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Early childhood daycare considered for former Rite Aid site on The Hill

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — As it was not on the council meeting agenda, an introduction to a creative potential use for the former Rite Aid facility at 107 Kercheval on The Hill came as double the surprise when it was presented by the prospective developer Monday, Sept. 15.

“What we are proposing is a daycare center at 107 Kercheval,” said Bradford Egan, development manager with EIG14T Commercial Real Estate.

The shock value kept coming.

“The nice thing about this project is that we’re dealing with a tenant that’s coming from another country,” Egan

continued, though he himself was born and raised in Grosse Pointe. “They’re coming from Great Britain, based in London. The company is called N Family Schools (though in London it is known as N Family Club) and we have aligned ourselves with them to bring their concept to the United States. Their first two geographic areas we are pinpointing are Michigan and Chicago.”

And coming. “There is a plan to put a second floor on the building and have additional classrooms,” Egan said, “and also a play garden — that is what N Family calls their play area — (on the roof).”

And finally: “Total enrollment, we’re expecting about

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Rite Aid at 107 Kercheval on The Hill closed its doors July 28, 2024.

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Storm storage cuts CSOs by half

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

ST. CLAIR SHORES — Parallels are numerous between the planning and construction of stormwater management systems in southeast Macomb County and the Park.

Although the projects have different goals — Macomb’s is to reduce combined sewer overflows, or CSOs, into Lake St. Clair and the Park’s is to prevent backups into basements — planners of each acknowledge the need to subordinate political differences while committing themselves to long-term goals.

Macomb County’s project is the recently completed \$29 million combined storm-and-sanitary sewer overflow reduction facility at Chapaton Pump Station on Nine Mile, east of Jefferson in St. Clair



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Candice Miller, Macomb County public works commissioner, center, announces completion Sept. 16 of a combined sewer overflow reduction project at Chapaton Pump Station, on Nine Mile east of Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Participating were, left, State Sen. Kevin Hertel, D-St. Clair Shores, and, right, Eastpointe Mayor Michael Klinefelt.

The Park’s project is funded largely by a voter-approved 10-year dedicated millage and installation this year of a collective: sewer cleaning, a multi-year water-sewer capital improvement plan

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Hans off that lizard!

By Ted O’Neil
 Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Hans, a German striped bearded dragon, is back home at Lou’s Pet Shop thanks to the stupidity of the person who stole him and quick work by the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety.

At 6 months old and a few inches long, Hans is small enough to fit in a pocket, which is where he found himself around 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

“We had a rush of customers and an employee was cleaning cages,” store owner Donnie Cook said. “One person distracted the employee and the other one grabbed him from the unlocked cage.”

Cook said it wasn’t until a few hours later they realized Hans was

missing. A review of security footage revealed the scam and the recognizable perpetrators.

“They had come in the day before and bought a turtle,” he said. “They used their real name and information on the paperwork.”

It didn’t take long for Detective Lt. Keith Waszak and Detective Miles Adams to track down Hans and return him. About 12 hours, actually.

“Most criminals are not very smart,” Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. “They don’t think things through. It’s hard to get into the mindset of why they do the things they do.”

Kosanke said he recalled another case in the Woods where a bank robber handed a teller a note with his bare hand

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— while wearing a glove on the other hand — leaving behind fingerprints, and another where a customer got into a fight at a restaurant and left, but had already paid his bill with a credit card.

Kosanke noted this wasn't the department's first "animal caper" involving a theft from Lou's. In August 2021, two baby tortoises were stolen, each shoved in a back pocket of the thief. Wazsak returned them, also within 12 hours.

"My detectives do a great job," Kosanke said. "Whether it's a big case or a small case, they just want justice."

Wazsak and Adams earlier this year were named supervisor and officer of the year, respectively, for the department. Both played crucial roles in solving the "obit bandit" case of a man breaking into homes of deceased people by finding out funeral times by reading obituaries. Adams also was involved in the arrest of a Harper Woods woman who recently pleaded guilty to delivering cocaine and fentanyl in the 2023 overdose deaths of three peo-



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Above, Detective Lt. Keith Wazsak, left, and Detective Miles Adams return Hans to Lou's Pet Shop. Right, Hans is expected to grow to about a foot in length.

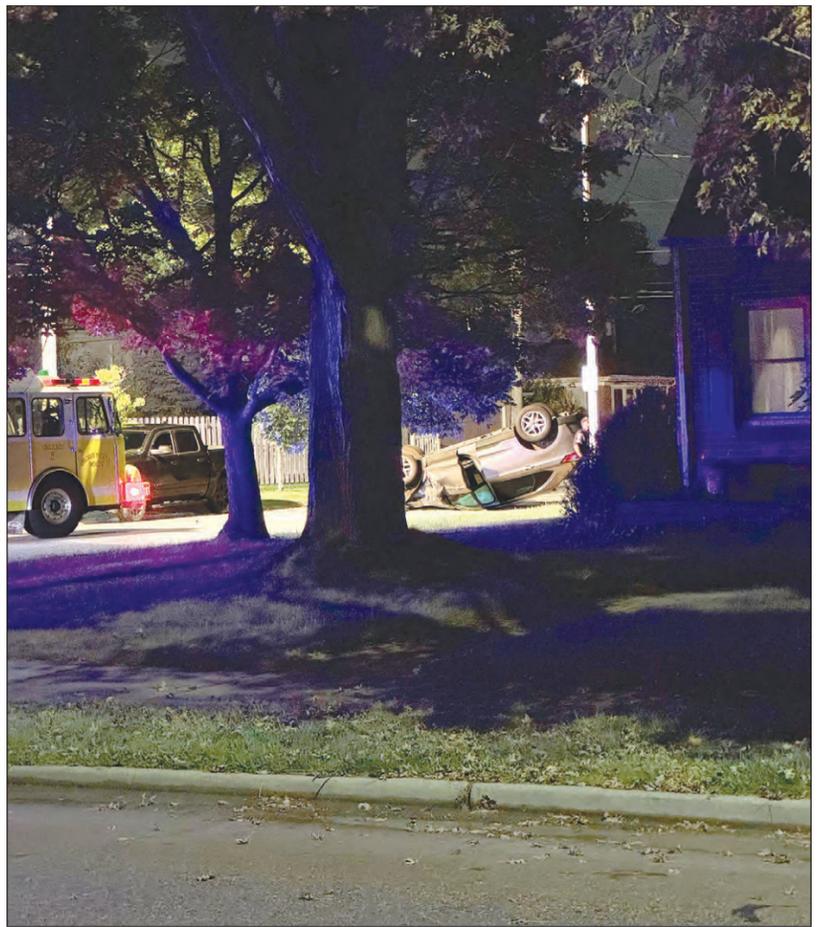


ple in the Woods. Cook had plenty of praise for the department.

"Our police department is awesome and professional," he said. "It's a testimony to how

skilled and committed they are."

Cook said he chose not to press charges, but has barred the thieves from the store, meaning if they return they will be arrested for trespassing.



COURTESY PHOTO

Rollover accident

A 76-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was taken to Henry Ford St. John Hospital after this accident on Marter at Roslyn around 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18.

The driver of a 2022 Ford Edge hit a 2024 Dodge Ram parked in front of a house on Marter, causing his vehicle to flip over. Officers said alcohol was not a factor.

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175 students throughout the day," Egan reported. "That requires about 27 staffers."

Though the concept is unorthodox for the downtown business district, working parents in the community long have sounded the alarm on a dire need for early childhood childcare in the Pointes.

The center would welcome children aged anywhere from 6 months to 6 years.

"There is an infant care crisis in the Pointes," Councilman Neil Sroka voiced. "There is literally no place you can go in

the Pointes to have an infant in daycare. Nothing. In order to get into Assumption, it's 2 1/2 years. In order to be in the Grosse Pointe schools, it's 2 1/2 years.

"... If you want to have a community where young families feel like they can move in, they cannot do that if they do not have access to high-quality childcare."

Proposed hours of operation would be 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays only.

"Some parents will drop their children off at 6:30 in the morning and they might pick them up at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is only operating Monday through Friday, so they can't take

them there on Saturday," Egan clarified. "This is far from a babysitting sort of situation and it's not in their curriculum to have that sort of a use. It is for working parents who are going to utilize this as a quality early education for their children."

He further said N Family considers its curriculum to better align with early education than daycare. It incorporates organic foods, yoga classes and stimulating activities to help children develop in areas of interest.

"When they were founded, their founder said, 'This can be done better,' and that's what he's done," the developer said. "And he's brought on the best of the best that he can find to bring that to fruition."

"Their company has been rated top early educators in London for the last three years. So we're not just bringing daycare, we're bringing a destination in care, a destination educator for young children."

To come to fruition in the Farms, the daycare would require a special use variance and parking exception from the city's zoning board of appeals, which doubles as the city council.

"I do want to know if there is any other interest in the property, quite frankly," Councilman John Gillooly mentioned.

Regarding the parking exemption, N Family Schools would be interested in leasing spaces in the municipal lot for parent drop-off and pick-up, during which its policies require parents to enter

the building with their children and hand them off to the caregiver. It also would explore a parking strategy with Henry Ford Health for use of its parking deck for staff parking.

"Currently in that first row in the municipal lot we don't allow any parking in those spaces before 9 a.m.," City Manager Shane Reeside noted. "We do that on purpose, because we don't want the employees of The Hill to park in those early in the morning and then they're not available for the rest of the day."

"So there may be an opportunity to make those spaces available for drop-off, pick-up only, for instance, from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. So those are the kind of creative things where we would need to explore."

Last Monday's presentation to council was strictly informational and intended as an opportunity to gauge interest or lack thereof before the developer chooses whether or not to bring a formal proposal before the city.

Council members generally noted excitement and intrigue toward the

project, certainly in favor of bringing quality early childcare to the Pointes, but acknowledged its placement on The Hill would bring much to iron out should the proposal proceed.

"From what I'm hearing, there is interest from council to explore this further," Reeside said. "And so now I think we have to do our due diligence too."

Next steps are not yet set, but could include a city council work session to deep dive into the concept and/or a public hearing inviting residents to speak on the issue prior to it being formally brought to council.

"We realize this probably didn't enter your mind as a use for this location and we completely understand that," Egan acknowledged.

"But the ability to come in front of you and just have you hear us out, we think you may have a change of heart. If not, we understand, but it's something we think would be unique to put in front of you and give you an idea of what our plan is."

No votes or formal action were taken by council.

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From left, Eleanor Allen, Torrey Ollison and David Fellows are shown in the Aug. 20, 1987, issue of the Grosse Pointe News sitting on a retaining wall the Grosse Pointe South High School class of 1987 built by the original Fisher Road entrance as a class gift. It included a plaque and time capsule but was lost when the entrance was expanded for a secure vestibule.

South class of 1987 redux

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — It's common practice for high school graduating classes to gift their school something they'll be remembered by.

For Grosse Pointe South High School's class of 1987, they've done so twice.

The first was graduation year, when student council built a retaining wall and landscaped around a tree by the Fisher Road entrance.

"I don't remember exactly who came up with the idea," said Eleanor Allen, who was class president. "My family owned a landscape business (L.H. Allen and Sons Tree Nurseries) and they donated the materials, so we got to work."

A small plaque and time capsule were fixed to the stone wall. The plaque read: "We'll all be gone in the fall, so we'll leave you this wall. Treat it with care and enjoy the fresh air."

"I wasn't part of student council, but I walked by and saw them working and asked what they were doing," classmate Alex Bruno said. "I just came up with it off the top of my head on the spot."

In an email to the Grosse Pointe News, Allen wrote: "The project was a gift with a parting wish — a gesture of spirit from a class whose luck often fell short in school competitions (e.g., we never won a Spirit Week competition, our senior year homecoming float was disqualified because it was too big, etc.), but we succeeded in leaving a mark in a uniquely heartfelt way. We also had a knack for fun."

The time capsule contained a metal prom invitation keychain fashioned after the David Bowie song "Changes" to signify the class's transition to adulthood and a rubber superball.

"We're in the gym in our caps and gowns, getting ready for commencement, and someone was passing out these superballs," Bruno recalled. "Bernie Lemieux, who I think was assistant principal at the time, gets on stage and tells us it's not going to happen. But he also had this sly smile on his face and he said,



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

A new plaque was installed on an existing bench at Grosse Pointe South, to replace a plaque that was lost when the Fisher Road entrance was expanded.

"Besides, you couldn't hit the broad side of a barn," so we just let them fly."

Allen said she recalls hundreds of them bouncing all over the gym.

Unfortunately, the wall, tree, plaque and time capsule were lost sometime around 2008, when the Fisher Road entrance was expanded into a secure vestibule.

No one from the class noticed it until Bruno was in town visiting family last year.

"It's nobody's fault and I understand the need for the secure entrance

because it's a different world than what we grew up in," Bruno said. "I just didn't want our legacy to be erased."

Bruno paid to have a new plaque installed on an existing bench not far from the entrance and also came up with the wording.

It reads: "In '87, we left a wall and a tree, to relax and be carefree. Now a bench is in its place, where memories are made without leaving a trace. Sit here and breathe the fresh air and enjoy life with a little

flare."

"To Alex's credit, he was very committed and dedicated that we would not be forgotten," Allen said.

Bruno said he plans to write into his will that he'll pay for a new plaque to be installed if there's ever any damage "in perpetuity."

"I never married and I don't have kids, so I have to think about my legacy and what's important to me," he said. "My Grosse Pointe education is what made me what I am today."



A closer look at the plaque.



Neff Park Fall Harvest occurs this weekend

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Going on two decades of fall family fun, the 19th annual Fall Harvest at Neff Park is 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

The activities families in the City have come to expect will be returning, in addition to a host of new delights.

Sure to be a highlight, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Chad Murphy, who is in his first year with the department, has his sights set on constructing a hay tower for kids to climb.

"I'm most excited about the hay tower, assuming that we can pull it off," he said. "It

would be, I think, something new and something passive that doesn't necessarily need a program around it, where kids can climb on it and get their energy out that way."

His team also is incorporating into the festivities a Hungry Hippos inflatable, similar to a bounce house but with several stations.

"It's literally like the board game 'Hungry Hippos,' except it'll be life-size," Murphy explained, "so instead of the hippos, it'll be the kids."

Children further can enjoy a candy hunt

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Moross Greenway fall cleanup is Oct. 11

The Moross Greenway Project is looking for volunteers for its annual fall cleanup from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, rain or shine.

Volunteers will be focused on three main tasks:

- ◆ **Trash collection:** Collecting litter along the seven greenway islands.

- ◆ **Light gardening:** Bring a trowel for weeding and/or a shovel for perennial dividing.

- ◆ **Daffodil planting:** Those who would like to plant bulbs should bring a shovel.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own work gloves and dress for the weather. Boots are recommended as the islands may be wet.

Trash bags/buckets, trash pickers and traffic safety vests will be provided.

Interested volunteers may sign up online at morossgreenway.org/volunteer or simply gather next to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 21150 Moross, at the corner of Edgfield.

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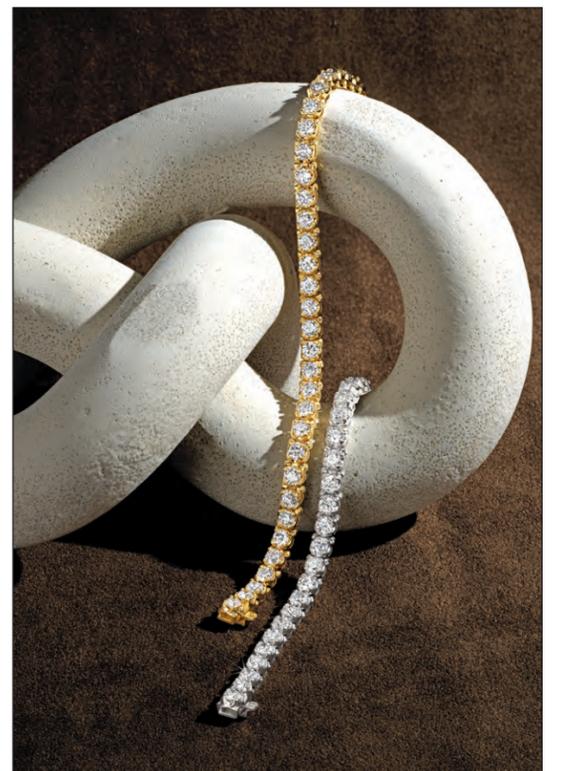
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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission rescheduled meeting, 7 p.m.

