Full Circle's youth-operated shredding and laundry businesses and basement recreation center and stage for Full Circle singers' practice.

"It's not a basement, really; it's an event space," Mayor Michele Hodges told DiVirgil. "We thought it was important to have you here tonight because this is an important moment for Grosse Pointe Park to have you all here performing the services you do and stabilizing and strengthening Jefferson Avenue. Thank you to the generous donors who always seem to be here when we need them supporting such an important cause."

## Fire sparks community drive

Following a June 19 fire in the East Branch of the Ogemaw District Library System in Prescott, the Detroit Free Press ran a story that inspired one Grosse Pointe Farms resident into action.

The fire consumed every book in the building. While the building was insured, its contents were not. To help fill a need — providing books for the library's temporary home — the Grosse Pointe News is serving as a collection site for new or gently used books.

Ogemaw District Librarian Colleen Boyd specifically requested books from the following



authors:

- Jan Brett
- Patricia Polacco
- R.L. Stein
- Johnathan Rand
- Mary Pope Osborn
- Brian Jacques
- Roald Dahl
- Andrew Clements
- Judy Blume
- Jeff Kinney
- James Patterson

A member of the Grosse Pointe News staff

plans to personally deliver donations to the library system in Prescott.

Donations may be dropped off during business hours at the Grosse Pointe News office, 16980 Kercheval Place, City of Grosse Pointe, through the end of October.

— Jody McVeigh



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## Nature spotting

City of Grosse Pointe resident Mary Semelsberger was visiting a relative at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital this summer when she looked out the window into the courtyard and spotted a deer napping nearby. She glanced over and saw another in the bushes and couldn't help but snap a photo.

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- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Henry Ford St. John Hospital, 22101 Mack, Detroit.
  - ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods.
  - ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, Bethel Baptist Church, 24600 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.
- Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### GPAA

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

- ◆ Explorations in Abstraction with Valerie Allen, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21.
- ◆ Behind the Brushstrokes: The stories and techniques of Vincent van Gogh, with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 25 to Oct. 9.
- ◆ Encaustic and Collage Workshop with Candace Law, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

### POST Detroit

POST Detroit, 14500 Kercheval, Detroit, hosts several workshops during September. To sign up for the following, visit [mutualadoration.com](http://mutualadoration.com):

- ◆ Sewing Machine Essentials Workshop: Linen Throw Pillows, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20. Cost is \$100.

◆ Basketry Workshop: Potluck Baskets, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Cost is \$125.

◆ Screen Print Workshop: Pet Portraits, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21. Cost is \$100.

◆ Weaving Workshop: Beginner's Framed Weaving, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21. Cost is \$85.

◆ POST Script PS: Open Mic Night, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24.

### The Family Center

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

◆ Memory Loss and Cognitive Decline discussion with a panel of experts, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at The Helm, 158, Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Community Yoga, 7 p.m. Tuesdays during October at The War Memorial.

◆ QPR Suicide Prevention Training, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at H3—Hope, Healing and Health Inc., 23100 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Village Grille, 16930

Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Gina Gable and the Thrive Youth Council, a newly formed group of Grosse Pointe South High School students who raise awareness about youth hunger in Bangladesh and the Philippines, will speak. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### Concerts

Performer Jef Fisk presents Fisk for Footlights, an evening of favorite songs and new music, Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Antonio's in the Park, 15117 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. Seating begins at 5 p.m., followed by the performance at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available at [gpt.org/fisk](http://gpt.org/fisk) or by calling (313) 881-4004. All proceeds benefit Grosse Pointe Theatre.

The Planet D Nonet will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Cover is \$10. Visit [cadieuxcafe.com](http://cadieuxcafe.com) for information.

### Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts bus tours of the DIA Inside/Out art installations at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, beginning and ending at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Registration is required at [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com).

The chamber hosts Building Your Business Bootcamp from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Sign up at [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com).

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# GROSSE POINTE Gabby



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## Strategies for encouraging healthy eating

**Dear Gabby:** All my teen wants is DoorDash. How do I get them to eat something green? — Broke in the Woods

**Dear Broke:** The teen DoorDash obsession is real and it's costing families both money and nutrients.

Instead of trying to shut it down completely, try meeting them halfway. Limit DoorDash to once a week and ask

them to help plan or cook one healthy meal at home. You might be surprised how willing they are if it means some control and creativity in the kitchen.

Stock your fridge with easy, healthy grab-and-go options they won't roll their eyes at. Think protein snacks, smoothie packs or even air fryer options they can heat up themselves.

And if you can, find a

local place they love with healthier options and order from there together.

It's all about small wins and keeping the broccoli from being a battleground.

— Gabby.

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



## Choosing yourself at last

**DEAR ANNIE:** I have been married nearly 30 years. I met my husband when I was 20, and since then, my life has revolved around caring for our children, two of whom have developmental disabilities, and for him. He has long struggled with mental health issues and has been unable to work for most of our marriage.

During these decades, I have carried the responsibility of supporting our family emotionally, financially and practically. My husband, meanwhile, has received disability benefits, inheritance money and tens of thousands of dollars from his relatives, yet he has kept every bit for himself. He also battles a gambling problem.

Around the house, he contributed very little, and in the past, he was physically abusive. That abuse once resulted in a restraining order and a year of separation after he spent a night in jail.

For more than 10 years, I have dreamed of taking an extended vacation in Europe. I want to bring the whole family, or anyone who wishes to join. But my husband refuses to go. He insists his anxiety makes travel impossible, and he will not consider alternative arrangements. He has no friends he could stay with, and he cannot rely on his family for support. I feel trapped between his limitations and my own longing for freedom.

Here is my struggle: I feel like life has passed me by. I have given my entire adult life to caring for everyone else and missed out on so many experiences. I am running out of time, and I am desperate for this chance. Am I wrong to go without him? Would it be cruel to leave him behind, even just for a while? Part of me fears being selfish, but another part says I have already given more than enough. — Desperate for Time

**DEAR DESPERATE FOR TIME:** Selfish? Not at all. That guilty feeling is exactly what an abuser wants you to carry so you will keep putting yourself last. For 30

years, you have held a family together, raised children with special needs, and managed a husband who gambled, hoarded money and, at times, was violent. That is not selfishness. That is sacrifice.

You deserve joy. Take the trip. Eat the croissant. Let yourself live. And please, do not dismiss the abuse you have



### Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

endured. Even past abuse leaves scars. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 for guidance and support.

You have carried more than your share.

Now it is time to carry a passport for yourself..

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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## Wine and food pairings

I believe far too much is made of the "proper" wine and food pairings.

I realize that many people have made their life's work all about telling others which wines go best with which foods, but there are rarely perfect answers here, and even though certain basic guidelines are applicable, even the most authoritative experts often debate with one another.

Many of the food-wine conversations to which I have been a witness have ended up with one person thinking the



### Wine Talk

by Dan Berger

other is an idiot and they almost never agree on the specifics.

Generalizations, however — well, that's another story.

A hearty plate of pasta with a deep, rich, red tomato-based sauce, most experts would agree, calls for a tart red wine that has enough acidity to contend with the acid that's in the sauce. Like Chianti or barbera.

And experts agree also that a typical chargrilled steak calls for a gutsy red wine such as a cabernet or syrah — a wine with enough oomph to handle the protein and fat in the steak.

Veal forestiere, for example, typically calls for a flavorful, fairly intense red wine that can compete with the mushrooms, Marsala, and butter and red wine sauce. I had this dish several years ago with a fabulous older red French Burgundy, and it was phenomenal.

So, I was a little surprised when I interviewed a wine collector decades ago at a restaurant where he ordered that very dish and chose a gewurztraminer from Alsace to go with it. I asked why he chose that wine.

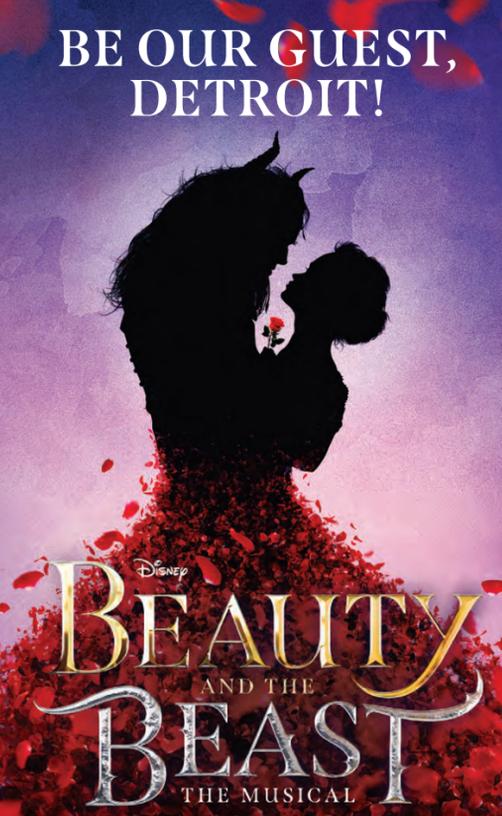
He said that when he was in his 20s, he visited Europe and had that dish and that a waiter had suggested the white wine to go with it. He said he never forgot how well the flavors married.

Many sommeliers think pinot noir and salmon are the perfect pairing, but I often prefer another wine with that fish.

I usually order salmon rare because it's a rich, oily fish and overcooking causes it to lose some of its charm. When it's rare, I find it often works well with a pinot gris, notably one from a cold region. Such a wine then will have good acids and tannins to contend with the richness of the fish.