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Preserving history and passing plates

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

“Restaurants and advertising are two things that everybody thinks they can do,” Curt Catalo said, “and I was no different.”

Thirty years back, Catalo, along with his wife, Ann Stevenson, took an 1840s Baptist church on Main Street in Clarkston and repurposed it into their first restaurant: Clarkston Union Bar & Kitchen.

“It was a time where chain restaurants were ruling the landscape,” Catalo recalled, “and so for a funky, little independent place in Clarkston to come out and arrive with comfort food and a little moxie with some broad shoulders, it made a mark. ... It got attention, because at the time repurposing wasn’t so common and comfort food wasn’t so common and we were crazy.”

It wasn’t an implausible leap for the City resident, given he grew up in an old Clarkston Methodist church his parents restored into a house. His mother still resides there.



Converted from a historic auto repair shop, Union Joints opened Vinsetta Garage in Berkley with partner KC Crain in 2012.

“There was always this passion for preservation,” he said. “With our buildings, even our houses, we just feel like we’re guardians of these places that are interesting.”

Though the passage of time has turned he and Stevenson into the owner/operators of going on 15 Union Joints eateries, preservation remains at the core of everything they do.

They have made com-

fort food diners out of churches, a Fenton fire station, a Berkley auto repair shop, the Fingerle Lumber Co. in Ann Arbor, a Birmingham School District bus garage, a Clarkston gas station and even a Hooters in Troy.

“We leaned into it,” Catalo said of the latter. “There’s still a lot of orange.”

“All of these buildings, when you get in there and you start to make it a restaurant, they’ll tell you what they want to be.”

Union Joints headquarters, which also houses Catalo’s other business, Union AdWorks, is on the campus of the old Ford Village Industries factory in Clarkston. It boasts a particularly rich history.

The building originally was constructed as the

town’s union high school until Henry Ford bought it during World War II and turned it into Ford Village Industries, which produced seat covers and parachutes.

“He brought farmers in and taught them how to sew and then during the off season, they would make these parachutes and seat covers,” Catalo said.

After the factory closed in 1947, it became the town hall for Independence Township until 2008, when the township outgrew it and moved elsewhere. Then Catalo picked it up.

“I love opening these places,” he said, “and whether in Birmingham, having somebody who used to be a school bus driver come in and say, ‘This is where my break table used to be,’ and they’re in there relaxing in this new place or the Fingerle site, which is Union Rec in Ann Arbor, on game days, just seeing all of these people come and just have fun. For us, it’s creating this canvas where people can create new stories.”

It was this same pas-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Curt Catalo and his wife, Ann Stevenson, have made it their life’s mission to restore historic buildings into comfort food diners. “At the end of the day, you just have to love hospitality and have to love sharing spaces with strangers that eventually become friends,” Catalo said.

sion for history and preservation that brought Catalo, Stevenson and their two children to the City of Grosse Pointe in 2013.

The family live in the old Parcels house, which was constructed in 1967 by Paul Rudolph, who happens to be Stevenson’s favorite architect.

Last year, they welcomed the national Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation for a tour of the home including 200 people.

“If the home had been elsewhere, we might have followed it, but we couldn’t be more fortunate that it was here,” Catalo said. “We feel like we’re the keepers of that home and it’s our turn to care for it.”

Catalo and Stevenson met in college and over the years have learned

their secret to being partners in life and business is actually to bring the work home.

“For us, it’s like the restaurants are a diesel engine — it’s almost easier just to leave it running than to turn it off and start it back up,” Catalo said. “So it might be the last thing we talk about before we close our eyes and the first thing we talk about when we open them, but it’s our life and we love that.”

The two aren’t currently planning any new business ventures, but there are a type or two of historical facilities they’ve yet to tackle.

Catalo’s dream? A restored lighthouse on Lake St. Clair.

“That would be like the Holy Grail,” he said. “The lighthouse to me would be the ultimate.”

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HARVEST: breads will be raffled off. “I think that’s pretty much the gamut of it,” Murphy said. “Maybe a few other things here and there.” Tickets to the Neff Park Fall Harvest are \$10 per person for residents of the City of Grosse Pointe. Children 3 and younger are free. To register, visit tinyurl.com/4u6erbxy. Payment also is accepted the day of the event via cash or check.

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maze made out of hay bales, pumpkin bowling and pumpkin decorating.

Like past years, there’ll also be a petting farm with pony rides, strolling magician, fall craft and hot dog roasts over an open fire.

Franklin Cider Mill will provide doughnuts, apples, caramel apples and cider, while pies and artisanal sweet

— Laurel Kraus

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Parking is available in the church lot. Board members will

Park landscape terms lean green

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A new municipal landscaping contract brings a native-plant approach to city-owned gardens.

The contract applies mainly to the west-end business districts and adjacent multi-family residential neighborhoods. Terms include a list of recommended plants intended to achieve an ecological mixture of vegetation that doesn't cost much to maintain.

Members of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission, which has a subcommittee on sustainability, came up with the recommendations.

"It's a list of native plants that will inherently be hardy and low maintenance once established," said Lisa Kyle, chairwoman of the commission. "And they will provide habitat for our native wildlife."

"A big initiative of our beautification commission is sustainably, green infrastructure and plantings — black-eyed Susans and others that are low maintenance," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. Commissioners suggested 26 plants arranged by shrubs, grasses and sedges, as well as plants that do well in shade or partial to full sun.

Some examples from each category are red columbine and maiden-hair fern; purple cone-flower and clustered mountain mint; blue wild indigo and red-osier Dogwood; and prairie dropseed and switch grass.

Contract winner, Russell Landscaping, submitted the lowest of four bids. Russell's price was \$2,396 to \$11,045 less than its rivals and included watering of light pole flower baskets three times per week as part of the package, not a separate charge, as with the others.

"That was a big cost saver," Sizeland said.

Terms are \$41,702 for two years. A third-year option is available at the same rate. Withdrawal requires a 30-day notice, according to Sizeland.

"It also includes a spring cleanup, going through all the beds getting rid of leaves and everything; then a fall cleanup as well," he

said.

The contract is administered by the Tax Increment Finance Authority but includes work in the Downtown Development Authority district and some municipal land on or close to city headquarters.

Payment comes from the three municipal entities in proportion to landscaping work done in each. The TIFA group will pay the entire annual cost of the services and be reimbursed by the other entities.

The annual breakdown is:

- ◆ city: on Jefferson past Balfour and some portions around city hall, \$5,499;

- ◆ DDA: the DDA district, including the balance of city hall grounds and Jefferson Avenue traffic islands, \$9,289; and

- ◆ TIFA, where most of the work will occur on lower Mack Avenue, Charlevoix and Kercheval, is responsible for paying the entire annual contract price, \$41,701, but will be reimbursed for work apportioned to the city and DDA.

"Long term, it's a big expense," Sizeland said. "We need to look at Mack and Kercheval and what type of plantings we want that are low maintenance. We have a lot of high-maintenance plantings in the area. Due to the amount of landscaping to maintain, our local businesses have chipped in to assist and we sincerely appreciate their efforts."

"This (contract) is focused on additional services," said TIFA board member Arthur Mullen during the organization's meeting Sept. 4. "This is beautification activities."

Mullen said the arrangement meets TIFA's mission of tax base and business growth. He then motioned for passage. Voting ended with unanimous approval.

Retaining a landscaper takes the load off city workers.

"We had parks and public works staff going from Windmill Pointe Park and Patterson Park to Jefferson, Mack Avenue, Charlevoix and Kercheval trying to maintain not only the parks, but also planters and other areas," Sizeland said.

He said it required two employees three

days per week to water flower pots on light poles.

"In addition, every

one to two weeks, from mid-May to September, we have four staff members tend to flower beds

(and) parking lots, with each employee working 40 hours in our business district instead of

work they could otherwise tend to Patterson and Windmill Pointe Park."

Grosse Pointe Woods

Dodge Rams targeted

Owners of three Dodge Rams filed reports recently that the infotainment systems were stolen from their vehicles.

The first occurred overnight into Monday, Sept. 15, in the 2000 block of Stanhope. The others occurred overnight into Sunday, Sept. 21, in the 19000 block of East Kings Court and the 1300 block of North Oxford.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Illegal plate

A 41-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for having an improper license plate and no insurance after being stopped around 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the 18800 block of Mack.

His 2006 Ford Econoline van also was impounded.

—Ted O'Neil

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Credit fraud

A male resident reported Monday, Sept. 15, that he received a col-

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lection notice for \$1,556 for a credit card he did not open.

Stolen bike

A red mountain bike was stolen from the Rotary Tot Lot Monday, Sept. 15. An unknown woman, approximately 40 years old, was seen riding away on it heading east.

Retail fraud

A 40-year-old Detroit man is facing charges after stealing a carton of cigarettes from a gas station in the 17800 block of Mack Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Super drunk

A 32-year-old female resident was arrested under the state's "super drunk" law after striking a moped rider at Washington and Waterloo Wednesday, Sept. 17.

She was located shortly after attempting to wipe paint from the moped off her vehicle. Tests showed her blood alcohol content was 0.41, more than five times the legal limit. The law applies to anyone with a BAC of 0.17 or higher.

Drunk and speeding

A 51-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for drunken driving after she was clocked driving 56 mph on Jefferson near

Notre Dame Saturday, Sept. 20.

Her blood alcohol content was 0.16.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Two take tools

Police are looking for an unidentified man and woman accused of stealing \$4,000 worth of tools from a vehicle in the 900 block of Beaconsfield at 11:45 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15.

They took multiple tool bags and four chainsaws, according to police.

The suspects were described leaving the area in a Nissan Altima.

Stolen car

A 2023 Ford Explorer was stolen while parked and likely locked in the driveway of a house in the 900 block of Berkshire between midnight and 6

a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17.

"(The) owner has both key fobs," police said. "No glass on scene."

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Delivering, not taking

A 20-year-old Warren woman was stopped on Vernier near Michaux Lane around 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, after someone thought they saw her take a package off a porch.

That person called 911 and continued to follow the woman. Officers said she was actually delivering a food order and had evidence of such on her phone.

—Ted O'Neil

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



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Sandy joined the grief group at The Helm shortly after her husband, Tom, passed away. In addition to finding others who could support her and she support in return, Sandy made new friendships and discovered activities (especially field trips!) at The Helm that help her stay social and get out of the house.



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OUR VIEW

Commissioner gets tough online

Three days following the assassination of conservative political activist Charlie Kirk, Tim Killeen posted on his Facebook page an interview with President Donald Trump in which the president reportedly was not grieving enough.

“Not one ounce of caring for any human other than himself,” Mr. Killeen, the Grosse Pointes’ representative on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, wrote the morning of Sept. 13.

Mr. Killeen doesn’t like President Trump, which is a bold stand for a Democrat.

He followed up within the hour by extending his disfavor to the president’s supporters, sharing a post accusing the MAGA crowd of being unable to blame Mr. Kirk’s death on “trans people, gays, black people, immigrants or Democrats for one of their own, so they blame college.”

Mr. Killeen then criticized Mr. Kirk himself by sharing a post from Dr. Paula Montgomery Rothaus, a nuclear medicine specialist with a lot of time to spend on the internet bashing President Trump, titled “Charlie Kirk was not a good guy!!”

Dr. Rothaus supported her opinion with a list of stances Mr. Kirk reportedly made, including advocating shooting migrants and it being God’s law to stone gays.

Her examples were so abridged and hopelessly out of context to be accurate. The truth is obtainable by a counter search of the internet for source material. Readers are encouraged to do so. While easy, such effort is time consuming. Finding the truth often is. Think of it as an exercise in fact checking and an example of why serious-minded people have learned to dismiss internet mud-slingers.

It would be proper for a fair-minded elected official smirking over the casket of a recently murdered husband and father to note Mr. Kirk’s shooting did not prompt conservative riots. Not even “peaceful” looting and arson, as the old-guard media reported in contradiction to video evidence during the George Floyd riots in 2020.

The lack of disruptive protests by Mr. Kirk’s mourners comports with a YouGov survey conducted shortly after his death. Results showed liberals are nearly twice as likely than conservatives to justify political violence.

A report last April from the Network Contagion Research Institute revealed 48 percent of respondents describing themselves as left-of-center said killing Elon Musk would be justified. Some 55 percent of the same demographic said likewise about President Trump.

It was at Mr. Kirk’s vigils and memorials the past two weeks protestors disrupted the peace with functionally illiterate, vulgar shouts and by stomping on floral displays.

“You can tell a lot about a person by how they react when someone dies,” Mr. Kirk reportedly said in 2016.

It is hard to tell a lot about Mr. Killeen. He did not respond to four requests for comment. Messages were registered over two days on his cell phone, office phone, by text and county email.

He would have been asked about decorum, decency and contemptuousness. And being tacky. And how his actions reflect on his constituents.

He would have been asked to file his dislike of Mr. Kirk in context with calls for violence by Democrat officeholders:

- ◆ Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., threatening



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

The butterfly house at Ford House opens in early June and stays open until the end of September or early October, depending on the weather. This year, in a little more than two weeks, the doors will come off for the winter and the butterflies will fly free to live out their natural life cycle. There can be between eight to 15 different species of butterflies and moths in the house each year. The public is welcome to walk through the butterfly house during visits to the historic estate and grounds. If you stop by, please be sure to keep the doors closed.

Fun fact: Did you know butterflies use their feet to taste flowers? They do so by landing on the flower to determine if it is a suitable nectar or host plant.

Supreme Court justices: “I want to tell you, Gorsuch, I want to tell you, Kavanaugh, you have released the whirlwind and you will pay the price. You won’t know what hit you if you go forward with these awful decisions.”

◆ Then-President Joe Biden, days prior to the first attempted assassination of President Trump: “It’s time to put Trump in a bullseye.”

◆ Rep. LaMonica McIver, D-N.J.: “We will not take this. We will fight back. Shut down the city. We are at war.”

◆ Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif.: “Let’s make sure we show up wherever we have to show up, and if you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd and you push back on them and you tell them they’re not welcome anymore, anywhere.”

◆ Rep. Jazmine Crockett, D-Texas: “Ted Cruz — this dude needs to be like knocked over the head, like, hard, right? Like, there is no niceties with him.”

Mr. Killeen’s purpose shall go unheard. Typically, he only makes himself available for interviews on topics he favors and for which he can side with the majority. If tradition holds, he will pop out of nowhere in 2026 to resume the rounds of Pointe city council chambers promoting his reelection.

We can hope his silence upon being called out for chiding and contributing to the misrepresentation of a recently deceased political thinker is due to embarrassment. We presume he can do better, but maybe not. Maybe that’s the answer: he knows he cannot. Personal accountability is not for everyone.

Mr. Kirk was a product and proponent of the First Amendment. His calling and living came from open debate within normal and common-sense moral, historical, ethical and political constructs.

“Prove me wrong” was both his invitation and challenge to opponents, to whom he listened until they had nothing relevant to say, treated gently until they warranted otherwise and tried above all to exchange understandings.

With Mr. Kirk, Mr. Killeen got the last word, but got clobbered in the debate.

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.