Most cream soups also could use assistance from wine. But not just

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# We Tried It! (again)

by Anna Lizer



## The Kindle Paperwhite is the best purchase I've ever made!

I've written about the Kindle Paperwhite before, but I'm writing about it again because it's just that good. If I could shout from the rooftops that every person on Earth needs one, I would. It's a perfect product. Truly. A masterpiece of modern convenience and calm.

I just had a milestone birthday and in typical fresh-decade fashion I set a list of big ambitious goals: get healthier, work out more, pick up new hobbies, go out more, meet new people — you know, basically transform into a wellness-guru-slash-socialite overnight. Will all of these happen? Unclear. But the one goal I am crushing is reading 30 books before my next birthday. And I owe that entirely to my Kindle Paperwhite.



This thing makes reading absolutely effortless. I can download books in literal seconds from the Amazon store and I take my Kindle with me everywhere.

It's been poolside in July, on

planes, tossed inside beach bags, wedged into crowded carry-ons and curled up with me in bed

at night. The glare-free screen reads like actual paper — even in full sun — and it's small and light enough to hold in one hand while juggling a baby or a La Croix.

You can buy it on Amazon for \$160 and yes, that might feel a little pricey, but I promise it is so worth it. I received mine as a birthday present from my amazing group of friends, but I would truly buy this product over and over again with my own money. I've spent more on random beauty products or clothes that never get worn. This is something I use constantly and it actually improves my life.

Aside from the ridiculously perfect reading experience, the specs on this thing are just as

impressive. The battery life is wild. It lasts for weeks, not days. The Paperwhite is waterproof so yes, I have confidently read in the bath and by the pool. It holds thousands of books, which means I never run out of options.

And if you want to borrow instead of buy, it connects easily with library apps like Libby so you can check out eBooks for free without ever leaving your house. That's right, free books without putting on pants.

The book selection is massive, the interface is simple and the backlight is gentle enough that I can read for hours without a hint of eye strain. No distractions. No social media pings.

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# Sweet pepper poppers

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

The other day I was sitting in my room pondering what I was going to write about when my daughter came in and said she wanted to help come up with this week's concept. She wanted to stuff something, a vegetable to be specific. So we went through the usual suspects and decided on peppers.

When coming up with recipe ideas, I always focus on a single ingredient and build out from there. So we focused on a sweet bell pepper

which quickly pivoted to a mini pepper.

What if we made something like a jalapeno popper but tailor it to those who don't like the taste of jalapenos? And just like that, our recipe was taking shape. We would call them pepper poppers. I thought we were pretty brilliant until I saw there are hundreds of recipes out there with the same name. We are still proud of ourselves though.

I decided to stuff them with smooth and

creamy ricotta and hot honey for a touch of sweet heat. Use regular honey with a pinch of chili flakes in its place.

She chose to add thyme from the garden. The earthiness of thyme balances out the honey which gives the peppers almost a floral taste. We wrapped it all up with salty prosciutto which crisps a bit in the oven. These aren't just good, they're great! The whole family agreed. The ricotta didn't leak out of the pepper while it cooked and they got even better as they cooled

down a bit. Plus you don't have to deal with the mess that bacon leaves behind. I'm thinking of elegant football snacking as I write this. Whip these pepper poppers up for your next cocktail party or big game event!

Cheers, Mombeau

### Pepper Poppers

- 1 cup whole milk ricotta
- 2 tbsp hot honey or 2 tbsp honey plus ½ tsp

red chili flakes

1 tbsp fresh thyme, chopped

Pinch of salt and pepper

8 mini bell peppers

8 slices prosciutto

1 tbsp olive oil

Preheat your oven to 425 degrees. In a small bowl, whisk together the ricotta, honey, chili flakes, thyme, salt and pepper. Set aside while

you work on the peppers.

Wash the peppers and slice them in half lengthwise. Remove the seeds and pith. Leave the stem intact if you can. Stuff each pepper half with one tablespoon of the ricotta mixture.

Slice the prosciutto slices in half and wrap each pepper. You want the middle of the prosciutto over the top and then tuck the ends under.

Drizzle each pepper with the olive oil. Bake for 12 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

# WINE

Continued from page 2C

any wine. I adore dry Oloroso sherry with cream soups and often put a teaspoon of the sherry in the soup!

One basic rule that's easy to remember: Try to match up the basic flavors of the food with the basic structure of the wine.

Oysters, for example, are briny and tart, so the

best companion wine is a lean and tart French Chablis or a sauvignon blanc from the Loire Valley.

And the simplicity of pizza calls for a simple, quaffable red wine, such as Barbera or a zinfandel.

And if a buffet table is laden with numerous different kinds of foods, from meats to light cheeses, probably the best all-purpose choices are a dry rose, or one

that's sparkling, or a light red Beaujolais.

In the final analysis, however, I live by one creed: I'd rather have an excellent "wrong" wine than a poor "right" one.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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**Kate Winslet as photographer Elizabeth "Lee" Miller in the true story 2023 movie "Lee," directed by Ellen Kuras.**

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

some serious acting chops. Another thing I couldn't help but notice is the amount of smoking Lee does. I don't think there's a single scene in the film where she isn't puffing on a cigarette.

Lee and David witness firsthand the liberation of Paris. At one point, she sees several French

girls being roughed up by an angry mob. They've been exposed as Nazi collaborators and part of their punishment is having their heads shaved. You can sense the pain Lee feels and how she has to suppress the urge to help them out. However, she realizes that her role as a photojournalist is to remain neutral and simply document the scene with her camera.

This leads up to the most devastating part of the film. The two photographers bribe their way into the concentration camps of Dachau and Buchenwald. Outside the camps, we see children joyfully chasing each other and frolicking. Then they enter a scene that could be something out of Dante's "Inferno." The smell of rotting corpses almost overwhelms them as they cover their mouths with scarves. What they witness is sheer horror. The prisoners look like the walking dead; they're so emaciated. When a woman grabs several loaves of bread from the back of a truck, Lee follows her to a room full of starving children. It's a chilling moment watching them take desperate bites out of the loaves. But it's nothing compared to when they enter one of the gas chambers stacked with corpses. These gruesome shots are interspersed with the actual photos that were taken by Lee.

One of the biggest surprises is in the aftermath of her efforts to document the horrors of the Holocaust. When Lee returns to London, she's shocked to discover her photos weren't published in the British edition of Vogue. When she confronts her editor about this, she's told that people "want to move on." It's almost as if all her efforts were in vain. When the credits roll, we find out how all the leading characters fared in the aftermath of the war. We're also informed that the photographs were eventually published in American Vogue.

"Lee" is one of the better biopics I've seen. I

can empathize with Ms. Winslet in her mission to get the film made. What an amazing woman Lee Miller was and it makes me want to do a search on the internet to see more of her work. A truly remarkable movie about a truly remarkable woman.

Currently streaming on Hulu and to rent on Apple TV, Amazon, YouTube and other services.

Note to parents: the film is rated "R" because of some nudity and graphic images of the Holocaust.

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.

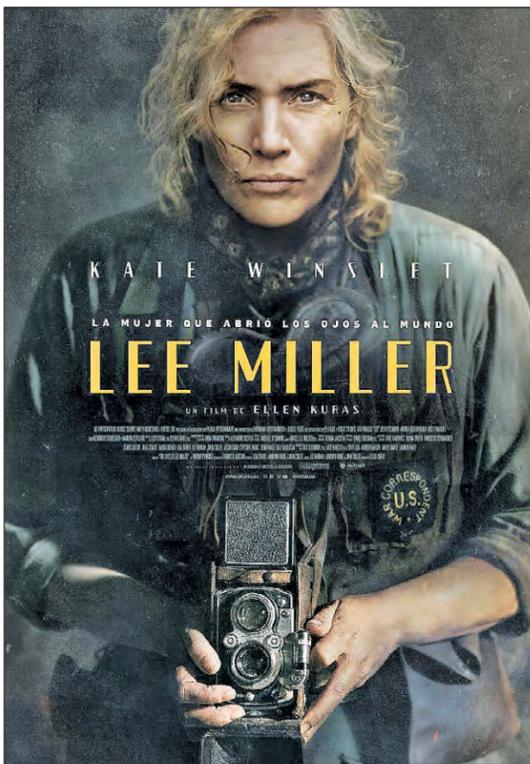
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**The real Lee Miller.**



**Movie poster.**



**A mob scene after liberation.**



**The real Lee Miller and Kate Winslet.**



**Lee Miller (Winslet) documenting Hitler's apartment.**



**Miller reminiscing.**

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
 "Lee"  
 2023 - Rated-R  
 1 hr 57 min  
 ★★★★★

I wasn't familiar with the name Lee Miller, but I certainly recognized the documentary photos she took during WWII. Her body of work is absolutely iconic.

The film "Lee" is a powerful biopic about the photojournalist who broke barriers for females in the world of photography. The film was a pet project for Kate Winslet, who worked for several years to get it made, and the cinematic world is all the more enriched for her efforts.

The film is the directorial debut for Ellen Kuras, who is best known as a cinematographer on films such as "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" and "The Betrayal."

It was written by Liz Hannah, Marion Hume and John Collee and is based on the book "The Lives of Lee Miller" by Miller's son Antony Penrose. It's quite obvious that great care was taken in the photographing of the film — hats off to cameraman Pawel Edelman. Every shot is perfectly composed and adds to the powerful impact of the movie.