To be clear

To the Editor:

I agree with Nadya Thole’s recent letter about the League of Women Voters. She showed what many of us have known for years. The league is not a neutral group when it comes to politics or advocacy. It often supports only one side and that is the progressive side. I do not think anyone can find a time when the league supported a conservative or Republican position.

This is important, especially during local elections. Many people may believe the league is just helping voters learn about the candidates. But the truth is, the league is also an advocacy group that takes political positions. That is their right, but voters should be told clearly.

I respect Joe Ricci for choosing not to take part in the league’s mayoral debate in Grosse Pointe Farms. He stood up for fairness and made an important point. A group that always picks one side should not be the one running debates for all candidates.

We need a debate setting where every side to the political spectrum gets the same chance to speak and be heard. This helps the community and makes elections better.

I believe the Grosse Pointe News can play an important role. The paper is trusted, it is local and its Opinions page focus on issues that matter right here in our own community. That makes it the right place to host debates that are fair and respectful to all candidates. I urge the Grosse Pointe News to seriously consider taking this on. If the paper were to provide a neutral and balanced space for these important conversations, I am confident that more voters would pay attention and get involved. Our community would be better for it.

Let’s give voters what they deserve.

KRISTY ELLIS
Grosse Pointe Park

Another idea

To the Editor:

Regarding the article of alley beautification, how about the city start by repaving the alley first instead of just patching pot holes? The alley behind me in the 1300 block of Lakepointe and Maryland is in rough shape. They also need to make sure Priority Waste isn’t leaving trash behind when collection day rolls around.

JOHN KALED
Grosse Pointe Park

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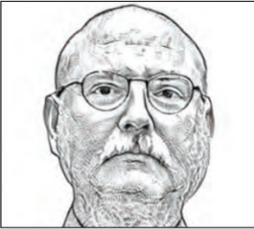
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I SAY By Ted O'Neil



Happy tailgating

For a number of years, a group of buddies and I

around this time of year would have our annual Michigan State University football outing.

We usually would have picked the game sometime in early summer once we knew the schedule. September games seemed to work out best for a number of reasons.

First, it was the non-conference schedule, which made getting tickets easier. Most of the time it ended up being a team from the Mid-American Conference, such as Eastern Michigan or

Central Michigan, although we did see Aaron Rodgers when he played at Cal. I'm sure we saw other eventual NFL players, too, both from State and their opponents, but particular names don't come to mind.

September also was an easy choice because many in the group were hunters and Michigan's bow season starts Oct. 1. And November games, with the unpredictability of the weather, are better watched from the comfort of home.

Only a handful of us were actually Michigan State grads. The rest were brothers, cousins, friends and neighbors. Most of them were die-hard University of Michigan football fans, but it was easier to get State tickets because the main organizer — a

guy I've known since first grade and former MSU roommate — had a neighbor who had an in with the ticket office due to his donation level to the university.

Those U of M fans are what we Spartans call "Walmart Wolverines," fans of the team who didn't go to the school but love wearing the maize and blue.

The game-day routine was always the same. We'd meet at an appointed time, usually around 8 a.m. since we preferred noon games, in a field at the corner of Mount Hope Road and Farm Lane. There was no charge to park there since it was farther away from the center of campus and for \$2 you could buy a round-trip ticket for a shuttle bus to the stadium. My understanding is that field is gone,

now home to a credit union and an engineering building.

Tailgating, as everyone knows, involves food. Fire up the barbecue, throw on some brats and burgers and enjoy. After the game it was off to the hotel where we'd reserve a few rooms to play cards before and after dinner while watching more football on TV.

Dinner was always at Leo's Lodge, a cool, rustic place on Jolly Road. A popular menu choice was the "Great Lakes Surf 'n' Turf," a cheeseburger and a side of smelt.

As can be the case when you mix a group of guys — without supervision of their better halves — with adult beverages there was bound to be some hijinks.

Such as the time a

couple guys walked down to the party store to buy more of the beverages and entered the wrong hotel upon their return. There were two hotels side by side, same chain but different names, that looked exactly alike. As they told it, they spent 15 minutes pounding on what they thought was the right door thinking we were intentionally not letting them in before they realized their mistake. Luckily that room was empty at the time.

The most famous (infamous?) incident, however, belongs to yours truly.

I don't recall what year it was or who the opponent was, but we somehow ended up with front-row seats in the north end zone. I noticed during halftime a dad and his son, field pass in hand, making their way down the stairs in front of us to field level. I had to act quickly and didn't have

enough time to alert my buddies, so I just followed them down and pretended I was with them. Fake it til you make it, as the saying goes.

Because of the height of the wall, I had to walk to the front of the end zone before I had enough clearance to look up and alert my group, who began cheering loudly.

At that point, the security guard at the bottom of the stairs realized he'd been duped and good naturedly told me to get back in the stands. I lucked out because in this day and age I probably would have been kicked out of the stadium.

We've talked a few times about reviving our tradition, but with age comes more responsibility and less free time. Nowadays, even the warm weather games seem better from a more comfortable vantage point.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1950

75 years ago this week

BARNES RESIGNS AS SCHOOL HEAD: John R. Barnes, superintendent of Grosse Pointe's public schools, has tendered his resignation, to be effective Jan. 1, 1951, or before if the Board of Education can find a successor before that date. He has asked to be relieved of duties as soon as possible.

24 PERSONS FACE PROSPECT OF COMPRISING TOWNSHIP: With the early prospect that both the Park and Woods will be on a fully operating city basis and hence out of Grosse Pointe Township, there will be nothing left of the township except Grosse Pointe Shores. To escape the burden of maintaining a township there is no course open to the taxpayers of the Shores but to vote to become a city.

LODGES PROTEST TO BOMBARDMENT: Wilfred F. Howard of 460 Rivard reported to the police that during the last 2-3 weeks his house has been subjected to a bombardment by BB guns. The Pointe Commandos have knocked out an 8 inch by 12 inch pane on the second floor and three panes of a similar size on the ground floor. All of the shots came from the east side of the house, if that means anything.

1975

50 years ago this week

CENTRALIZED DISPATCH STATION PROGRAM UNDER STUDY: The possibility of having a centralized dispatch station for police departments in all the Pointes and Harper Woods was explored at a recent meeting attended by 14 city and police officials. The Woods coordinated the session, which featured a presentation by

Larry Bladd of the Wayne County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. He explored the possibility of grant monies for such a unit, along with a potential pilot program in crime prevention focusing upon theft.

PARK TO CHARGE FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE RUNS: The Park will become the only Pointe community charging for emergency ambulance service, as the council unanimously approved the establishment of such service effective Oct. 1, for the transportation of patients to Saint John, Bon Secours and Cottage hospitals only at a basic minimum charge of \$40 a call. It's possible extra charges might be added for the use of special services such as resuscitation and the administration of oxygen.

2000

25 years ago this week

'GROSSE POINTE' — NOT: Grosse Pointers who have heard about the new WE network show titled "Grosse Pointe" shouldn't get too excited. The show's not about Grosse Pointe. It's about a fictitious television show called "Grosse Pointe." Get It? The new show is a satire of such television shows as "Beverly Hills 90210," which was set in the famous upscale Los Angeles-area city. The producers of "Grosse Pointe" decided to set their fictitious show in the slightly less famous, but upscale Detroit suburb of Grosse Pointe.

REC MASTER PLAN CALL FOR SIX-CITY AUTHORITY BOARD: A coordinated community council comprised of representatives from the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and their school districts could be in the future to address the recreational needs of the area. The formation of such an intergovernmental authority, similar to the Western Oakland Trailway Management Council and the South

Lyon Recreational Council, was one of the main recommendations of a master recreation plan commissioned by the Neighborhood Club.

GP ROTARY HELPS SOC MOVE TO NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB: The Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation presented its biggest single check ever — \$40,000 — to Services for Older Citizens, to help move SOC's headquarters from Barnes School in Grosse Pointe Woods to the Neighborhood Club in the City of Grosse Pointe. The Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation helped found SOC more than 20 years ago.

2015

10 years ago this week

TWO CITIES, ONE CHIEF: A top-down review of shared municipal services between public safety departments in Grosse Pointe Park and City starts this year with consolidation

of directorships. The process begins this week with approval of Stephen Poloni, chief of public safety in the City, as future director of the Park.

HILLER TO RETIRE: Public Safety Director David Hiller announced his retirement, effective Dec 31. Hiller, 66, has been with the Park 44

years and was appointed director of public safety in July 2001. He had been deputy director since February 2000.

THEROS NAMED VP, GENERAL COUNSEL: MGM Grand Detroit has appointed Louis Theros vice president and general counsel. The 26-year law veteran will report directly to Steve Zanella,

president and chief operating officer. As a member of MGM Grand Detroit's executive committee and the company's internal legal counsel, Theros is responsible for ensuring business practices, policies and dealings of MGM Grand Detroit meet regulatory requirements.



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Free Bikes 4 Kidz Detroit has given more than 14,600 bikes to kids in the last seven years.

Free Bikes 4 Kidz kicking off 8th season

Free Bikes 4 Kidz Detroit is calling on the public to donate used bicycles from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Since 2018, FB4K Detroit has given away 14,614 bikes to local kids in need. Each bike includes a free, properly sized helmet.

“Bike collection day inspires our entire FB4K family every year,” said Bob Barnes, FB4K Detroit executive direc-

tor. “People in our community really show their true colors when they donate their time and their kid’s beloved but outgrown wheels. Last year we collected over 2,500 bikes and we’re confident we can beat that this year with the incredible support of the public, our team and our volunteers. It’s literally a win-win-win as we help donors clear out their garage, keep the bikes out of the waste stream and get an under-resourced child a new set

of shiny wheels before the holidays. And everyone has fun on collection day — the bike donors, the volunteers at all the donation locations and the team at our warehouse unloading thousands of bikes. We all understand the effect a bike has on a child’s physical and emotional health and there is a celebratory atmosphere all day long.”

Collections will take place at 10 locations

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STORM:

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\$2.8 million flood-relief extreme emergency relief valve at Patterson Park. All actions began in response to the city being hit with big thunderstorms early this decade.

Recognizing need

Combined sewer overflows at Chapaton are discharges of raw sewer and rainwater into Lake St. Clair that flow past the St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe shorelines.

“A principle reason I ran for this office is because we have been discharging, along with many other counties and municipalities, combined sewer overflows for decades,” said Candice Miller, Macomb’s public works commissioner. “I knew we could do better and we didn’t have to live

this way.”

Incremental countermeasures for which planning began in 2018 reduced CSOs from Chapaton by 30 percent, then another 10 percent or so and, upon completion of the project, another 50 percent toward the ultimate goal of eliminating discharges completely.

“Start doing the math — 30 percent, 10 percent, 50 percent,” Miller said. “We are well on our way toward our goal.”

Improvements at Chapaton that Miller announced Sept. 16 are operational.

“It is on budget, fully functional and it works,” she said.

Construction produced an outdoor water storage pool measuring 700 feet long, 200 feet wide and 16 feet deep — enough to hold more than 16.7 million gallons of water —

surrounded by a seawall standing five feet higher than the 500-year flood elevation. Chapaton already has a 28-million-gallon underground sewer storage basin.

“That (underground basin) will fill first,” said Vince Astorino, operations project manager for Macomb County Public Works. “It’s treated with sodium hypochlorite, a high-strength bleach. Once that fills, it goes over a weir and starts filling (the outdoor pool). The goal is to not have to send it to Lake St. Clair. We just capture it within this area and send it back into the system when there’s room available and down to Detroit for proper treatment.”

Measured releases of runoff from the basin into the sewer system are intended to reduce peak volume and the likelihood of backups in the



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Improvements include the addition of a nearly 17-million-gallon temporary storage basin to the station’s existing 28-million-gallon capacity.

regional network, part of which flows from Macomb County through the Pointes to a treatment facility in southwest Detroit.

“The climate is changing,” Miller said. “We are getting much more rainfall, a lot more precipitation. The intensity of these rainfalls is like buckets of water. So all of us in our industry have to do a better job positioning ourselves as stormwater managers trying to eliminate combined sewer overflows.”

“What happens in cities next to us cascades into our city as well,” said Park Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the Park’s infrastructure committee. “It’s going to help mitigate this for all of us.”

“Any improvements regionally to the water-sewer system are welcome, especially reducing wet-weather flow, which is what’s happening at Chapaton,” said Nick Sizeland, Park manager. “It helps the Detroit River Interceptor and the Fox Creek Enclosure, which goes through the Grosse Pointes. Anything our neighbors can do helps tremendously to weather storm events.”

Commitment

“You have to have the collective political will to want to do this, first of

all,” Miller said. “You have to gather people together to get them to buy into the vision. Then you have to make sure you have the resources to get the job done.”

“All of this is regional,” Wiener said. “Systemic-wide solutions are needed.”

“It absolutely takes a team approach to get this done,” Sizeland said. “It doesn’t matter who we have to talk to, we are going to talk to them because we are about getting stuff done.”

“Our combined sewer system has been a problem for many, many years,” Eastpointe Mayor Michael Klinefelt said. “In the past couple years, I’ve seen more movement than in my entire life. It’s taken cooperation from local communities, the county and state to get these projects funded, approved and built.”

Bipartisanship

“It doesn’t matter what side of the political aisle you’re on,” Sizeland said. “These things impact our residents.”

“It’s all about working together,” Miller said. “Water (in Lake St. Clair) doesn’t know if it’s a Republican, Democrat, Independent or what. It just knows it wants to be clean.”

“This transcends all partisan politics,” said

State Sen. Kevin Hertel, D-St. Clair Shores. “We need to do everything we can to invest in the water infrastructure because we’re all impacted by it. Whether there’s a discharge in Traverse City or down here in Lake St. Clair, it all flows somewhere and affects somebody on their shoreline. This project is a perfect example of how, when we work together, we can get that done.”

“We’re all in it together, pushing the same way,” said Dave Rubello, a St. Clair Shores councilman.

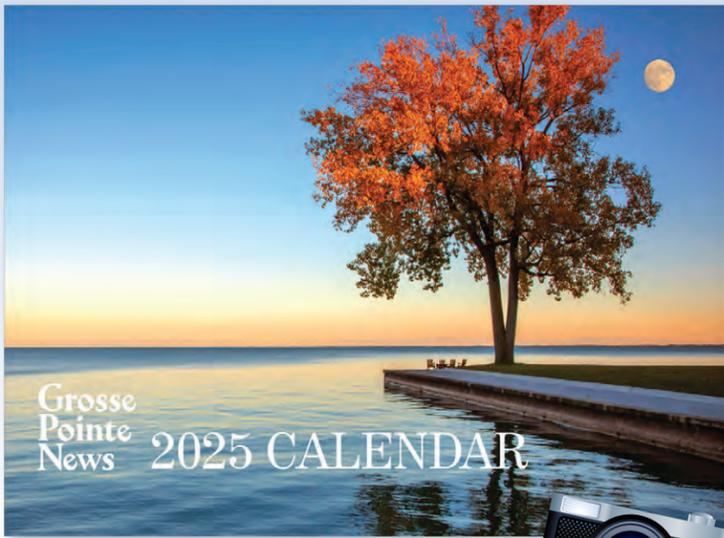
Follow-through

“It can’t be one-and-done,” Wiener said. “I’d love to see more planning for long-term preventive maintenance from cities. I want to see everybody taking an ongoing, multi-year, steady approach to all of this instead of throwing money at it while we’re all concerned and then walking away.”

“We have to do whatever we can to not only save our residents, but also to help the environment,” Sizeland said.

“If a community in Michigan wants to stop discharging combined sewer overflows into the river or lake, it’s important to know it can be done,” Miller said. “You just have to have the collective political will, seek the resources, plan and work the plan.”

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Mack ACE is largest contributor in statewide round-up campaign

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

DETROIT — The local Great Lakes ACE store, which serves the Grosse Pointe and Detroit communities at 18165 Mack, was the highest contributor among 22 ACE locations across the state in a recent fundraising campaign to benefit Michigan families fighting cancer.