We're introduced to Lee (Winslet) in the middle of a horrific battle. She just misses being blown to pieces in a town in France and she's pulled to safety by a soldier. Then we meet a much older Lee being interviewed by a young reporter, played by Josh O'Connor, who encourages her to talk about her past. She's a bit reticent at first but soon starts to tell her life story.

Lee was living a comfortable life in France in the 1930s. She was a celebrity fashion model but was also a photographer and frequent collaborator with the surrealist artist Man Ray. There's a wonderful scene in the beginning of the film where she joins a delightful picnic out in the country with her Bohemian friends. Lee thinks nothing of sitting down and removing her top. Everyone in the group is perfectly comfortable with her nudity. It's here that she meets her future husband, the artist Roland Penrose (Alexander Skarsgård). The two become lovers almost immediately.

Then war breaks out and Lee and Roland retreat to London. It's there that Lee decides to become a photojournalist and is committed to documenting the war firsthand. There have never been female war correspondents, but she isn't about to be told otherwise. Lee's simply not going to sit on the sidelines while the war rages on. She takes a position with British Vogue magazine, where she convinces her editor Audrey Withers (Andrea Riseborough) to send her to France to cover the battles in Normandy and Paris.

There she meets Life magazine photographer David Scherman (Andy Samberg), with whom she travels for her stint on the front lines. I thought Samberg did a commendable job; however, after seeing him in all those episodes of "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," I kept expecting him to crack a joke or make a funny face, which he never does. He proves here that he certainly has



**Lee (Kate Winslet) enjoying a picnic.**



**A summer picnic in France.**



**A famous image of Lee in Hitler's bathtub.**

# Weekly Challenge

## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

9/18 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★  
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## Contract Bridge

### A GIVEAWAY PLAN

North dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 8 5 2  
♥ A J 10 4  
♦ A J  
♣ A K Q 2  
**WEST**  
♠ K Q J 10 6  
♥ 8  
♦ K 9 7 3  
♣ 7 6 4

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 9 7 4  
♥ K Q 9 7 5 2  
♦ 10  
♣ 8 5

The bidding:  
**North** 1♣  
**East** Pass  
**South** 1♥  
**West** 1♠

Opening lead — king of spades.

spade overall, which informs him that West almost surely has five spades and East only one.

Declarer goes on from there to theorize that East, who has 12 unknown cards, is very likely to have more clubs than West, who has only eight unknown cards.

Having projected this distribution, declarer shapes his play accordingly. He wins the spade lead with the ace, draws two rounds of trump, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs a diamond.

Next, he plays the A-K-Q of clubs, discarding a spade, and continues with the deuce of clubs, on which East plays the jack. But instead of ruffing the jack, which seems the natural thing to do, South discards another spade!

This leaves East in bad shape. He is forced to return a diamond, on which South discards his last spade as he ruffs in dummy, and the slam is home.

The outcome is not surprising, for once it is granted that West has five spades and East only one, the odds are that East has more clubs than West. This in turn means that South is a favorite to make the slam by playing in the recommended fashion.

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by Steve Becker

## Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

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

**Happy Birthday** for Thursday, September 18, 2025:

You are private, introspective and sensitive. You are also artistic and have an appreciation of beauty. Take inventory of your life this year. It's time to let go of people, places and things that have held you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning. Start fresh next year!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

Keep your wits about you today (if you can do this), because conversations with partners and close friends will be confusing. Worse yet, you might not realize that a confusion, or even a deception, is taking place. Don't make important decisions today, especially impulsive ones. Tonight: Listen.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

Double-check your work today, especially as it relates to financial matters, money and your possessions, because it's easy to make the wrong assumptions today. You might be fooled by someone else. You might even fool yourself! Oh yes, it's one of those days. Beware! Tonight: Make improvements.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

Today your ruler is at odd with fuzzy Neptune, while dancing with unpredictable Uranus. This means you might impulsively want to do something, or you might speak without thinking and later regret it. It also means that conversations with others are not clear, not clear at all. Forewarned is forearmed. Tonight: Teach.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

This is a poor day for important discussions about family matters. Likewise, it's a poor day for real estate negotiations or real-estate decisions, because there's too much room for impulsive reactions and confusion. In fact, an element of deceit might be lurking as well. Tonight: Streamline and recycle.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

This is a challenging day for you because Mercury is in your House of Communications, but it is compromised. This means conversations with others will be subject to confusion, misinterpretation and deception. If you suspect something fishy is going on, it is! Trust your gut instincts. Tonight: You're persuasive.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your ruler Mercury is in your Money House today. Be warned! Do not trust impulsive purchases or financial decisions. Double-check all your financial information, because it is subject to misinterpretation, errors, mistakes and lies. This might not happen. Tonight: Money ideas.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Tread carefully today, because Mercury is in your sign, compromised by an opposition with Neptune. It means mental confusion is likely. Communications with others are tough. You might be swindled or lied to. Be careful! Tonight: Go gently.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You are high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Be aware of this, especially if you're going to make some pronouncements. The fact is this is a poor day to trust your opinions and the information you get from others. Guard against knee-jerk reactions. Tonight: Research.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You still make a great impression on others, which is why people will listen to you today. In fact, you might meet someone unusual. Or someone you already know might surprise you. Nevertheless, be careful, because today communications are slippery and confused. Caution! Tonight: Discussions.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You value your good reputation, status and the respect that others show you. Therefore, be aware that today it's all too easy for you to say something to bosses, parents or the general public that might later be questioned. You might be incorrect. There could be some confusion. Double-check everything. Tonight: Leadership.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

If dealing with legal matters, educational studies or making travel plans, double-check your work, because today is prone to confusion and misinformation. Guard against impulsive decisions that you might later regret. Your thinking might be erratic as well as incorrect. (Yikes!) Tonight: Study and teach.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

This is a poor day for disciplined discussions of any kind, especially about inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt or anything that can affect your assets and wealth. Don't jump to conclusions. Double-check everything. Confusion is rampant today. Wait for another day to commit to anything important. Tonight: Check your finances.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actor James Marsden (1973), actor James Gandolfini (1961), actor, comedian Jason Sudeikis (1975).

## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg September 18, 2025

### ACROSS

- Little rascal
- Star pitchers
- Watch part
- Character in the opera "Nixon in China"
- Website landing page
- Thick Japanese noodle
- The portrait artist was hired for a massive family reunion to ...
- Educate
- Dolphins quarterback
- Tagovailoa
- of-the-moment
- Genre influenced by Spanish, Taino and African music
- Recede
- Gold, in Granada
- Programming pioneer Lovelace
- Wrestler-turned-actor John
- Desert havens
- The caricaturist went to a stand-up show to ...
- Self-referential
- Two-channel audio
- Widely recognized
- Reasoned out
- The whimsical entomologist liked to daydream and ...
- Play part
- "— has her hands full"
- Sincere
- Bumbling sort
- Animal similar to a frog
- "Just a —!"
- Contented
- The art student who was bored in chemistry class started to ...
- Red resident of Sesame Street
- Prima donna
- French word in a wedding announcement
- Midwestern WNBA team named for a wildcat
- Floored it
- Commercials

### DOWN

- "It's over for me!"
- Percussion shaker
- Simmer, as an egg
- "Eureka!"
- Corn discard
- Radiate
- Seamless transition
- Calico coat
- Hubbubs
- Yoga asana done on all fours
- Like Christmas merchandise in October, say
- de-France
- Stop
- Appropriated
- Passes by
- Openly resist
- Samoyed and Standard Schnauzer, e.g.
- Detach, as cleats from bike pedals
- Part of BTW
- Kendrick Lamar's 2017 Pulitzer-winning album
- Kristen Bell voiced her in "Frozen"
- Actress and trans activist Laverne
- WALL-E's love
- Angry

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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### Different Strokes by Amanda Cook

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# THURSDAY COMICS

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Peanuts

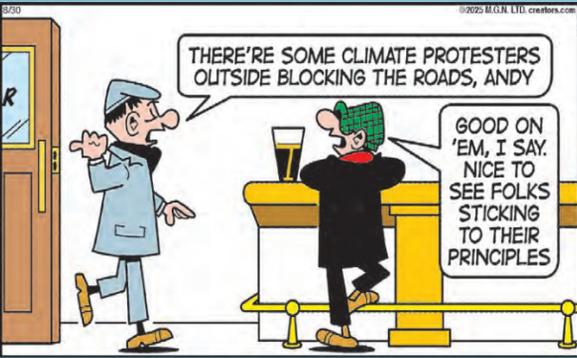
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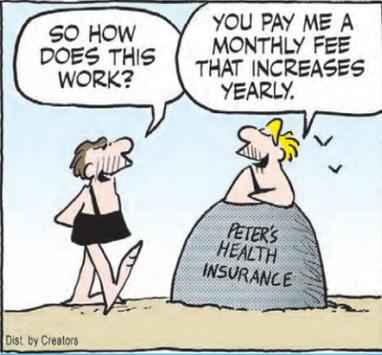
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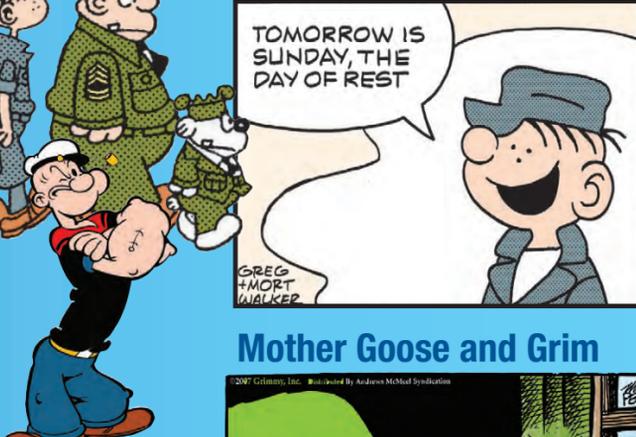
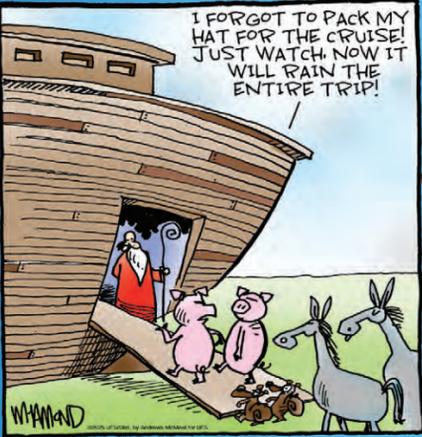
Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Reality Check Dave Whamond