“We’re a really busy store and we’re lucky enough that we have a great community that usually gets behind whatever we’re offering,” store manager Malissa Michajlyszyn said.

ACE’s Round-up at the Register campaign asks customers to round-up their purchase amount to donate to the charity being featured at that given time.

In July, the two-week campaign brought in \$12,609 for the New Day Foundation for Families based in Rochester Hills.

“We’re the only nonprofit in Michigan that’s providing both the financial assistance and the emotional support for families navigating any type of cancer anywhere in the state,” said Heather Blasko, public relations professional with New Day. “We’re the only ones that are filling in this gap where we’re paying essential household bills like mortgages, utility bills, groceries, gas, so that families can get to treatment, that kind of thing.”

Of the total fundraised amount, approximately \$1,000 was supplied by customers of the Mack Avenue location — which is more than twice the amount raised at any of the 21 other participating locations.

“(The Mack location has) participated with us three years in a row and all three of those years, their customers have been the most generous and provided the top dollar amount of all the stores,” said John Williamson, Rochester store manager.

Williamson spearheaded ACE’s partnership with New Day after learning about the organization through a friend and becoming passionate about its mission to help families fighting cancer with the expenses incurred along the way.

“Myself and my wife have both had situations where we’ve had cancer and had to go through the treatments and things,” he said. “We both have really good insurance. We didn’t have to deal with that kind of stuff, but (we) know the expenses involved, how hard it can be.”

New Day serves an average of 50 families per month with both financial and emotional support, such as covering specialized therapy sessions for cancer patients struggling with depression or anxiety.

“It’s a huge help to us to be able to support a few more families thanks to (ACE’s) efforts on our behalf,” Blasko said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Great Lakes ACE presents a check for \$12,609 to the New Day Foundation for Families.

BIKES:

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across metro Detroit, including Woodward Corners — the Corewell Health shopping center at 13 Mile Road and Woodward. iHeart radio station 106.7 WLLZ Detroit’s Wheels will be broadcasting from the location and will host a live band, Holeshoot. In addition, the Brown Iron Brewhouse food truck will be available and offering coupons to bike donors at this location.

Donated bikes will be delivered to a warehouse provided by the Piston Group at 4015 Michigan Ave., Detroit, where they will be stored, cleaned



and refurbished. Volunteers of all skill levels are needed between Sept. 29 and Dec. 4, for cleaning and repair. Just before the Christmas holiday, the bikes will be given to under-resourced kids through pre-registered faith-based and community organizations and schools. “Our collaboration with FB4K Detroit is

meaningful to our company and our community,” said Vinnie Johnson, Piston Group founder and chairman. “After all the bikes are donated, we need hundreds of volunteers over the next three months to help get them ready. It’s a perfect opportunity for organizations or companies looking for a posi-

tive, charitable, team-building activity.” Interested volunteers should visit fb4kdetroit.org to sign up for a three-hour volunteer shift. Groups may schedule a shift by emailing volunteer@fb4kdetroit.org. Volunteers will be matched to their skill levels.

“Piston Group is honored to be able to donate 30,000 square feet of space in our Michigan Avenue facility, in the heart of Corktown, to house this worthwhile effort,” Johnson said. “We hope companies from across the area will send volunteer teams to get these bikes ready for the December giveaway.”

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10A | BUSINESS



Arthur Murray Dance Studio owner Oz Ray-El was joined by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Jenny Boettcher, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant, Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Frank Schulte and many dance-loving friends to celebrate the grand opening of Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 20507 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Arthur Murray Dance Studio of Grosse Pointe instructors are specially trained and certified to put clients in touch with today's most popular dances. Each lesson is taught step-by-step at each person's pace. For more information, visit arthurmurraygrossepointe.com.

New businesses



Georgia Assaf celebrated the grand opening of her new store, Pointelle, along with her family, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Jenny Boettcher, City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, City of Grosse Pointe Junior Mayor John "Tripp" Studstill III and Main Street Grosse Pointe Director Cindy Willcock. Pointelle brings makeup and beauty products to guests of all ages. The staff is eager to offer advice and tips on how to best work with the products that fit individual needs. Pointelle is located at 17125 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Find it on Instagram @thepointelle.

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Rosann Kovalcik was joined by her family and staff to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of Wild Birds Unlimited, 20381 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Kovalcik is an avid birder and Master Gardener; her passion may be felt throughout the store. Wild Birds Unlimited offers products for bird watching, as well as garden accessories and gifts for all tastes. Learn more at grossepointewoods.wbu.com.



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American House Grosse Pointe is celebrating its 10th year of service. The assisted living facility offers endless activities for residents and families, as well as newly renovated common areas. American House is located at 161 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Learn more at americanhouse.com/grossepointe.

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



A variety of creepers can be found lingering around the property, awaiting Haunted Garage Productions' spooky season opener.

SEASON'S CREEPINGS

Haunted Garage Productions opens Oct. 3

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It takes 70 days and countless man hours to organize, build and position the one-acre maze that is Haunted Garage Productions.

Welcoming Halloween enthusiasts of all ages, the attraction provides family-friendly thrills and chills Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in October, while raising money for charities.

It's been the mission of owner/operator Glen Williams since he first opened the haunt 18 years ago.

"This is old-school Halloween," Williams said. "We want to keep it going. This is our way to show a different way to have a haunted attrac-

tion."

To keep things fresh and patrons returning, Williams and his crew of volunteers revamp more than a dozen "enclosures" every year. He also introduces at least one new element each season. This year, his dinosaur scenes have expanded to include a hatchery and a T. rex.

"When people walk through there, there's nothing from Spirit Halloween," he said of the hatchery. "It's all handmade by the artist. We didn't get rid of anything, but we did some condensing in some areas to open up property that allows us to expand. When you have a dinosaur scene, you have to expand."

Williams recruits volunteers to help assemble every aspect of the haunt, which is built like a maze through which visitors encounter an array of beasties, from bats and bugs to witches and pirates.

The trail leads through his front and back yards, as well as the yards of his parents next door. Near the end, visitors step through the haunt's namesake — Williams' garage — which is filled with a menacing menagerie of its own.

Any lingering jitters

are swept away at the last stop, Williams' Christmas House, filled to capacity with items and objects reflecting the jolliest holiday of the year. There, Williams himself asks passing guests if they'd like their photo taken.

"There's no up-charge," he said. "It's just nice to look back and maybe, in December, if you're looking for a picture for your Christmas card,

year is getting improved lighting and better sound, Williams noted.

"I'm not looking to have a rock concert, but when you walk through each enclosure, there will be a spirited sound that makes sense for that area," he said.

While he aims for a top-notch production, Williams provides a safe space when needed. For any first-timers

leery about walking through the haunt, Haunted Garage offers no-scare "blinky" lights that signal to staff that additional scares are unwanted.

"The actors really look out for them," Williams said, noting around 50 percent of patrons opt for the lights.

Blinky lights or not, "our actors do not touch you, do not pursue you," Williams assured. "We don't have blood or gore either."

opportunity for us to do something different that keeps that old-school tradition."

Not only did the haunt itself get an update, but the concessions area, too, has been revamped. A new serving area allows more room for staff to whip up and serve freshly made doughnuts.

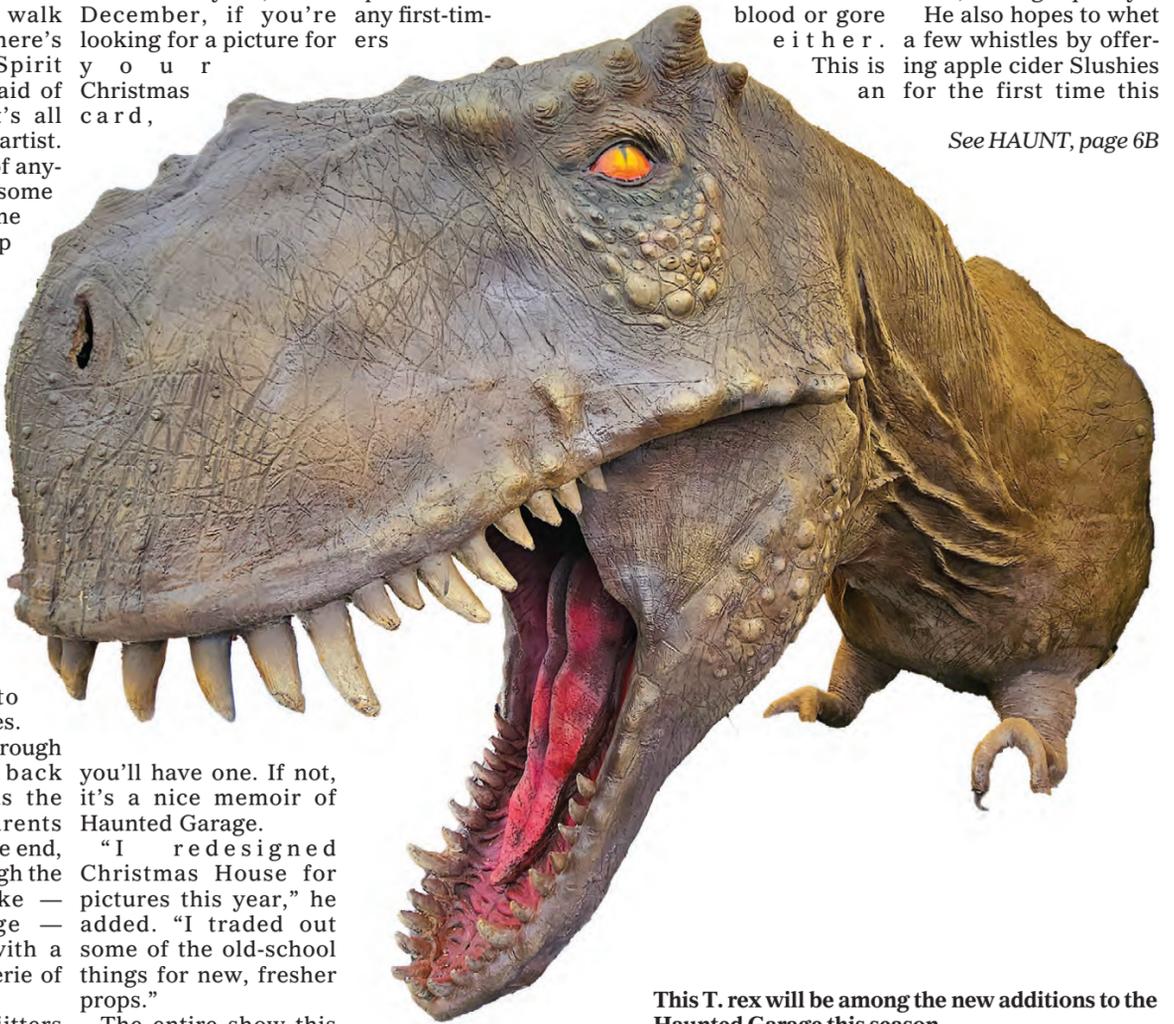
"We use a premium mix and a premium oil," Williams said. "We don't compromise on that. Same with the apple cider; it's high quality."

He also hopes to whet a few whistles by offering apple cider Slushies for the first time this

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Helping hands

- ◆ Steve Robinson, HGP/PTO liaison
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This T. rex will be among the new additions to the Haunted Garage this season.



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2B | BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS



The Eckardts drive away in a pale pink vintage 1958 Oldsmobile Super, above.

CLASSIC wedding

Stately Grosse Pointe nuptials exude elegance and tradition

By Olivia Monette
Special Writer

In Beautiful Beginnings, we love celebrating life's big adventures, and what's more exciting than a new chapter marked by love, joy, and a whole lot of dancing? On August 3, 2024, Grosse Pointe's own Emily Flom and Mark Eckardt tied the knot in a picture-perfect celebration that felt like a postcard from summer.

The couple exchanged vows at the stunning Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, a breathtaking historic landmark perched along the shores of Lake St. Clair. With its soaring stone architecture, sunlight pouring through stained glass, and the warmth of close family and friends, the ceremony was as moving as it was beautiful. From there, guests made their way to the elegant Country Club of Detroit, where the celebration continued under glowing string lights, flowing champagne, and a dance floor that stayed full all night long.

It was one of those late summer days that reminds you why people fall in love with Grosse Pointe. The skies were clear, the breeze was warm, and every little detail — from Emily's timeless gown to the soft blush florals — came together in a way that felt effortless and full of joy. It was a day filled with love, laughter, and local charm, made all the more meaningful by two incredible venues that reflect the heart of this community.

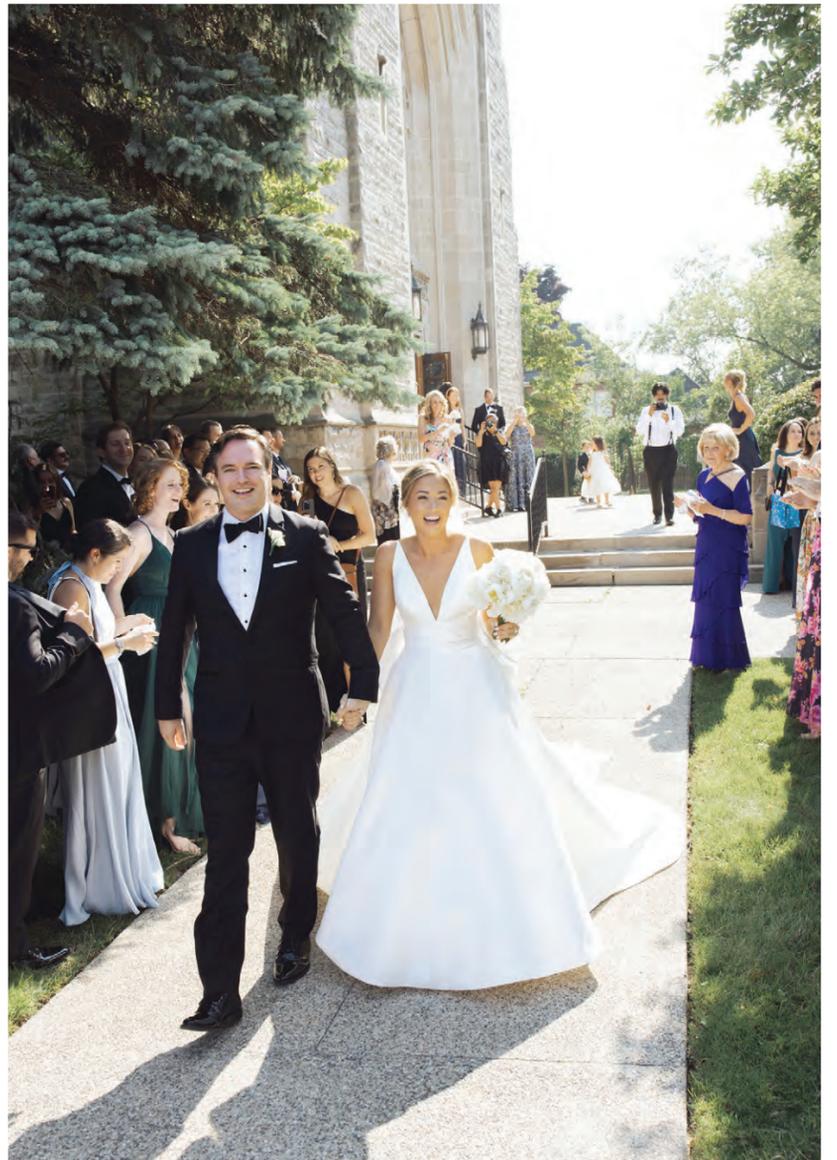
Cheers to Emily and Mark as they begin their next adventure together. We can't wait to see where life takes them, though something tells us it will be just as beautiful as their beginning.



The bride's dress, above, featured a glamorous oversized bow at the back waistline, with exquisite draping on the skirt.



The bride's all-white bouquet, above, matched the groom's white boutonniere.



The happy couple on the walkway of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, above, are greeted by happy guests sharing in the day's joy.



The couple stop for a quick kiss, above, to seal the memory of this wonderful dream come true.

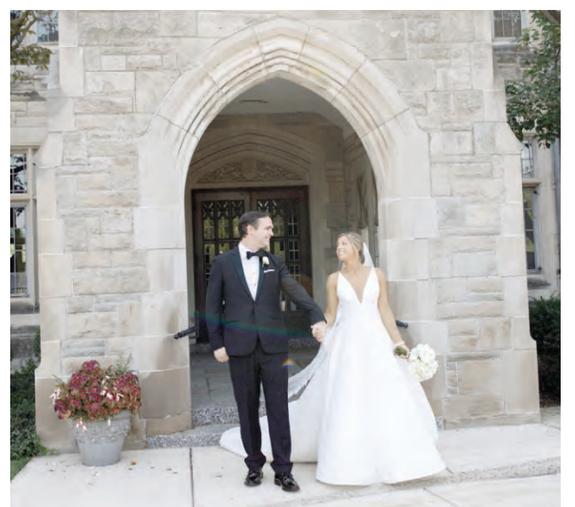


Inside the Country Club of Detroit, the newlyweds, above, take a breather and share a romantic look before the festivities begin.

Strolling the vast grounds of the Country Club of Detroit, bride and groom, right, take it all in as they savor warm breezes and the promise of a great party ahead with family and friends they will cherish forever.

The new marrieds exit the church, far right, for a stolen moment and a photo opportunity.

COURTESY PHOTOS



4B | BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS

Oct. 1 event includes chat with filmmaker, Joining Fair

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A collaborative effort to address the loneliness epidemic and the decline of civic engagement soon will come to fruition in Grosse Pointe.

The “Join or Die” campaign, co-sponsored by The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Public Library and The Family Center, culminates in an Oct. 1 discussion with filmmaker Rebecca Davis.

“Join or Die” is a documentary about why people need to join clubs and organizations and get involved in com-

munity organizations,” said MaryJo Harris, director of programs and administration with The Family Center. “It helps the clubs and builds stronger community, but it also combats loneliness.

“After COVID, not a lot of people rejoined the churches, clubs and organizations they were a part of,” she continued. “Hopefully people will come and find something based on their hobbies and interests that they’d want to get involved with.”

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse

Pointe Farms. The conversation with Davis, moderated by Taylor Mae of Creative Mornings Detroit, begins at 6 p.m.

The discussion will be followed by a Community Joining Fair, featuring clubs and organizations providing options, ideas and opportunities for involvement.

“We want people to get together and talk about and see what’s out there,” Harris said. “We find that many people don’t know about organizations and the volunteering they can do. When you watch the film, you realize why it’s

so important, not just for yourself ... but you’re also doing so much more for the community.”

Several organizations hosted screenings of “Join or Die” in the weeks leading up to the Oct. 1 event. The 90-minute film features social scientist Robert Putnam, who advocates for community connections via local clubs and activities.

Campaign partners included The Helm, Ford House, Grosse Pointe Public School System, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Club, Harper Woods and

Wayne County Community College District, as well as the Grosse Pointe Rotary and Sunrise Rotary clubs.

“Our biggest hope is that people walk away feeling inspired — not just by the film or the conversation with the filmmaker, but by the possibilities that exist right here in their own neighborhoods,” said Leah Celebi, vice president of brand strategy and engagement at The War Memorial. “We want to encourage people to step outside their comfort zones, join a club, attend a meeting or simply say hello to a

neighbor. The Joining Fair is a key part of that — it’s a place where community members can see what’s available and how they can plug in.”

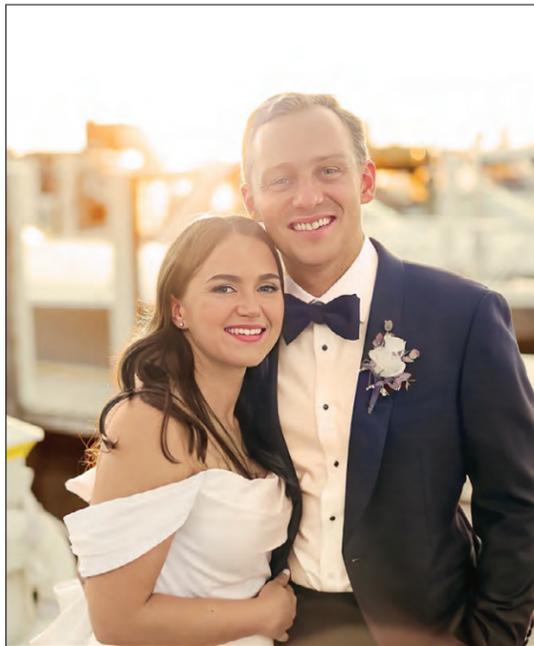
Jessica Keyser, director of the GPPL, agreed.

“I hope that people are inspired to get involved, meet their neighbors and actively participate in our community,” she said.

Those who missed the screening opportunities may watch “Join or Die” in advance of the Oct. 1 event on Netflix.

To register to attend the free Oct. 1 event, visit tinyurl.com/4zxjnr42.

WEDDINGS



Madeline and Brett Hamel

Berschback—Hamel

Madeline Berschback and Brett Hamel were married Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, at the Detroit Yacht Club, with family and friends gathered to celebrate their joyful union.

The bride, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is the daughter of the Hon. Charles and Suzy Berschback. She was attended by her sister, Charlotte Berschback, who served as matron of honor.

The groom, of Bloomfield Hills, is the son of Deborah Johnston and Ken Hamel of Bloomfield Hills. He was supported by his brothers — Michael Hamel, who stood as best man, and Griffin Hamel, who officiated the ceremony.

The floral arrangements were a celebration of summer, featuring lavender-light blue larkspur, white roses, orchids, eucalyptus and sweet field daisies. The bride’s white satin, off-the-shoulder dress featured a mid-length train and large bow on the back. The veil featured dotted pearls. The groom’s tuxedo was a dark navy blue.

The evening was filled with joy and laughter, as guests toasted the couple against the backdrop of Detroit’s skyline and river from Belle Isle. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon on the Greek island of Paros.

Maddie and Brett currently make their home in Boston with their dog, Zoe. Brett is a director of data analytics and Maddie is completing her fellowship in gastroenterology at Massachusetts General Hospital.



Drs. Mark and Emily Eckardt

Flom—Eckardt

Emily Anne Flom and Mark Archer Eckardt were married Aug. 3, 2024, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Jeffrey Lincicome. A reception followed at the Country Club of Detroit.

The bride is the daughter of William and Pamela Flom of Grosse Pointe. The groom is the son of Mary Eckardt and the late Dr. Jeffrey Eckardt of Santa Monica, Calif.

The bride’s sisters, Christina and Elizabeth Flom, served as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were friends, Karina Kossler and Catherine Morse, and the groom’s sister, Jennie Eckardt.

The groom’s brother, David Eckardt, served as best man. Groomsmen were friends, Tyler Jones, Scott Becker, Matthew Ruppel and Robert Allen.

Kennedy Eckardt and Grayson Eckardt were the flower girl and ring bearer, respectively.

The bride is a graduate of Amherst College and Michigan State College of Human Medicine. She currently is a surgical resident at Yale University in New Haven, Conn.

The groom is a graduate of College of the Holy Cross, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Yale University Surgical Residency and Mass General Brigham and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Complex General Surgical Oncology Fellowship at Harvard Medical School.

The couple lives in New Haven, Conn.

AREA ACTIVITIES

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.

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.

The chamber hosts its Before Hours Networking program from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at J. McLaughlin, 17121 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. RSVP at grossepointechamber.com.

Veterans Club

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club meets at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The topic is an introduction to trauma that affects veterans, first responders and others. It is a three-part program. The next program is Thursday, Oct. 9. For information, call President John Bates, (313) 881-4125.

Library

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

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

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

“Boots on the Ground” book discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Silent Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointe and the Packard Motor Car Legacy, 7 to 8:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Teen Tabletop Game Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The War Memorial

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

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.

“Boots on the Ground,” a conversation with author Elizabeth Partridge, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4.

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Richard Beadle

Richard Beadle, 92, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025. He was a husband, father, leader and friend.

Richard is survived by his two daughters, Julie Heidt and Jane Owen; and grandchildren, Katie Kirk (Anthony), Will Owen (Brenna), Teddy Heidt (Ryan) and Bess Motschall (Charles). He was a proud great-grandfather to Harper and Hayden Kirk and Quinn and Rory Owen. He was predeceased by his beloved wife and partner in all things, Peggy Beadle, who passed away in 2018.

In 1975, Richard and Peggy founded TEC Detroit, now Vistage Michigan, a leadership community based on peer advisory and mentorship. More than a business, Vistage Michigan became a circle of care for its members and chairs. Richard's leadership remains the foundation of Vistage Michigan — a legacy built on his unwavering belief that when people come together, they become stronger.

Prior to establishing TEC Detroit, Richard was involved in the field of public education for 15 years. He taught at South Lake High School and Grosse Pointe North High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University.

Richard was a legendary figure in his community and a connector of people. He believed deeply in helping others, especially those less fortunate. His generosity was matched only by his love for making others laugh. He remained in pursuit of laughter throughout his life and delighted in bringing joy to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren with limericks and playful antics. He had the unique ability to bring depth or levity to any room, depending on what the situation called for.

He was a man of many passions, including sailing on his cherished boat, Sankaty, riding Harley Davidson motorcycles, playing softball as a pitcher and admiring cars of all kinds. But above all, he loved his family fiercely and unconditionally. His role of "Baba" to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren was most cherished, and he never missed an opportunity to celebrate and support them.

Richard and Peggy were devoted members of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. In 1968, he volunteered in the Christ Church Miller Hall after-school youth drop-in center, where he was adored for creating a space of curiosity and community. Many of the former Miller Hall members remained a fixture in his life, a testament to the lasting impact he

made.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alternatives for Girls, 903 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208, secure.qgiv.com/for/afg donationforms.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Isam Said Asker

Isam Said Asker, 83, passed away Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, in Detroit. He was a devoted father, grandfather, brother and man of unwavering faith.

Born July 24, 1942, in Baghdad, Iraq, Isam's life journey took him across continents but remained rooted in his deep faith and steadfast commitment to family and community. A devout Catholic throughout his life, Isam attended or watched Mass daily and lived a life guided by prayer and acts of service. His faith was not only personal, but also outwardly expressed — he was known for sharing small crosses with those he met as a gesture of connection and spiritual encouragement.

Isam built a successful life as a lifelong small business owner. His work ethic was tireless and his entrepreneurial spirit left a lasting impression on those who knew him. Through dedication and perseverance, he created opportunities not only for himself, but also for others around him.

He will be remembered fondly by all who knew him for his sharp sense of humor and warm personality. Whether gathered around the poker table or sharing stories with loved ones, Isam brought joy and laughter into every room he entered. His love of poker was more than just a pastime; it was one of many ways he connected with others over the years.

Family was central to Isam's life. He is survived by his son, David (Denise); cherished grandchildren, Joshua and Elizabeth; sister, Nakia Haddad; and brother, George Askar (Ibtisam). He also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews who were touched by his kindness and generosity. Isam was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary Christine Asker, who passed away in 2023. Their enduring bond remains an inspiration to all who knew them.

As a man of deep conviction and compassion, Isam's legacy lives on through the lives he touched with faith, laughter, hard work and love. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401

Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Family and friends are welcome to gather at 10:30 a.m.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Patricia Ann Carroll-Adams

Patricia "Patti" Ann Carroll-Adams, 90, passed away peacefully Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Patti was born Dec. 5, 1934, and raised in Grosse Pointe Park. She attended St. Clare of Montefalco for grade school and was a proud graduate of Dominican High School. She then attended the University of Detroit, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in medical technology and was active with the Kappa Beta Gamma sorority. Patti spent more than 40 years as a trailblazer in her field at St. John Hospital and later in her career taught courses in hematology and medical technology at Macomb Community College.

Patti fell in love with Edward Carroll, a history teacher, and married him Nov. 23, 1957. They settled at St. Matthew's Parish, where they raised their seven children. After 42 wonderful years together, Ed passed away in 1999. Six years later, Patti found love again with another teacher, Vaughn Adams, and married him July 24, 2005. With a combined 12 children and 32 grandchildren, they were happily married and shared a busy and active 12 years together until Vaughn's passing in 2017.

Patti enjoyed many sports throughout her life and was a voracious reader and accomplished seamstress. She especially liked time spent up north, whether with Ed and their family at their lake house in Port Austin or with Vaughn at their condo on Walloon Lake.

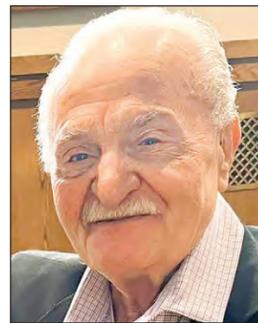
Patti was predeceased by her first husband, Edward Joseph Carroll; second husband, Vaughn H.F. Adams; parents, Mary Olive Steiner and Dr. Timothy Francis Lynch; siblings, James (Joan), Terrance (Margaret) and Mary Louise Henry (John Walker); daughter-in-law, Molly Carroll; and grandson, Sam Carroll.

Patti is survived by her loving sister, Suzanne M. Lessing (Thomas); children, Mary Beth Schmekel (Gary), Darcy Carroll, Matthew Carroll (Jenna), Daniel Carroll (Molly), Anne Crites (Don), Laura Ekanayake (Ganesha) and Michael Carroll (Theresa); Vaughn's children, Paul Adams (Barbara), John Adams (Margaret), Mary Adams, Theresa Zuerblis (Bill) and James Adams (Sandy); along with 32 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Visitation will occur from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, with a Rosary service at 6:30 p.m. She will lie in state



Richard Beadle



Isam Said Asker



Patricia Carroll-Adams

at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at St. Matthew Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit, until the time of her funeral Mass at 10 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, 3000 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48207, svdpdetroit.org/Donate; or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Eleanor Dahlen "Cookie" Barker

Eleanor Dahlen "Cookie" Barker, 90, passed away Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025. She was a former resident of Grosse Pointe.

Eleanor was the beloved mother of Robert Barker (Pamela), Desiree Barker and the late Rankin Barker. She was the last of four siblings, who included Joanne, Birgit and Pat.

Eleanor loved all of her nephews and nieces and loved being called Aunt Cookie by all the generations, especially the little ones. She was proud of being a Swede and loved her Michigan State Spartans, especially the men's basketball and football teams. She looked forward to wearing her colors on game day.

Eleanor always reflected on the good life she had and all of her memories, including her cat, Murray, playing tennis and paddle tennis and being involved with the Vasa Country Club, Jenny Lind Club of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. She also was active with the Grosse Pointe Theatre with her girls, as well as St. James Lutheran Church and volunteering with Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS). Some of her extracurricular activities included cooking, planting her gardens every year and her passion for sports,

including changing her lineups for her Detroit sports teams and patiently waiting for March Madness, Wimbledon and the Australian and U.S. Opens. She was a "superfan" of Rafa Nadal, and more recently, Carlos Alcaraz. She loved the men's tennis matches.

Christmas was her special time. In 2024, she still got a live tree and had it decorated with lights — high-reaching bulbs so her cat couldn't play with them — and her angel.

Services were held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, stjamesgp.org/give/online-giving/.

Share a memory at ahpeters.org.

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James A. Smith

James A. Smith, age 83, of Clinton Township, passed away Thursday, September 18, 2025. He was born May 12, 1942, in Jackson, Michigan, the oldest child of Mary and John "Bill" Smith. He grew up on Washington Street with his parents, four siblings and grandmother. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School, graduating in 1960, and matriculated to the University of Michigan.