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Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



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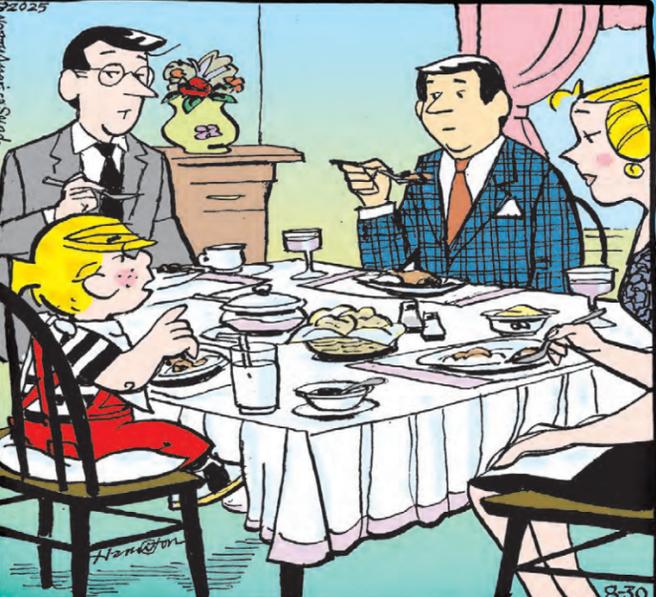
Mike Peters



Dennis the Menace Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton

Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



# THURSDAY COMICS

Garfield

Jim Davis



Hagar The Horrible

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Bob Webber Jr. and Gary Hallgren



Close To Home

John McPherson



Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



Ziggy

Tom Wilson



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis

Marmaduke

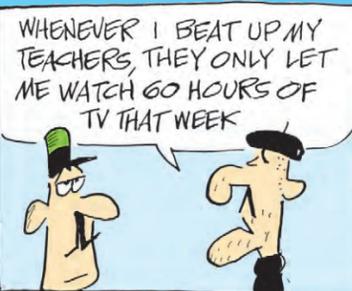
Paul & Brad Anderson



"First it was his ball. Then it was his bone. Then it was the snack food, then..."

Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker

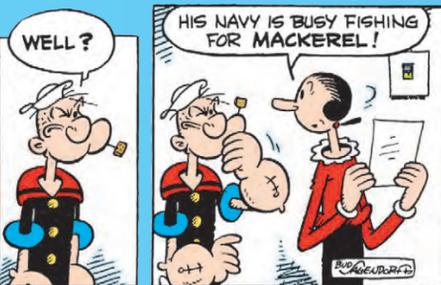


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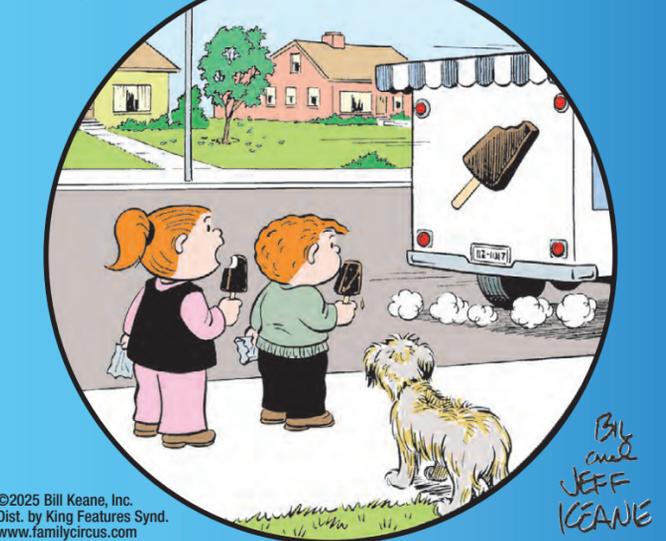
Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



F Minus

Tony Carrilo



"In the wintertime I think ice cream men just turn into normal people."

## SEPTEMBER IS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

# Disaster Strikes!

What happens if there's a disaster and you lose your home? What if you can't find food or safe water? That's a scary thought. Yet, every year, children around the world face disasters like floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and conflict.

That's where ShelterBox comes in!



## ShelterBox Sends Lifesaving Aid



When disaster strikes, not everyone needs the same thing.

After an earthquake, families might need strong tents and tool kits to rebuild.

In flooding, families may get water filters and blankets.

In conflict zones, aid could include solar lights and cooking sets.

Every package is different, but all are designed to help families survive and recover when they've lost everything.

ShelterBox USA President Kerri Murray encourages families to pack up their own emergency supplies so they can be prepared if a disaster hits.

### Emergency Supplies

Oops! An earthquake shook the vowels out of this list! Replace the vowels, then share this list with your family. Use this list to make your own ShelterBox for your family.

W\_a\_t\_e\_r and f\_\_d  
for four d\_ys

M\_dicines

F\_\_rst aid k\_t

Fl\_\_shl\_ghts and  
\_xtra b\_\_tteries

Bl\_\_nkets or  
sl\_\_ping b\_gs

Soap and  
h\_\_nd w\_i\_pes

C\_\_ll ph\_\_ne with  
b\_\_ckup b\_\_tt\_\_ries

B\_\_ks, t\_\_ys and  
g\_\_mes

T\_\_nt, if you have one

### What's in a ShelterBox Aid Package?

Do the math problem under each item. If the answer is an even number, that item may be included in a ShelterBox package. Circle it in green. If it's an odd number, the item is not in the box. Cross it out.

**pots and pans**  
4 + 4 = 8

**gloves**  
2 + 8 =

**hammer**  
12 + 6 =

**saw**  
4 + 8 =

**water containers**  
1 + 7 =

**waterproof ground mats**  
6 + 6 =

**thermal blankets**  
11 + 3 =

**rope**  
6 + 4 =

**water filter**  
3 + 3 =

**frozen pizza**  
5 + 4 =

**children's activity pack**  
4 + 4 =

**solar light**  
10 + 6 =

### ShelterBox: A Rotary Idea!

Did you know ShelterBox started in the year 2000 by a Rotary Club in the UK? Today, Rotary members and other supporters help ShelterBox reach families in more than 100 countries.

Together, they've helped millions of people find shelter and safety.



### Needs and Wants

Look through the newspaper and circle in green pictures and words that are "needs." Circle in orange things that are "wants."

**Standards Link:** Vocabulary & Concept Development; student understand homonyms.

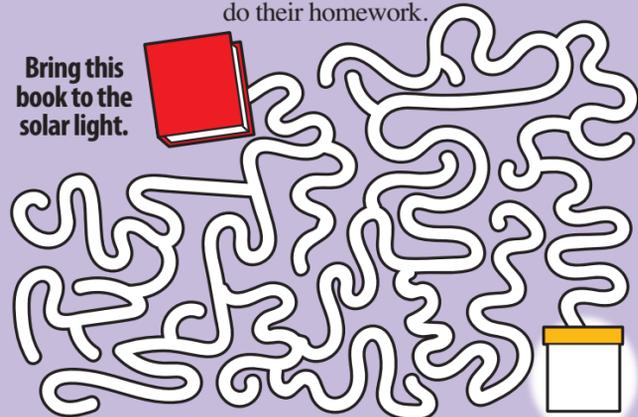
ShelterBox aid is tailored to local needs. Sometimes the package is a sturdy tent—a safe space to call home. Other times, it's a set of tarps, ropes, and tools to help families repair damaged homes. To find out more, visit [shelterboxusa.org](http://shelterboxusa.org)

**Standards Link:** Math: Calculate sums and differences to 100.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Children who lose their homes can't read at night without light. ShelterBox includes solar-powered lights in the emergency supplies to help children enjoy reading and do their homework.

Bring this book to the solar light.



**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

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

- AID
- BOXES
- CHILDREN
- DISASTER
- FIND
- FOOD
- HELP
- LOSS
- NEEDS
- PANS
- ROTARY
- TENT
- WATER
- YEAR



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

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **DISASTER**

The noun **disaster** means a sudden event causing much damage or suffering.

The earthquake was a **disaster** for people living nearby.

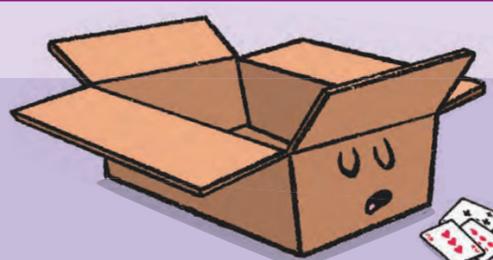
Try to use the word **disaster** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Advertise ShelterBox

Study the advertisements in the newspaper. Select one that you like. Recreate it as an advertisement to support the nonprofit ShelterBox USA.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Why did the box fall asleep while playing cards?

**ANSWER:** Because it was a card-board box.

### Write On!

#### Report a Solution

Write about a problem that you or someone else solved. Tell what the problem was and how it was solved.



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## Liggett boys soccer continues hot start with win over Cristo Rey

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

University Liggett School varsity boys soccer has looked like a well-oiled machine through the first month of the fall season. The Knights won three games last week, including an important 2-1 vic-

tory over Catholic League rival Detroit Cristo Rey Thursday, Sept. 11, marking Liggett's seventh consecutive win.

"They're definitely our Catholic League conference rival these days and they're super talented," Liggett boys soccer head coach David

Dwaihy said about defeating Cristo Rey. "... It's become a great, healthy rivalry. They play a beautiful passing style of soccer, but they also have a couple of individuals who can really cause problems. We had an opportunity for the first time, really this season, to close out

a game with a narrow lead. ... Most of our other games, we've had a couple of goals of cushion. This was a valuable experience for us because you have to believe when you make it into the state tournament, you're going to have games like that."

Similar to when the

teams first faced off Aug. 21, a 1-0 victory for Liggett, last Thursday's game between the Knights and Cristo Rey was a close one. In the first meeting, the Knights won on a late goal, but in last Thursday's game, Liggett had to rely on defense in the final moments to protect the lead.

The Knights began building that lead in the first half with a goal by Brenden Logan. He found the back of the net in the 22nd minute to give Liggett a 1-0 advantage. The lead quickly became 2-0 when, just a few minutes later, Liggett was awarded a penalty kick. Brady Ancona successfully converted the penalty chance to make it a two-goal lead for the Knights.

Liggett took its 2-0 lead into halftime. It was not until more than halfway through the second half that Cristo Rey struck back. The Wolves were awarded a penalty kick of their own with 12 minutes remaining in the game and scored, narrowing the deficit to one.

The Knights then

became pressed with defending a narrow lead late in the game. Cristo Rey went on the attack until the final whistle, but the Knights defended successfully and came away with the victory.

The win moved Liggett to 7-0 so far this season. It was one of the team's closest games to date, as this season it has outscored opponents by a margin of 34-6. Everything seems to be clicking for the Knights, but what has stood out the most is the group's ability to find offensive opportunities in a variety of ways.

"Our goals are coming from everywhere," Dwaihy said. "We have a variety of attacking options that we've been using and the players have been extremely unselfish. They don't care who puts the ball in the back of the net. We have a real team-first mentality going and it's working in our favor."

The Knights went on the road to face Jackson Lumen Christi after press time Tuesday, Sept. 16. They're on the road again for their next game Thursday, Sept. 18, heading to Allen Park to take on Cabrini.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett's Ollie Cooley lines up for a corner kick during the team's 2-1 victory against Detroit Cristo Rey last Thursday, Sept. 11.

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Zieleniewski's energy powers Blue Devils football

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Every football team needs the type of player who can get their teammates and the fans fired up and focused for any big game or moment. Senior AJ Zieleniewski is exactly that for Grosse Pointe South varsity football, as a team captain and both a spiritual and statistical leader along the Blue Devils' defensive line.

Hard-nosed, defensive football runs in Zieleniewski's blood. His dad, Doug, was a Division I college football linebacker at the University of Cincinnati and the one who encour-

aged Zieleniewski to get started on the gridiron. Zieleniewski and the Blue Devils both owe a lot to his dad's efforts, because if it was not for his support during a tough year in middle school, who knows if South would have its fearless defensive leader today.

"I started playing football when I was 6," Zieleniewski said. "I took a couple of years off, then played in seventh grade. I played



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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**  
AJ Zieleniewski  
School: Grosse Pointe South  
Sport: Football  
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for St. Joan of Arc and I didn't play at all really. After the season, I didn't want to play football anymore. My dad convinced me to play for one more year, so I played in eighth grade for the Red Barons and did well and I fell in love with the sport again."

A couple of years after that Zieleniewski became a regular starter

on varsity for the Blue Devils and now is in his third season as a foundational piece along the defensive line. Through three games in 2025, Zieleniewski ranks second on the team with 22 tackles and leads the defense with nine tackles for loss while also recording two and a half sacks.

His standout numbers can be attributed to how much work Zieleniewski puts in for himself and his team, on and off the field. Zieleniewski works tirelessly in the weight room and in practice, as well as makes time every week to study film and make sure he is well prepared

for the match up ahead.

"It starts with preparation," he said. "I watch film every week and know what I'm getting myself into. I change my mindset based on the team. When we played Utica this week, they had a guy, Mahti Gwilly, who they like to give it to a lot. I was kind of heavier on my hands and attacking the guy in front of me and holding my gap to make the play."

Zieleniewski and the South defense held Utica to 14 points in the Blue Devils' win Friday,

See ATHLETE, page 2D **AJ Zieleniewski**



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Heart of the Blue Devils**

- 22 tackles through 3 games this season
- Leads team with 9 TFL and 2.5 sacks
- Named 2025 senior captain for South football



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# South football marches to victory against Utica, improves to 3-0

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe South varsity football has been a dominant force in the MAC White Division the past few seasons. The Blue Devils have their sights set on winning the division title again this fall and took their first step of the journey Friday, Sept. 12, hosting Utica for the first game of division play. While the team may admit it was not the cleanest game ever, South was able to notch a 35-14 win over the Chieftains to improve to 3-0 through the first three weeks of 2025.

“It was great to get that first league win and be at home with the home crowd and have a great Friday night,” South football head coach Chad Hepner said. “The kids played pretty well, but we certainly still have some areas that we need to clean up. Our offense looked explosive, but the defense still has some work to do. ... I told the team we have a lot to learn and a lot to be corrected, but when we can come out of a win and still have things to work on, it’s a good thing.”

The explosive offense Hepner mentioned once again was led by junior

quarterback Sam Rouleau, who threw, caught and ran for a touchdown last Friday. After South went down 7-0 to start the game, the offense kicked into gear.

Charlie Michelotti and Brody Vinyard had touchdowns on the ground for South in the first half. Rouleau threw a touchdown to Kooper Richards and also caught a touchdown pass thrown by Andrew Wilson as part of the 28 points the Blue Devils put up, but a late Utica touchdown before halftime made the score 28-14 going into the locker room.

A QB sneak touch-

down by Rouleau late in the third quarter ended up being the only points scored by either team in the second half. The fourth quarter was a stalemate as South was able to salt things away until the final whistle to get the win.

Rouleau completed eight of 11 passing attempts for 117 yards and a touchdown while also leading the team in rushing with 113 yards on just six carries. Richards was the leading receiver on the night with 66 yards on five catches, including a touchdown.

On defense, AJ Zieleniewski, Ben Kocik



Junior Charlie Michelotti rushed for 49 yards for South against Utica.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ben Kocik (No. 2) and Simon Justin (No. 65) get to the bottom of the pile to recover a Utica fumble in South’s 35-14 win last Friday, Sept. 12.

and Throop Linnell had 10 tackles each. Zieleniewski and Kocik also had one sack each, while Throop brought down the opposing QB twice.

Despite a 35-14 win over Utica and holding opponents to an average of just 10 points this season, defense is still where some of South’s biggest concerns lie after three games. Hepner has always taken pride in his teams having tough defenses and knows this unit is close to reaching an elite level, but work needs to be done on some basic fundamentals in order to achieve perfection.

“Our main emphasis

this week is tackling,” Hepner said. “We did a good job of running to the ball, but we missed some tackles and that’s something that we can’t have. ... Just fundamentals and making sure that when we arrive at the field again at home Friday, Sept. 19, against another MAC White Division foe. The Blue Devils host L’Anse Creuse, who just picked up its first win of the season 27-25 over L’Anse Creuse North last Friday. Kickoff between South and L’Anse Creuse is set for 7 p.m.

## ATHLETE:

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Sept. 12. His preparation for the game, especially trying to stop Utica’s star running back, goes hand in hand with what Zieleniewski worked on throughout the offseason to improve what he felt was lacking in his game.

“I wanted to be a lot better against the run,” he said. “... I was kind of a pass rush guy last year, so I wanted to be more effective against the run. I did that well in the offseason by lifting and working on my footwork and hand placement to shed blocks and make tackles. I think I’ve done a good job so far, but I have to keep executing down the road

for that to fully pan out.”

His hard work in the offseason made it an easy decision for South’s coaches to name Zieleniewski a captain going into this fall. Perhaps the biggest honor, however, was bestowed upon Zieleniewski by one of his former teammates, friends and mentors.

Anyone who has been to a home football game at South knows the team enters the field by bursting through the tunnel with one player leading the team, carrying the American flag. Zieleniewski was ready and willing to take on that duty this fall as soon as it was asked of him.

“Lex Willson bestowed the honor upon me since he carried the flag last

year,” he said. “I was head over boots and so happy that I got it. It means everything to lead my team onto the field and help get everyone in the right mindset.”

Carrying the flag puts Zieleniewski at the front as one of South’s biggest leaders. As the team has aspirations for another MAC White Division championship and a deep run in the playoffs this year, his presence on defense is going to be crucial, especially with the tough style of football South prides itself on. One thing that seems to be certain is Zieleniewski has shown enough over his career at South to give his coaches and teammates complete faith that he can be the leader the team needs.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South football head coach Chad Hepner talks to Zieleniewski, one of the team’s senior captains this season.