U of M was a wonderful experience for Jim. Always a voracious reader and learner, he also honed his public speaking skills as the announcer for the Michigan Marching Band. He met the love of his life and his wife of 60 years, Lucia Santini Smith, while they were both undergrads. Jim considered becoming a teacher but decided on law and was accepted to the University of Michigan Law School.

Jim and Lucy married in 1965 and lived in Ann Arbor while Jim attended law school. After graduation, he was hired as an associate at Bodman, Longley and Dahling in Detroit, ultimately becoming a partner and spending his career at Bodman. Jim was known as an exceptional writer, a patient teacher of young associates, and a sought-after litigator. He was cerebral, caring, and compassionate, a rare combination that made him special to both colleagues and clients.

Jim and Lucy raised their three children in Grosse Pointe Park, and Jim's true joy was his family. He loved babies and was "Papa" to eleven grandchildren who he held as much as possible. As they grew, Jim spent many summers with his whole family at Nonna and Papa's cottage on Burt Lake, which became a favorite place for the grandkids, filled with memories of time on "Papa's boat" and around the big table on the cottage porch. Jim and Lucy loved to spend time with their grandchildren, driving across town and flying across the country for dinners, sports games, and other events. They also had an annual tradition of traveling to Stratford, Ontario, to attend musicals and plays with dear friends.

Jim had an incredible memory,



able to recount an encyclopedic breadth of information and a lifetime of anecdotes. He had a quick wit, was good at pulling a prank, and took great joy in telling stories. Michigan's lakes held a special place in Jim's life, and he sailed, boated, and caught every sunset he could. Jim loved Lucy's homemade Italian food, enjoyed cooking, and always shared his gratitude

for the food and family at his table. He had a special fondness for butter pecan ice cream and treating his grandkids to their favorite flavors up North.

Jim was a 22-year survivor of lung cancer, and he and his family were grateful to his medical team at Karmanos Cancer Center for the many years and memories gained. Surgery damaged his voice, but not his spirit. Jim's last year was not easy, and he showed incredible strength.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Mary Smith, his brother, Tom Smith, and his in-laws, Evelyn and John Santini. He is survived by his three children and their spouses, Matt (Kimberly) Smith of Healdsburg, CA, Aaron (Amy) Smith of Royal Oak, and Rachel (Chris) Busby of Needham, MA; his eleven grandchildren, Asher (Cathy), Brennan, Regan, Aaron Jr., Summer, Owen, Isabel, and Henry Smith, and Kate, Anna and Tess Busby; his siblings, David (Stephanie) Smith, Dan (Diana) Smith, and Barbara (Bob) Struber; his brothers-in-law, Joe Santini and Jim (Susan) Santini; and his many nieces and nephews including Rebecca (Joe) Drago and grand-nieces, Allison and Katie, who knew him as Papa. He also leaves an extended family and many close friends who will miss him greatly.

Jim was a lifelong member of the State Bar of Michigan and an active member of the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL) Committee. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Mt. Clemens.

Service details can be found at www.verheyden.org. Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to Grace Episcopal Church at gracechurchmtclemens.org and Karmanos Cancer Center.

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Donald R. Morris

Donald R. Morris, 94, of Grosse Pointe, passed away Saturday, March 8, 2025, while on a Caribbean cruise.

Donald was born in Detroit, to Donald and Valerie Morris. He went to boarding school in Canada before attending St. Andrew High School in Detroit. He served in the U.S. Army and graduated from Wayne State University. He then owned Joubert Auto Parts in Detroit.

Donald was a member of the Automotive Dismantlers and Recyclers Association and Knights of Columbus. He also enjoyed flying his Cessna and boating.

Donald was prede-



Donald R. Morris

ceased by his wife of 53 years, Martina B. Morris. He was survived by his daughters, Cynthia Roach, Elizabeth Cook, Donna Meawasige and Carrie Morris; as well as 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. He will be interred in the church columbarium.

All Roots to perform Oct. 3 at GP Unitarian

Community Sound Circle at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church will host its second "All Roots Music Night," a live music fundraising event open to the public from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3. The night showcases an eclectic mix of roots music, ranging from folk to blues to Americana to jazz, and will feature local musicians Tosha Owens and Dan Minard.

Owens is an acclaimed Detroit musician who defies categories. Her mix of blues, rock, funk and R&B has earned her multiple awards, thrills audiences at her legendary live performances and made her a sought-after recording session vocalist.

Born in Liverpool, England, but raised in Detroit, guitarist and songwriter Minard recently returned to his hometown after living in Nashville and brings a wide range of influences into his music and performances.

Tickets are \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door.

A portion of the proceeds will be

donated to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, whose mission is to tend to people's basic needs, especially the need for food. It also strives to "stimulate minds, nourish spirits and address root causes of social injustice."

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen has been feeding the hungry in the community for nearly 100 years. In 2024, more than 200,000 meals were served at its soup kitchens and more than 3 million pounds of food was provided to families and neighbors through the food pantry.

Non-alcoholic drinks and light refreshments will be available for sale during "All Roots Music Night." Attendees also are welcome to bring their own alcoholic drinks.



Tosha Owens

For more information or to buy tickets, visit tinyurl.com/47499eh2 or gpcuc.org, or find the event on the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Facebook page.

EVENTS:

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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 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.

◆ Meet and Greet with State Rep. Veronica Paiz, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct.

2. ◆ Zumba Gold, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 9 to Dec. 18, with instructor Sheila Gerard. Cost is \$7 per class for members, \$10 per class for guests.

POST Detroit

POST Detroit, 14500 Kercheval, Detroit, hosts several workshops during September. To sign up for the following, visit mutualadoration.com:

◆ Ceramic Workshop: Puff Pipes, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. Cost is \$75.

◆ Crafty Cocktails Workshop: Whiskey + Watercolor, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. Cost is \$80.

◆ Hapa Zome Workshop: Eco Printed Bandanas, 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27. Cost is \$60.

◆ Jewelry Workshop: Intro to Polymer Clay, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. Cost is \$75.

◆ Ceramics Workshop: Hanging Bird Bath, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. Cost is \$125.

Harper Woods Library

The Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods, hosts its Friends of the Harper Woods Library Book Sale from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. Fill a Friends tote bag for \$5. For information, call (313) 343-2575.

Concert

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 for information.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, Bethel Baptist Church, 24600 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, St. Basil Catholic Church, 22860 Schroeder, Eastpointe.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, The

War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcross-blood.org.

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 familycenter-helps.org or RSVP to maryjo@familycenter-helps.org.

◆ 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.

◆ Community Book Discussion, "Drama Free" by Nedra Glover Tawwab and "The Let Them Theory" by Mel Robbins, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sunrise on Vernier

Sunrise on Vernier, 1850 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a support group at 4 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, call (313) 642-2000.



The popular Dead Beats band awaits guests to Haunted Garage.

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season, "for those warmer days when you don't want a hot chocolate or hot cider."

Ticket sales — physical tickets, online sales and walk-ups — benefit 23 local charities this year, included several elementary school PTOs.

"That was the point of starting Haunted Garage," Williams said. "I wanted to help PTOs early in the season. If their account is empty because the previous PTO spent it, this was my attempt to help local schools in ways other fundraisers don't. It's giving them an event on their calendar when they may not have one."

Williams estimated

\$35,000 to \$40,000 in contributions benefit the charities each year.

Tickets are \$16 general admission, \$25 VIP.

Haunted Garage is located at 19520 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms.

It's open 6 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 6 to 9 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 25.

For more information, visit hauntedgarageproductions.org.

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The dinosaur hatchery is a new feature this year at Haunted Garage.

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Next Chapter Books hosts author talk Sept. 25

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Next Chapter Books owner Sarah Williams is helping fans of dark fiction usher in the Halloween spirit by hosting an author talk with thriller writer Dan Chaon at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

Chaon is stopping by Next Chapter as part of his national book tour for his new novel, "One of Us."

"The book is about orphaned twins on the run from their murderous, crazy uncle," Williams said. "They join a carnival to get away from him."

After reading an excerpt from the book, Chaon will be in conversation with Grosse Pointe Woods horror writer Monique Asher.

"Dan's newest novel, 'One of Us,' takes the reader on a journey into some of the painful and



COURTESY PHOTOS

Author Dan Chaon, left, will be in conversation with Grosse Pointe author Monique Asher, above, during his visit to Next Chapter Books Sept. 25.

horrific parts of humans," Asher said. "Societal judgment of the characters is horror all by itself, but Chaon pushes the reader into depths of their own dark imagination."

Asher said their discussion will center on "horror as a reflection of the uglier parts of society, what inspires the characters that jump off the pages of Dan's books and how Dan's work has evolved over the years."

"They'll have a conversation around craft, the development of dark storylines and dark charac-

ters, what they read themselves and, especially with Dan's book, how it lands in the canon of what he reads," Williams added.

Chaon writes in multiple genres, but tends to lean toward the chilling and creepy. His books have been national best-sellers, finalists for the National Book Award and winners of several literary prizes.

"We're excited to have an author talk with Dan Chaon, who I met this year at Schuler Books in Grand Rapids," Williams said. "... He's a great,

engaging conversationalist and he's funny and lovely to listen to."

The event also includes a Q&A with the audience. "This will be fun for us," Williams said. "We haven't done events in this genre. ... So many of our customers love dark fiction and we're excited to host this event for them."

The author talk is presented in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Chaon's "One of Us"

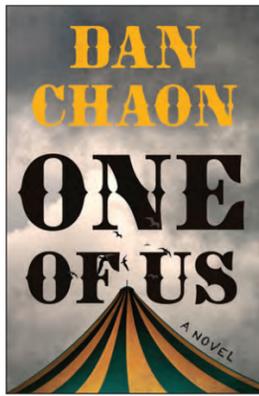
will be for sale at the event, as will Asher's debut, "Don't Eat the Pie." Asher's second novel, "The Red Knot," also will be available for purchase.

"Moving into fall and toward Halloween, this will be a fun event — something different than what we've done in the past," Williams said. "We're excited to bring this genre of author talk to our readers, so come out and have a great time."

Next Chapter Books is located at 16555 E. Warren, Detroit.

The details

- ◆ Who: Author Talk with Dan Chaon and Monique Asher
- ◆ Where: Next Chapter Books, 16555 E. Warren, Detroit
- ◆ When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25
- ◆ What: Chaon will read from his new novel, "One of Us," as well as take questions from the audience.




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When one partner chooses sobriety

Relationships often grow out of shared experiences. For many couples, alcohol has been a part of those shared moments — whether at dinner parties, on vacations or simply relaxing after a long day. But when one partner decides to stop drinking while the other does not, the shift can feel unsettling.

What once seemed natural can suddenly highlight differences. The partner who chooses sobriety may feel vulnerable or anxious in social settings, while the other may feel uncertain about how to connect without old rituals. These changes can spark tension, but they also can open doors to deeper understanding and growth.

Sobriety invites couples to redefine connection. It encourages creativity — trying new activities, having more intentional conversations and finding ways to enjoy each other that don't depend on alcohol. This shift is not about loss, but about rediscovering what truly strengthens a relationship.

For the partner who continues to drink, compassion and respect are vital. Avoiding pressure and showing curiosity about new routines communicates care. For the partner who is sober, honesty about needs and boundaries helps build trust. Both should remember that adapting to change takes time. Patience, open dialogue and sometimes professional support make the transition smoother.

Couples who lean into this process often find themselves stronger on the other side. By focusing on honesty, respect and shared growth, they create a foundation far more resilient than one built around a bottle. Sobriety, in this way, becomes less about restriction and more about clarity, intention and possibility.

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Making me time while working and parenting

Dear Gabby: How do I make time for hobbies when I'm drowning in work and kids? — Spent in the Shores

Dear Spent: When your to-do list includes work emails, school pick-ups and remembering to pack the right cleats, finding time for

yourself can feel impossible. But your hobbies matter.

You don't need hours. Just 30 minutes carved out a few times a week can go a long way. Put it on your calendar like a meeting.

Choose something you can do in short bursts: Listen to an audiobook

while walking, sketch while your kids are at practice or read a chapter before bed.

If you need help holding yourself to it, join a local book club or fitness class so your "me time" comes with a built-in commitment.

The chaos will still be there when you return,

but you'll come back to it recharged and a little more yourself.

— Gabby.

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Babysitting or back-seat parenting?

DEAR ANNIE: My husband and I have a 3-year-old daughter, and we're trying to raise her with structure -- regular bedtime, limited screen time and no sweets before meals. The problem is my mother-in-law.

She watches our daughter twice a week, and despite repeated conversations, she ignores every boundary we set. She lets her stay up late, gives her fast food for lunch and parks her in front of cartoons for hours. When we remind her of our rules, she says things like, "Oh, come on, it's just Grandma's house."

My husband agrees it's a problem, but he struggles to confront his mom. I don't want to be the "bad guy" daughter-in-law, but I also don't want to spend the next few years undoing the habits my child picks up over there.

How do I set firmer boundaries with someone who thinks the rules don't apply to her? — Mom, Not the Mean One

DEAR MOM, NOT THE MEAN ONE: Your mother-in-law's job is to love your child, not override your parenting because she misses the good old days of sugar

before dinner.

Talk to your husband first. If he's not willing to step up, then he at least needs to have your back when you enforce the rules.

Then, face your mother-in-law: If she wants to keep babysitting, she needs to follow your parenting guidelines. If she can't, then she loses babysitting privileges. Period.

DEAR ANNIE: I have lunch once a month with my friend of more than 20 years, "Patrice." Lately, though, all she talks about are her perfectly wonderful children and grand-

children. She doesn't ask about my adult children, and I don't have grandchildren myself.

It has become uncomfortable, almost like she's saying, "Look what I have that you don't." I don't know that she's deliberately trying to hurt my feelings, but either way, it's really starting to hurt. Now, I find myself making excuses and canceling lunches to avoid her and feeling this way.

Should I speak up, or should I just continue to applaud her good fortune, flawless children and incredible grandchildren? — Worn-Out Old Ear.



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

DEAR OLD EAR: I see why you're drained. You go to lunch expecting to catch up with an old friend, but instead, you're stuck front row at the Patrice Show. Even if she doesn't mean to come across this way, it's a lot to take and it's worn you down.

You can either keep ducking out or be direct. Try something like, "Patrice, I'd love

it if you asked about my family, too." Short, simple and true. If she values your relationship, she'll hear you. If she dismisses it, you'll know she prefers you as her audience rather than as her friend.

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Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

Lions Sunday Funday

If you know me personally, or have been to my place of work, then you know this is my favorite

time of year. It's not because of fall colors, pumpkin-flavored everything, cozy outfits and

cooler temperatures. In the words of Fox 2 Detroit's Ryan Ermanni, it's my favorite time of year because of the LIONS, BABY!

We have visited this topic in the past, but now, two seasons later, the Pointes and our neighbors are much more invested, so I think it's time for a refresher on all things Sunday Funday: Lions edition.

Growlers' doors open at 11 a.m., with Chef Tracy's brunch specials ... and they look amazing. "Are you drinking the Kool-Aid?"



Howlers & Growlers.

The H&G crew asks because they're now featuring blue margaritas and Blake's Roaring Blue Razz Cider. The loaded Bloody Mary also makes for a great appetizer. They also serve up 75-cent Fairway wings all day, have beer mug member discounts and the kitchen is open until 7 p.m.

Down the street, Excalibur Park has really upped their game-day experience. With the addition of an 18-foot LED TV wall for Sunday away games, this patio transforms into a Lions tailgate for the neighborhood and beyond with food specials, yard games, giveaways and live entertainment. Home games follow the same concept, but on a slightly smaller scale. Get there early to claim your spot. I heard last week there were even some Lions cheerleaders. I will definitely be checking this one out at some point during the season.