“He’s a natural, vocal leader,” South football head coach Chad Hepner said. “We had

such great senior leadership last year and if we didn’t, I could’ve seen him being a captain as a junior. He brings such great energy and enthusiasm every day, no matter what. Whether it’s football practice, the weight room or showing

up for lunch, he attacks everything with enthusiasm. The guys really respond to his leadership. He’s a three-year starter and very big and strong and athletic, but he’s a really smart football player and a student of the game.”

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that in accordance with Chapter 8, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IX, Fences of the 2017 City Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Sections 8-284(a) Exceptions and 8-284(b) Public Hearing, the City Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Court Room of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, on Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the request of Susan Sillery, 1684 Brys Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, who is requesting to install a six-foot side yard fence at the building line without the adjacent property owners’ consent. Side yard fences are limited to a maximum height of four-feet from the property grade line, but may be constructed to a maximum height of six-feet from the property grade line with the adjacent property owners’ consent (per Section 8-284.(a).2). The fence application will require a public hearing in accordance with Section 8-284.(a).3. The fence application materials are open for public scrutiny at the City Clerk’s office between 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk’s Office or by email at cityclerk@gpwmj.us up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk’s Office at (313) 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwmj.us.

For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at (313) 343-2426 or e-mail: building@gpwmj.us.

Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the purpose of considering a special land use at 20647 Mack Avenue (Parcel ID: 40-007-01-1763-000). The subject site is zoned the C, Commercial Business District where a fast food restaurant (Playa Bowls) is a special land use. No drive-thru is permitted, dining is take-out or within the restaurant.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk’s Office or by email at cityclerk@gpwmj.us, up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk’s Office at (313) 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwmj.us.

For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at (313) 343-2426 or e-mail: building@gpwmj.us.

Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

G.P.N.:09/18/25

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council will be considering the following proposed Ordinance amendment for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for October 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers/Court Room of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center. The proposed Ordinance amendment is available for public inspection at the Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 44, UTILITIES; ARTICLE III. – CROSS CONNECTIONS; SECTIONS 44-198, 44-199, and 44-204, TO UPDATE CROSS CONNECTION REGULATIONS.**

Paul Antolin  
City Clerk

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# Norsemen narrowly miss out on first win in close loss to Lamphere

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Last season, Grosse Pointe North varsity football lost a close game in overtime against Lamphere to fall to 0-3. The team felt like that game was a turning point in the season and hoped it could be the same this year.

Friday, Sept. 12, the Norsemen found themselves in a similar situation when hosting the Rams, as they fell short again in a close game, 23-21, for their third straight loss to open the year.

“We just couldn’t put it away and finish,” North football head coach Joe Drouin said. “We made some mistakes, but that’s a game that you look at and it either galvanizes a team or splits a team. ... They fought hard and you could see on their faces that they knew they lost that game. Lamphere did not beat us. We lost that game. Now, it’s a matter of trying to right the ship. The little details were something we were harping on all week and keeping yourself up and being positive. Some of the little details slipped through the cracks and the importance of the little details really showed.”

North held the lead for a majority of the night last Friday, outside of a few minutes in the sec-



North's Caleb Butler celebrates after returning a kickoff for a touchdown in the first quarter against Lamphere last Friday, Sept. 12.

ond quarter and the final seconds of the game. The Norsemen bounced back from being shut out by Warren Cousino in Week 2 by getting on the board first against Lamphere. Jacob Sahadi found Phil Prost in the end zone on a short out route to give North a 7-0 lead.

Lamphere was quick to respond, however. Rams' quarterback Braylon Cox hit Mychael Foster on a deep pass for a touchdown barely a minute later, but Lamphere's failed two-point conver-

sion attempt still had North up 7-6.

The pace was ramped up by two touchdowns within a minute of each other and things continued to get even more exciting when Caleb Butler returned the ensuing kickoff for North all the way to the end zone. Butler's electric kick return helped extend North's lead to 13-6 before the end of the first quarter.

The Rams once again answered with a touchdown early in the second

quarter. Foster had his second scoring grab of the game and Lamphere successfully converted the two-point attempt this time to jump ahead 14-13.

The lead held until the Norsemen jumped back in front before halftime. Sahadi connected with Peter Rheume for an 80-yard touchdown with about 30 seconds left in the half and North was able to go into the locker room up 21-13.

The long touchdown by Rheume ended up

being the last points North scored for the night. The second half was largely a defensive battle. North and Lamphere both threw interceptions on their first drives of the third quarter. The Norsemen's defense came up with a turnover late in the third when King Jackson picked off a Lamphere pass on fourth and goal.

It was not until there were less than three minutes left in the fourth quarter that there was any more movement on the scoreboard. Lamphere narrowed the gap with a rushing touchdown from Cox that made it 21-20 in favor of North with just over two and a half minutes remaining.

North got the ball back, but the Rams' defense did its job and forced the Norsemen to punt. Lamphere's offense got the ball with 1:20 left on the clock and moved into field goal range. The game came down to the foot of Lamphere kicker Giorgio Kourtesis, who put the game-winning field goal through the uprights from 30 yards out in the final seconds to give the Rams a 23-21 victory.

In the loss for North, Sahadi completed eight of 20 passing attempts for 107 yards and two touchdowns. Rheume was the team's leading

receiver with three catches for 93 yards. Butler led the Norsemen's rushing attack with 47 yards on 13 carries.

The loss dropped North to 0-3 this season and 0-1 in MAC Gold Division play. The Norsemen knew their first two games — against schools from larger divisions in the MAC — would be challenging, but still expected to compete for the top spot in the Gold Division. Last Friday's loss to a division foe hurts, but the team still believes its younger players will get their feet under them and consistently improve week to week against division competition.

“We looked at the first two games, knowing we were out-manned and I didn't have them chalked up as losses, but I wanted to compete,” Drouin said. “We get into the (MAC) Gold and we're a lot more aligned with a lot of the teams. ... Those guys are coming along and they're going to be more competitive in the Gold and seeing guys who are more their size and we can run with them.”

After its home opener in Week 3, North goes back on the road for another Gold Division matchup in Week 4. The Norsemen take on Marysville Friday, Sept. 19, with kickoff at 7 p.m.

## Liggett football outlasts Bishop Foley for first win of 2025

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

University Liggett School varsity football entered Week 3 of the season reeling from a blowout loss to Detroit Country Day a week before. The Knights took their home field for a third straight week Saturday, Sept. 13, hosting Bishop Foley in a Catholic League showdown. It was a low-scoring, gritty game, but Liggett was able to end up on top 14-6 for the team's first win of the fall.

Points were hard to come by for either team much of Saturday after-

noon, but the first were scored by the Knights in the first quarter. Pierre Walker found the end zone for Liggett to put the team up 6-0.

Walker's score tallied the only points of the first half for either side. It took until more than halfway through the third quarter for Bishop Foley to even the score, tying the game with a touchdown to make it 6-6.

The Knights responded quickly before the end of the third quarter. Sean Harris made the biggest play of the game with a punt return touchdown for Liggett to extend the lead to 14-6 before the final frame began. After

that, it came down to defense for the Knights. Liggett was able to fend off Bishop Foley's comeback attempt and come out with a first win of the season.

Along with his punt return, Harris had seven catches for 42 yards in the win. Walker racked up 96 yards on the ground. DJ Brooks led Liggett's defense with 12 tackles.

As the team improves to 1-2, Liggett will leave the comfort of its home field for the first time in Week 4. The Knights travel to take on Cranbrook-Kingswood Friday, Sept. 19, with kickoff at 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Pierre Walker led Liggett with 96 yards rushing and a touchdown in the Knights' 14-6 win against Bishop Foley last Saturday, Sept. 13.

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY AND HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY AND HARPER WOODS:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.** That any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of their City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated agency. Registration forms can be obtained at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at [www.expressSOS.com](http://www.expressSOS.com).

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, October 20, 2025

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at their local clerk's office (see locations below) at the following times: Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm; Saturday, November 1st from 8:00am to 4:00pm; and Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that registered voters will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

**Grosse Pointe:** Mayor (1 seat) and City Council (3 seats). **Grosse Pointe Farms:** Municipal Judge (1 seat) Mayor (1 seat) and City Council (3 seats). **Grosse Pointe Park:** Municipal Judge (1 seat) Mayor (1 seat) and City Council (3 seats). **Grosse Pointe Shores:** Municipal Judge (1 seat) and City Council (3 seats). **Grosse Pointe Woods:** Mayor (1 seat) and City Council (3 seats). **Harper Woods:** Mayor (1 seat) and City Council (3 seats). **Grosse Pointe Public School System:** Bond Proposal.

Full text of the ballot, including the proposals, may be obtained at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote).