Their new neighbors one block down at The Wayburn patio have plenty of TVs, seating for all and rotating food pop-ups scheduled for Lions Sundays. The wooden gate slides open at 12:30 p.m. If you haven't checked them out yet, this is definitely the time to do so.

While Mother Nature is still providing amazing weather, The Wayburn is weather permitting as they are, in fact, an open-air patio. But let's not forget their sister, The Charlevoix, is right next door.

Up on Kercheval in the Park, Rustic Cabins is still doing its game-day thing with gigantic jugs of blue Kool-Aid, a Bloody Mary and mimosa bar and, weather permitting, a pretty nice big-screen TV on the back patio. Feel free to bring a dish to share. This place loves a good Sunday potluck.

The Whiskey Six in The Village has curated a special game-day menu for all Lions games this season. Doors open at noon, with a stacked menu featuring garlic cheese curds, wing dings, cheeseburger egg rolls, loaded beef nachos and, of course, buffalo chicken dip. Sip on a "Michigan made, Michigan proud" cocktail like a Michigan Mule, made with Valentine vodka, or a Traverse City cherry Manhattan. Wash down those chicken wings with an Atwater Dirty Blonde on draft or a Michigan pilser if beers sound better.

Their sister location on the Nautical Mile, Watermark, has a similar menu with the addition of a One Pride cocktail that consists of tequila and blue curaçao. As always, Old Pony has food and drink specials all day during game day and Sidecar Slider Bar has more than enough TVs to share.

Who doesn't love a good giveaway? Especially a Lions jersey giveaway. If you are watching the game at Firehouse Pub in St. Clair Shores, you'll be given one raffle ticket for their jersey giveaway. They also have bar and beer

bucket specials during the game, as well as a Bloody Mary and mimosa bar. I also heard their Pumpkin Pint is back on draft, with a vanilla vodka topper. Yikes!

Back over to Jefferson, Hooks' Chef Mike is grilling up some amazing game-day specials that shouldn't be missed. If the beef ribs from their home opener tailgate are any indication of what he has up his sleeve, wow. Hook also is doing a jersey giveaway this season as well — for every Lions game. Reservations are recommended.



HookSCS.

And last, but not least, they may be off the beaten path a little bit, but they're locally owned and deserve a shout out as they have been a game-day hotspot for many years. Known as the "original jersey giveaway bar" Jefferson Street Pub on Jefferson in Harrison Township goes above and beyond on game days. Every patron receives a raffle ticket. Winnings include not only jerseys, but other Lions gear and even tailgate chairs, tents, coolers, etc. Some giveaways you must be present for. And yes, drink specials are aplenty. Get there early because this place fills fast.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



The butter crock that deserved better

I am what some might call a serial hobbyist. I get wildly excited about something, spend a questionable amount of money on supplies, realize I'm not actually good at it and then let everything collect dust while I move on to my next hyperfixation.

Most recently, that something was bread. It all started when a dear friend gave me a bit of her sourdough starter and I thought, "Wow, maybe I'm about to become the kind of person who casually whips up rustic loaves of golden perfection and gives them to friends with twine and sprigs of rosemary."

Reader, I was not.

I made approximately 100 loaves and every single one was either too wet, completely un-shapeable or concave in the middle like a sad gluten sinkhole. I tried multiple recipes, bought niche tools like a lame (not the attitude, the bread razor), a proofing basket, a starter jar with a thermometer strip and more flour than any one household should legally own.

And then, in a moment of delusional optimism, I thought, "If I can make bread, I can probably make butter too."

Enter: the butter crock. This little French-inspired container uses a water seal to keep your homemade butter fresh



and spreadable at room temperature. It's kind of genius. You fill the base with cold water, press your butter into the lid, then flip it upside down to create an airtight seal.

Science! Chicness! Dairy preservation!

Making the butter was... shockingly easy. You just pour heavy whipping cream into a blender, let it go until it separates, scoop

out the solid part, rinse it, salt it and boom. You've got butter.

And yes, it would've been delicious on a slice of homemade sourdough. If only I had a slice of homemade sourdough. Or something vaguely bread-adjacent. Instead, I ate my beautiful hand-churned butter on a slice of what can only be described as soggy flour

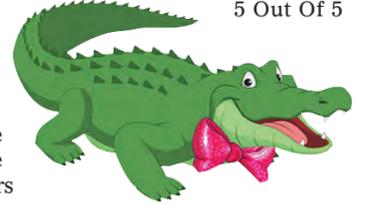
sadness. I filled the butter crock once. Used it once. It's been empty ever since.

But hey, the crock itself? Five out of five alligators and available on

Amazon. Cute, functional, airtight and absolutely ready for a more committed butter maker. If that's you, hit me up. I'm accepting offers.

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

5 Out Of 5



Flavorful weeknight soup

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

White chicken chili has been a source of contention in our house for many years. One of the first meals that I cooked for my husband, then newly dating, was white chicken chili.

I was so proud to show off my cooking ability. I shopped, went to his apartment and cooked only to be met with a look of disappointment when he smelled the finished product. He didn't like cumin though he managed to choke down a bowl to be polite.

I thought I made it a winning dish, but looking back it was filled with cream cheese and heavy cream. It was a thick mess. Twenty-one years later, I went for it again. With a new found determination, I decided to make it lighter, brothier and without dairy knowing that his taste buds are a bit more adventurous.

I pureed up some white beans to mimic the creaminess and thickness from cream. And it

worked. With some hesitation, his eyebrows perked up and he said, "wow, this is good!" Another culinary check off my list.

This chili is more like a soup slightly thickened from beans. It's made with roasted poblano and Anaheim chilis. Both are mild and both are sold at Kroger. I charred them over my gas stove until blackened, removed the skin and seeds and chopped them up. They give such great flavor along with chili powder. If you don't have the time to roast them, simply chop them up and throw them in with the onions. You could add jalapeno for extra heat as well.

This is a well spiced and well balanced soup. It's finished with lime juice and cilantro to brighten and freshen it up. There were no leftovers in our house from the amount in the recipe below.

I would say it serves six generous portions. It's great for a busy week-

night. I'm happy to say that going forward, no one will shutter at the mention of white chicken chili and I wouldn't be surprised at all if I got requests to make it again.

Cheers, Mombeau

White Chicken Chili

1 tbsp olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

3 garlic cloves, minced

3 poblano chilis

1 Anaheim chili

1 cup frozen corn

1 1/2 tsp cumin

1 tsp chili powder

1/2 tsp coriander

1 tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

2 15 oz cans cannellini beans, drained and rinsed

4 cups shredded rotisserie chicken

4 cups chicken broth

1 chicken bouillon cube

Juice of 1 lime

1/2 cup chopped cilantro

Tortilla chips

Char the peppers on an open flame over a gas stove with tongs. You want to blister the skin until it's black. Once the skin is black all over, place each pepper in a bowl covered with plastic wrap to steam for about 10 minutes.

Next, puree in a blender one can of cannellini beans and one cup of chicken broth. Set aside. Take the peppers out of the plastic wrap and begin to pull or wipe away the skin with a paper towel. Cut the stems off, remove the seeds and dice.

In a large pot, heat the olive oil over medium

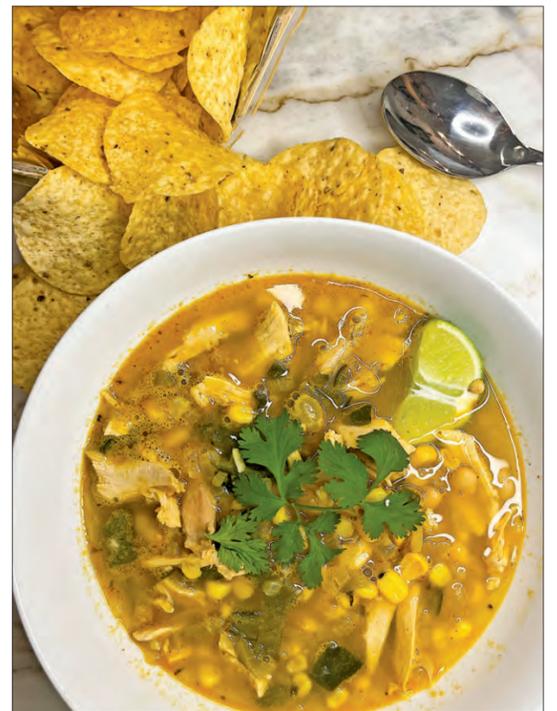


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heat and add the onion, garlic and peppers. Cook until the onions are soft, about five minutes.

Next add in the salt, pepper, cumin, chili powder and coriander. Stir to coat the vegetables with the spices. Next add in the corn and second can of cannellini beans. Combine everything

together and pour in the blended beans, remaining chicken broth and bouillon cube. Bring the soup to a boil and reduce to a simmer. Simmer for about 15 minutes. Taste for seasonings.

At the last minute, stir in the lime juice and fresh cilantro. Serve with tortilla chips if so desired.

Beaujolais

One of this country's worst misunderstandings about wine is that red wine should be served at room temperature. I have always believed that when red wine is served at 70 degrees Fahrenheit or more, it is at its worst.

The misunderstanding comes from a poor translation of the French term referring to a room as a "chambre," which is a room in an old, drafty French residence or castle, where there is no central heating. Such facilities were always very cool.

In the United States, where most rooms are about 68 to 72 degrees, red wine is a tempera-

ture that is far too high to appreciate. I typically suggest that it be served at what I call cellar temperature, which is closer to 62 to 65.

Similarly, serving all white wines ice cold is also a faux pas. A quality chardonnay or sauvignon blanc served at 40 degrees is usually so cold that no one could pick up any of the subtle nuances that let tasters see the character of the wine.

When a wine is that cold, the only element of it that can be perceived is the fact that it is wet!

Unfortunately, far too many restaurants serve their white wines so unbelievably cold that it

is likely that no one could tell the difference between a gewurztraminer and a chardonnay.

I believe that most white wine should be served at about the same temperature as reds, 62 to 65.

The only variations here are with especially aromatic white wines like riesling, which may be chilled to about 55 degrees, and high-quality champagnes that are usually best at about 50 degrees.

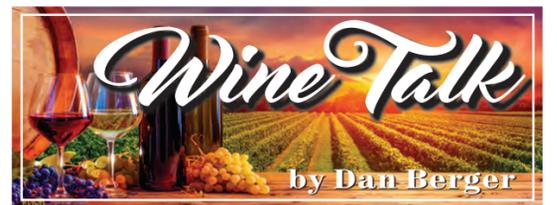
There is one classic exception to the "cool red" rule, and that is with Beaujolais, the light red wine from the French district of that name that may be chilled a bit lower. Fine wine lovers often disparage Beaujolais, but it is a

fine alternative red wine.

At its most basic, it is called either Beaujolais or its companion, Beaujolais-Villages. Both wines can be tasty, lighter reds that are best served slightly chilled, at about 55 to 60 degrees.

On hot patios, either wine slightly chilled can be a cool alternative for those who prefer a red wine to a white.

One more suggestion about Beaujolais: drink them no older than four years from the vintage date. Beaujolais and Beaujolais-Villages do



not improve with time in the bottle.

Wine of the Week: 2022 or 2023 Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages (\$16) — A lighter, elegant version of a simple red wine that emulates one of the cafe wines of the French

countryside. Often discounted.

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As always, please remember on busy game days to be patient with your servers.

Staying home? Entertaining guests? I highly recommend Ferlito's Pizzeria's Sunday Game

Day Deal: one slab of baby-back ribs with fries, one extra large round pizza with one topping and 12 wings, all for \$55. To me, that deal is a no-brainer. I can guarantee at some point this season you will see this exact deal posted on GP Eats & Treats when this "Grit Girl" hosts a Lions away game gathering.

Here's to a healthy Lions "hunting season" and remember, Uber is your friend. GO LIONS!

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Left, Jo Hartley as Nicola Fishwick and Rory Kinnear as Dave Fishwick in the 2023 movie "Bank of Dave," directed by Chris Foggin.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "Bank of Dave"
 2023 - Rated-PG13
 1 hr 58 min
 ★★★★★

"We live in troubled times" as the saying goes. Actually, if you think about it, just about every time in history has its fair share of troubles. Whether it's caused by wars, politics, economics or any number of things that can get you down. So it's nice to have a safe haven where you can put negative thoughts aside for an hour or two. That's the way I felt while watching the heartwarming film "Bank of Dave." The fact that it's loosely based on a true story makes it even more of a restorative.

This sweet movie is about Dave Fishwick, the owner of several van dealerships in Northern England. It was written by Piers Ashworth and Clare Keogh and was directed by Chris Foggin ("Fisherman's Friends," "This is Christmas"). It's one of those films that

has you rooting for the underdog that the Brits do so well. If you're not smiling by the time the film ends, I'll be shocked.

"Bank of Dave" takes place in the years following the economic collapse in 2008. The film opens in a friendly English pub where Dave (Rory Kinnear) is singing a rousing Karaoke number to an enthusiastic crowd. When he's done, a gentleman hands him a wad of cash, paying him back for a recent loan with unasked for interest. The loan was for the building of new shopping center. As the story unfolds, we learn that Dave has a heart of gold, and he's leant money to hundreds of locals without interest, just to help folks achieve their dreams, no matter how big or small they are.

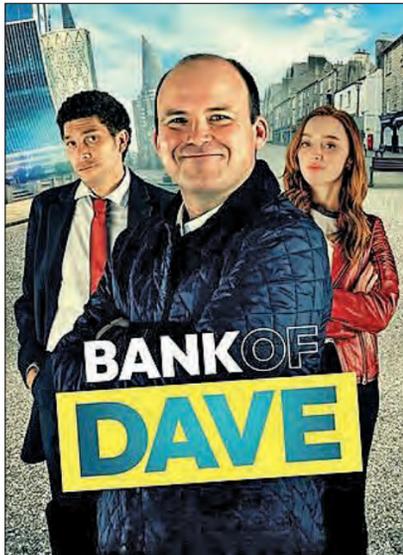
Then Dave has a brainstorm. What if he opened a small bank, focused on making these sorts of loans official? He's so taken with the idea, he contacts a London law firm to assist him in his endeavor. The case is given to Hugh (Joel Fry), a hotshot lawyer who knows what he's up against. It soon becomes obvious that he has almost no chance of win-



Hugh played by Joel Fry.



Dave in court.



Movie poster.

ning the case. There hasn't been a new bank in Great Britain in over 150 years. And the big banks intend to keep it that way. Even though they lost millions of pounds, the upper management helped themselves to millions in

compensation and bonuses.

Hugh, the wealthy, big city lawyer visits Dave in the small town of Burnley. Dave takes him around town and we witness all the good he's done by lending money to the locals as well as friends and family. He's actually making a difference in the lives of others in the community. Slowly, the skeptical attorney begins to come around and he starts getting fired up about his case.

He submits his application to the U.K.'s Financial Regulation Board, not quite sure what to expect. There he meets Sir Charles, played by Hugh Bonneville. Mr. Bonneville usually plays a kind-hearted gentleman like he did in "Downton A b b e y," "Paddington" and "Notting Hill."

Here he plays an evil, conniving sort, and he does it quite well. His years at the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre certainly paid off.

While Hugh is being initiated into Dave's plan, he meets his niece

Alexandra (Phoebe Dynevor), a doctor at the local emergency clinic. She tells him that her dream is to open a free medical clinic so those in need can get the attention they deserve. It sounds a bit like socialism, but they way she sells Hugh on it, it just makes sense. And it isn't long before their friendship becomes a bit more than that. It encourages him to try just that much harder to help Dave win his case.

It's then that the story hits a snag. A female friend of Hugh's is working to get ahead at her law firm. She absconds with a page of Hugh's files and turns it over to the powers that be. It's a record of a loan Dave made to a local woman to help her pay for her husband's funeral. Technically, the loan wasn't totally legal and it's the basis of a trial that is aimed to stop the founding of a new bank. If Dave is found guilty, he wouldn't be able to start a bank since he'd have a criminal record.