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### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council adopted the following six (6) zoning ordinance amendments at its meeting held on Monday, June 17, 2024. This notice inadvertently was not published at the time of enactment. The ordinance amendments were adopted in accordance with the City Charter and are hereby published by title:

**TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCES FOR THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:**

**50-6.5 (REVISION) OUTDOOR CAFÉ PERMIT: TO ALLOW FOR YEAR ROUND OUTDOOR DINING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR PROPERTIES ALONG MACK AVENUE AND TO CLARIFY EQUIPMENT AND AMENITIES PERMITTED.**

**50-4.34 (ADDITION) HOME-BASED BUSINESS: TO ALLOW FOR HOME OCCUPATION IN ALL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AS AN ACCESSORY USE WITH REGULATIONS.**

**50-4.2 (REVISION) MIXED OCCUPANCY: TO ALLOW FOR MIXED OCCUPANCY IN ALL PROPERTIES ABUTTING MACK AVENUE AND TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL USES AS AN ACCESSORY USE IN C-2 AND C-F COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT.**

**50-4.35 (ADDITION) ROOFTOP DINING: TO ALLOW FOR UNENCLOSED OR SEMI-ENCLOSED ROOFTOP DINING AS AN ACCESSORY USE FOR FOOD-BASED BUSINESSES IN THE C COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ALONG MACK AVENUE.**

**50-4.36 (ADDITION) PERMANENT MAKEUP SERVICES: TO ALLOW FOR MICROBLADING AND MICROPIGMENTATION AS AN ACCESSORY USE FOR SALONS AND MEDICAL OFFICES IN THE C COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OR RO-1 RESTRICTED OFFICE.**

**50-4.27 (REVISION) PORTABLE STORAGE UNITS: TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS FOR DUMPSTERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Paul Antolin  
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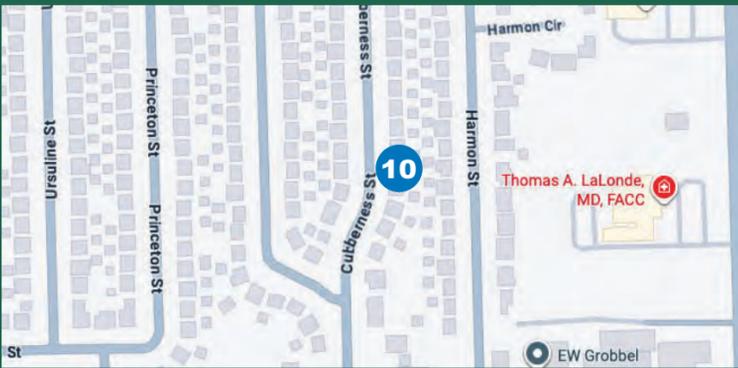
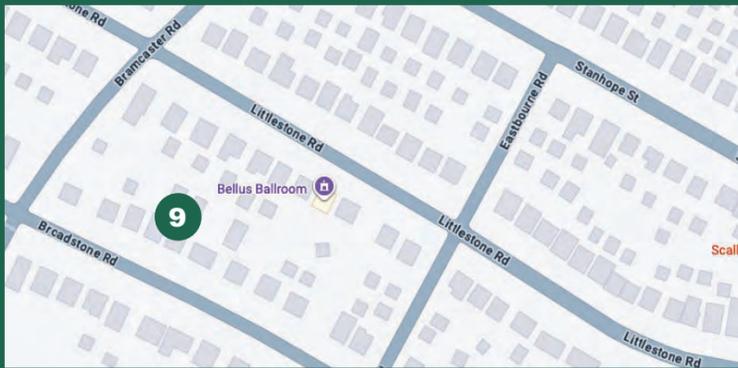
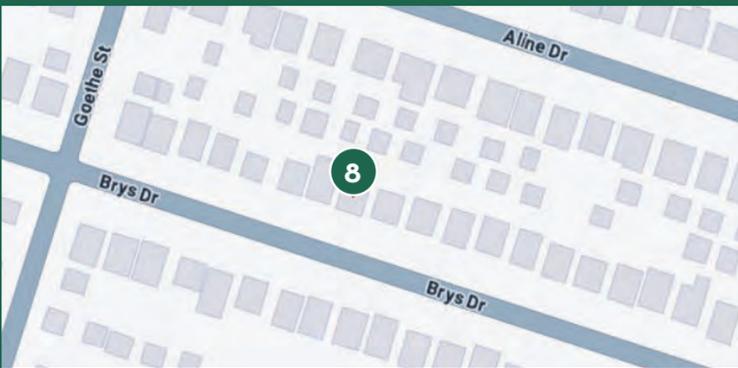
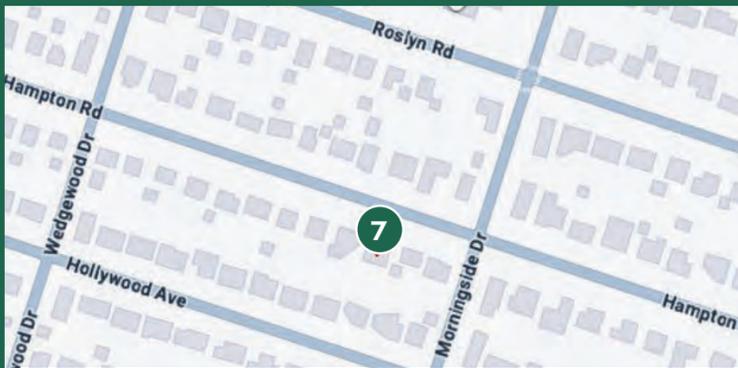
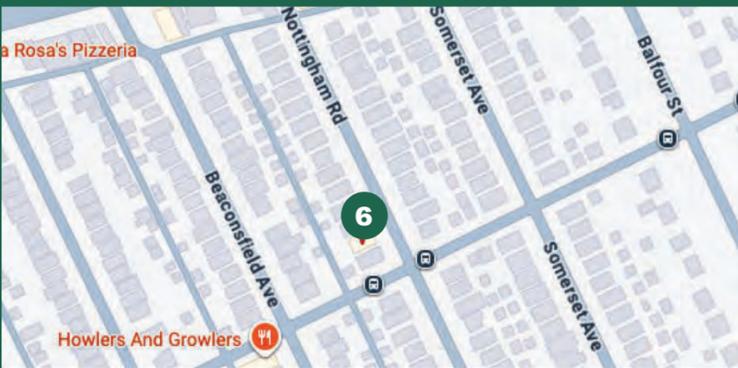
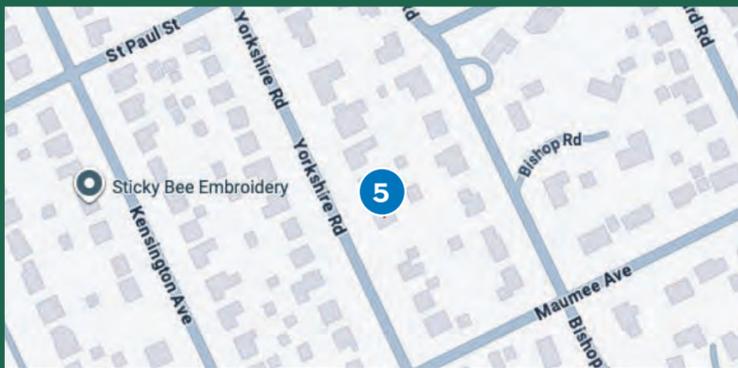
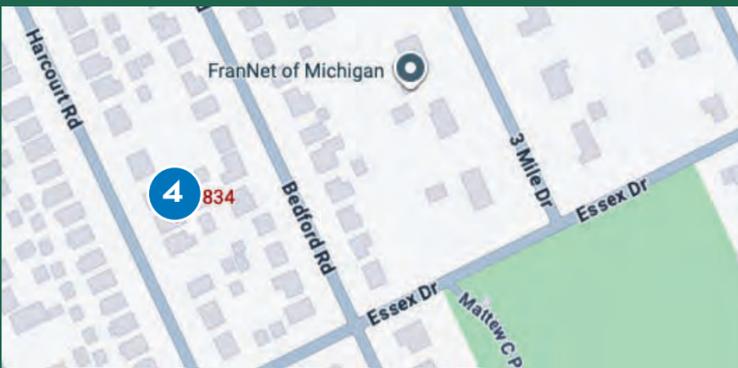
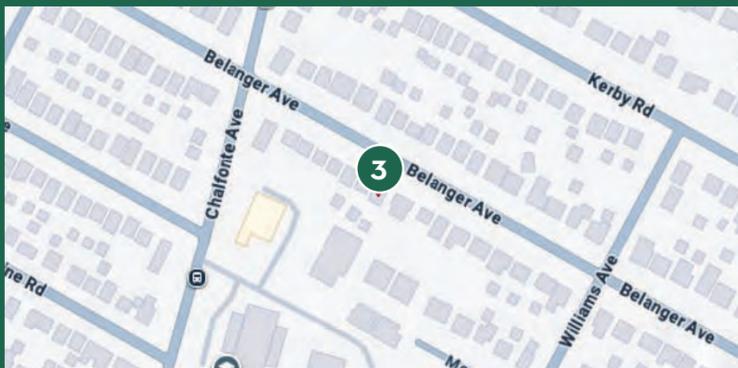
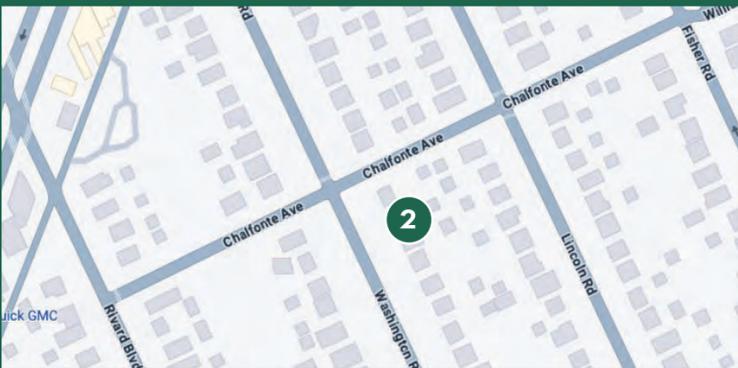
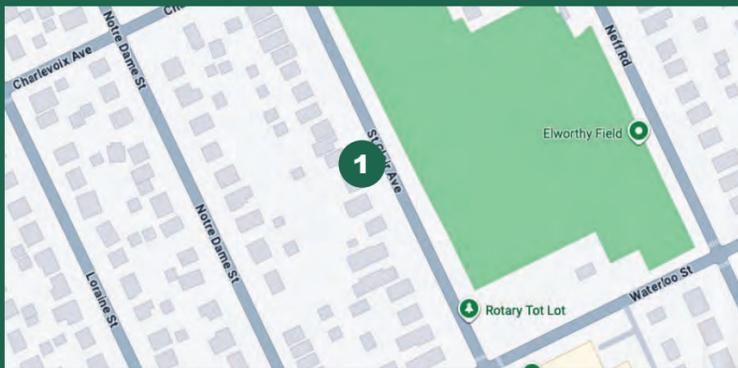
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- 7. 707 Hampton Road, GPW

- 8. 1600 Brys Drive, GPW
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# South hockey scores new space

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

When Grosse Pointe South varsity boys hockey steps on the ice this winter season, the players and coaches will be doing so from the comfort of a new and improved locker room within East Side Foundation Hockey Arena (ESH). Following more than a year of planning and fundraising, the Blue Devils hosted a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the arena to mark the beginning of construction on the Dr. John “Doc” Hall Locker Room.

“The locker room addition is a complete game changer for our program,” new South boys hockey head coach Ben Warda said. “The players now have a place to call home and be proud of. We’re so fortunate to be in a community that can come together and make something like this happen.”

“It’s a huge lift for the guys day in and day out,” added Jason Hall, a South hockey alumnus

and son of Dr. John Hall. “... Being in a singular room together helps the camaraderie of the team. ... It certainly is now a part that doesn’t draw kids away from the program, and we want to keep them coming forward and wanting to play for South hockey.”

Jason Hall, along with his brother David, became title sponsors of the project to honor the memory of their father, who passed away in January. Doc Hall was a community figure both in and out of hockey, working as a doctor and also as a coach for his sons during their early years on the ice.

When David (class of 1988) and Jason (class of 1992) played at the high school level for South, Doc Hall became an avid supporter of the Blue Devils program. He continued his support long after his sons graduated. His sons were given the opportunity to put their father’s name on the team’s new locker room as the perfect way to continue his legacy.

“My father got to keep



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe South boys hockey players, coaches and boosters celebrate breaking ground on the team’s new, upgraded locker room at East Side Foundation Hockey Arena last Tuesday, Sept. 9.

coming to the rink and see us play here and he was incredibly proud to see us play for our school and our community,” Jason Hall said. “... We were looking for a way to honor him, and the timing couldn’t have been more perfect. What a great honor to have his name on this locker room for this sport, this school and this community. It made all the sense in the

world.” The construction of the locker room is being done by Holcomb Development and South hockey alumnus Gene Casazza. “I’m so excited to be building the new locker room for the Blue Devils hockey team. As an alum, it means a lot to give back to the program that gave me so many great memories.” Casazza said.

Fundraising for the project began over a year ago with the formation of a booster club, led by directors Anne and Paul Gryzenia, Barry and Shana Cameron, Chris Bernard, Steve Knowlton, Celia Wade, Nicole Winkler, Olivia Monette and current South player Will Gryzenia. The booster club directors worked closely with the East Side Youth Sports

Foundation to plan construction. The room — which will feature a large, backlit South logo on the ceiling — will include more than 20 lockers to accommodate every player on the team, an 85-inch TV for video strategy sessions, a stick rack and more. The project is planned to be completed before South’s winter season begins in November.

# North, South cross-country teams continue run toward success

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The weather last weekend may have still felt like summer, but it did not slow down the boys and girls cross-country teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South in their pursuits of fall success. The Norsemen and Blue Devils had strong weekend showings at their respective meets, with runners continuing to push hard to earn medals for their teams and personal bests.



South’s Abby Macek races to a 27th place finish in the Autumn Classic last Saturday, Sept. 13.

ing in 21st with a time of 17:47. The team’s other medalists were Dylan Phillips, who finished 26th at 17:51, while teammate Neil Orlovski was just one second behind in 27th place.

North will race again Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the MAC Red Division meet hosted by Dakota.

**South**  
The Blue Devils boys and girls teams had an impressive day Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Autumn Classic at Stoney Creek Metropark. South’s girls team raced its way to second place in the entire field, finishing just seven points behind first-place Notre Dame Prep, while the boys team for the Blue Devils also came in the top 10 at sixth place.

“Our team has been training so well and we are now starting to see the benefits,” South girls cross-country coach Steve Zaranek said. “The second half of the season should prove to be most exciting and certainly rewarding for the girls.”

The top runner for South’s girls team was freshman Eleanor Pilsner, who took sixth place overall with a time of 20:44 over the 5K course. Morgan Costello was the team’s next highest finisher at 20th. Calisse Budek and Lydia Thomason-Redus also



COURTESY PHOTOS

Sam Parish, Neil Orlovski and Dylan Phillips all earned medals for North boys cross country at the Holly-Duane Raffin Festival.

cracked the top 30 in 26th and 27th place, respectively. For the boys team, Everett Wood led the way with a 35th-place finish and a time of 18:21. Oscar Resnick was only a few seconds behind to finish 40th.

Teammate Logan Garbo also was just behind and made it into the top 50, coming in 41st. Both the boys and girls teams for South race next at the Fox and Hounds event at Orion Oaks County Park Saturday, Sept. 20.

**North**  
The boys team for the Norsemen traveled to Holly Saturday, Sept. 13, to race in the 57th annual Holly-Duane Raffin Festival. North’s team finished sixth out of 13 teams and had three runners earn medals for finishing in the top 35. Sam Parish had North’s best finish, com-

# Tennis teams battle for big wins

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The boys varsity tennis season is in full swing and some teams from around the Pointes were able to pick up impressive wins last week. The team from University Liggett School racked up victories in a busy week, while Grosse Pointe South traveled to Traverse City for a trip that ended with plenty of wins before returning home to face a crosstown rival.

**South-North**  
The Blue Devils made the journey to Traverse City Friday, Sept. 12, for a quad match against Zeeland West, Traverse City Central and Mattawan. South ended

up the big winner of the day, taking down all three opponents in 8-0 sweeps. Every Blue Devil won all of their matches on the day. Matthew Bartoszewicz, Brendan Stafford and Oscar DeLuca each had three singles wins. Matthew Holowinski had two wins at the No. 1 singles spot, while freshman Zaffran Bharucha stepped in to get a victory against Mattawan. The doubles pairs of Max Prather and Henry Logan, David Sutts and Nate Yeamans, Joseph Guthat and Matthew Hamilton and Davis Gryzenia and Weston Jerabek all swept their matches last Friday as well. South returned home Monday, Sept. 15, for a

MAC Red Division showdown against crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North. Once again, the Blue Devils were victorious by sweep. Holowinski took down North’s Ajay Sarnaik in the No. 1 singles match. In No. 2 singles, Bartoszewicz was victorious over Norsemen senior Ben Truza, while Stafford defeated Liam Haney at No. 3 singles. Prather and Logan took the No. 1 doubles win for South over the North team of Stephen Listman and Emerson Hiliker. The Blue Devils also won No. 2 doubles, with Sutts and Yeamans victorious against North’s Benson Hiliker and Michael Goloweyco. Guthat and Hamilton won No. 3 doubles for South against Tommy Klatt and Alex Steiger. Gryzenia and Jerbek were also victorious for South in No. 4 singles.

Sept. 10, Liggett’s boys tennis team had a strong end to the week. The Knights bounced back with a 7-2 win over Traverse City St. Francis Friday, Sept. 12, before heading into the weekend with momentum for more victories. Liggett entered a quad match Saturday, Sept. 13, taking on Jackson Lumen Christi, Notre Dame Prep and Grand Rapids North Pointe Christian. The Knights swept the day with wins over all three opponents. The Knights took down Lumen Christi 6-2, with Tise Courtright and Yuri Polnyi helping lead the way at No. 1 and No. 2 singles. Niko Cooksey and Griffin Marchal, Landen Maltby and Charlie Laethem and Rene Quint and Lucas Ferguson all helped propel Liggett to the win with doubles victories. Everyone was victorious in Liggett’s 8-0 sweep of North Pointe Christian. More victories continued to come for the Knights as they finished the day with a 6-2 win over Notre Dame Prep. Liggett returns to its home court Thursday, Sept. 18, hosting U of D Jesuit.

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WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE  
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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council adopted the following zoning ordinance amendment at its meeting held on Monday, November 18, 2024. This notice inadvertently was not published at the time of enactment. The ordinance amendment was adopted in accordance with the City Charter and are hereby published by title:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, ADD TO ARTICLE 5, SECTION 50-5.22 – EXTERIOR LIGHTING, TO PROVIDE STANDARDS FOR EXTERIOR LIGHTING WITH MEASURABLE INDICATORS TO IMPROVE VISIBILITY AND MINIMIZE NIGHTTIME LIGHTING DISTURBANCES MORE CONSISTENTLY AND PROACTIVELY.**

Paul Antolin  
City Clerk

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