The story is one of those heartfelt dramas that is guaranteed to have you grinning from ear to ear. One thing that makes it such a wonderful film is Kinnear's character Dave, even though he's gotten filthy rich over the years, has never forgot-



ten about where he came from. And he's always giving back to the community. He delivers several speeches that'll make you practically jump out of your seat and shout, "You go guy!" What a great performance.

If you're looking for something that'll restore your faith in humanity, don't miss this fine movie.

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

My rating system:

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

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

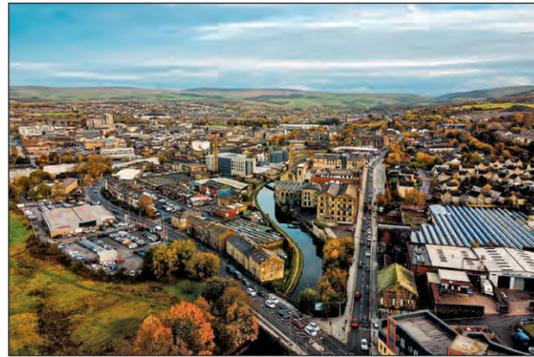
★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

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

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



The town of Burnley.



Alexandra played by Phoebe Dynevor.



Hugh meets with Sir Charles (Hugh Bonneville).



Hugh Bonneville as Sir Charles.



Dave Fishwick (Kinnear) being interviewed at his dealership.



Below, a jubilant Dave Fishwick.



Dave and Hugh at a wake.

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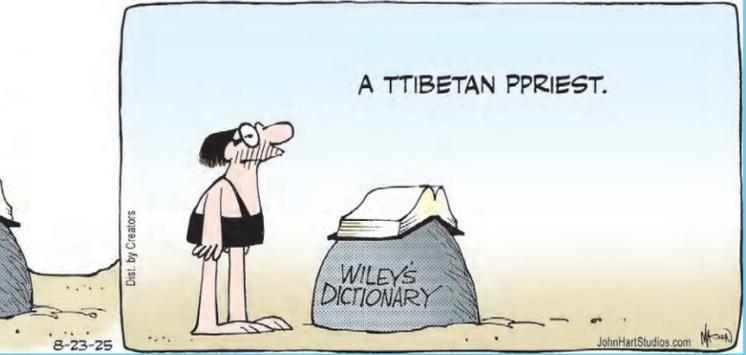
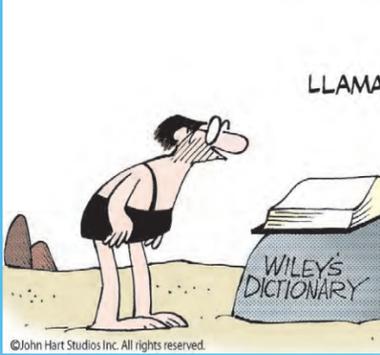
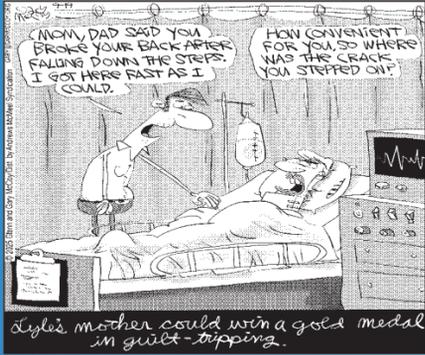
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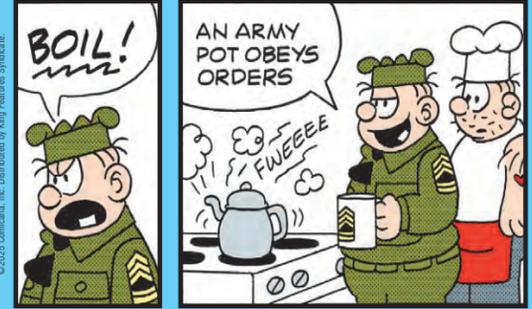
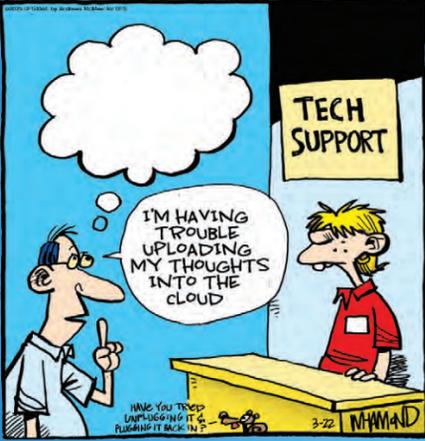
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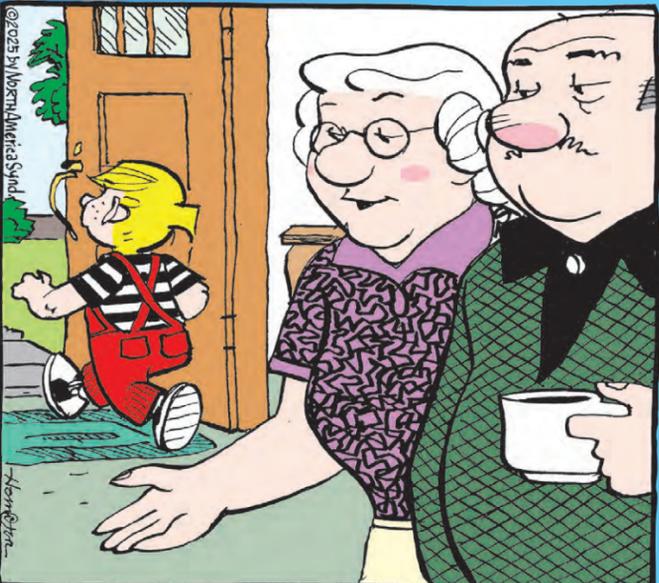
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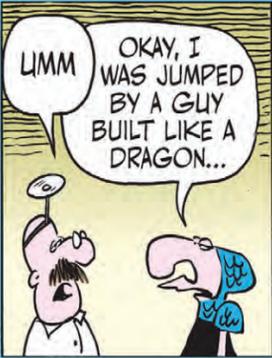
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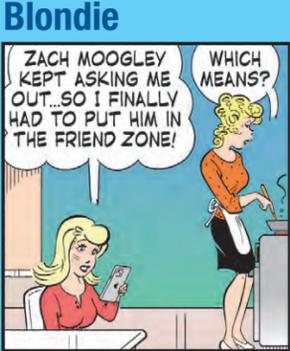
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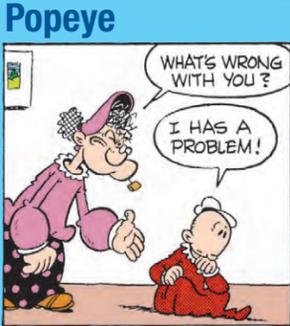
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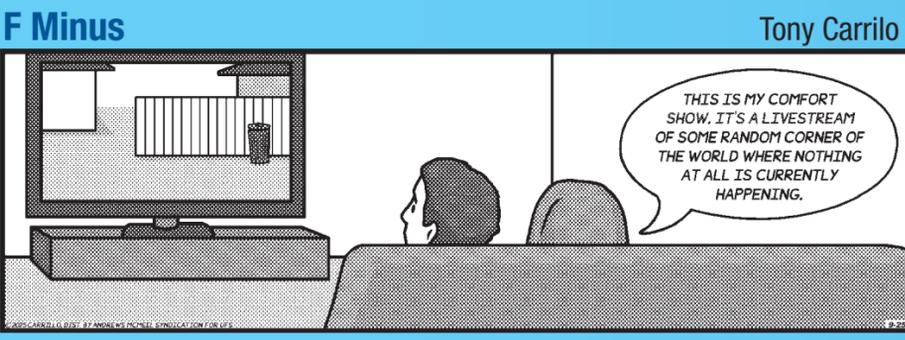
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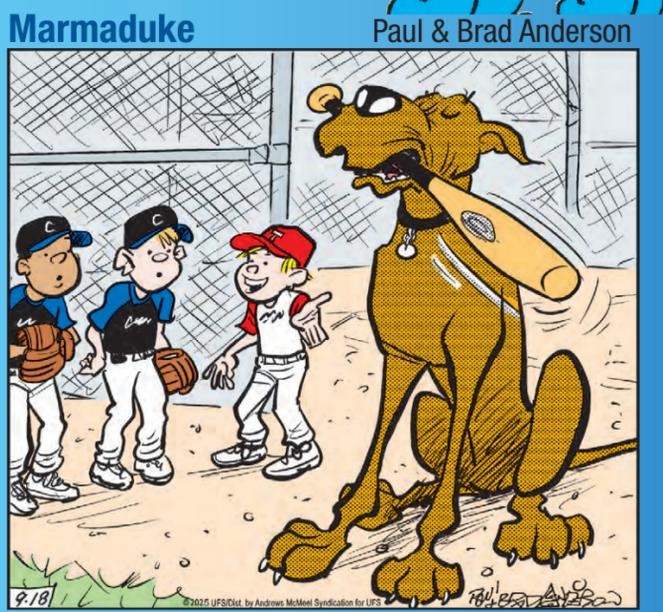
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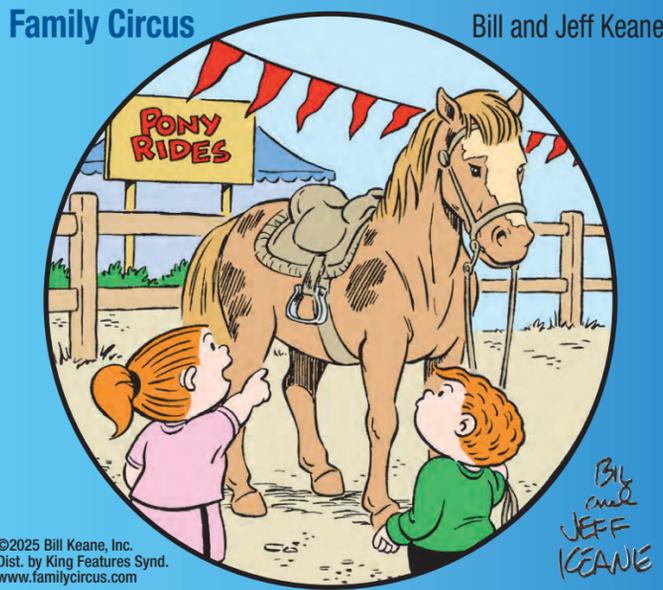
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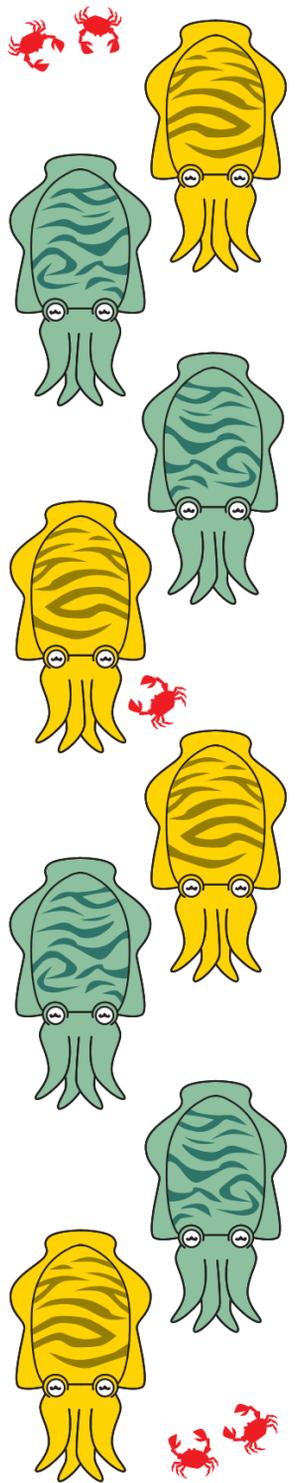
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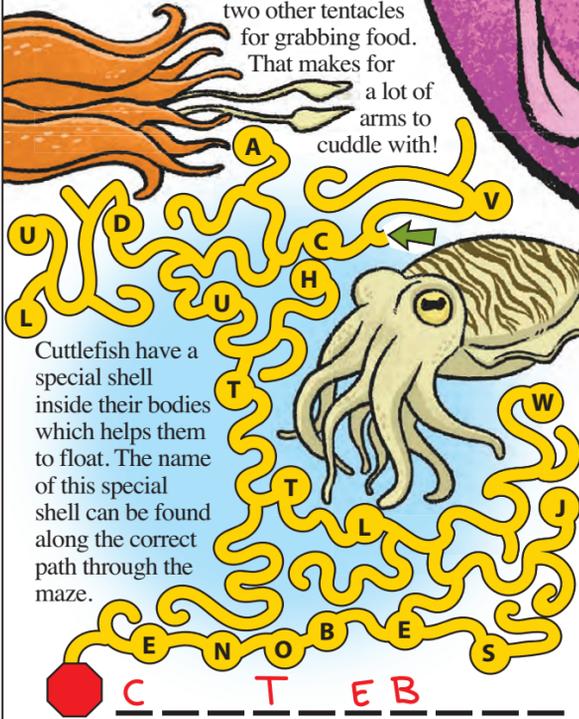
Cuttlefish

Cuttlefish are sea creatures. They are related to squids and octopuses.

Cuttlefish have some amazing skills! Things like bones that float, color-changing skin and loads of arms. Read on and learn!

Can You Cuddle a Cuttlefish?

Perhaps. They have eight arms and two other tentacles for grabbing food. That makes for a lot of arms to cuddle with!



Cuttlefish have a special shell inside their bodies which helps them to float. The name of this special shell can be found along the correct path through the maze.

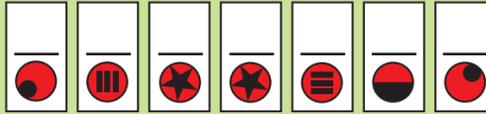
I'm Not a Fish!

Even though they're called "cuttlefish," they are not fish. They're in the same family as clams and snails. Use the code to discover the name of this family of animals.

Cuttlefish Are Smart!

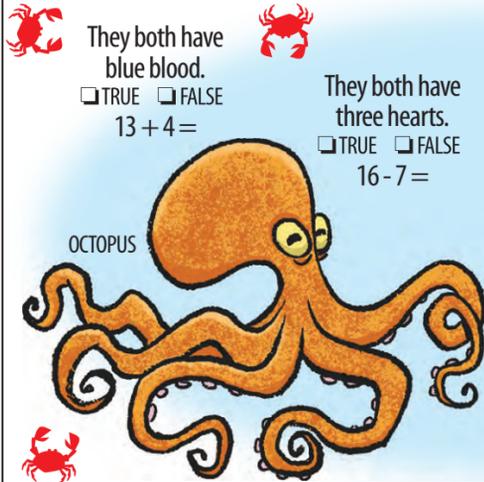
Cuttlefish have passed a test that many toddlers can't pass. Scientists discovered that cuttlefish will not eat one treat if they know they'll get a better treat later if they wait. Could you do that?

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- L = ●●●
- M = ●●●●
- O = ●●●●●
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Cuttlefish Cousins Odd Facts

Octopuses and cuttlefishes are in the same family and have a lot in common. Read the list of ways these animals are the same. Some of these are true. Some are not. Do the math to get to the truth. The statements next to a math problem with an **even** answer are **false**. Those that add up to an **odd** number are **true**. These are truly some odd facts!



They both have blue blood.

TRUE FALSE

$13 + 4 =$

They both have three hearts.

TRUE FALSE

$16 - 7 =$

They can both walk for miles on land.

TRUE FALSE

$17 + 3 =$

They both have eight arms.

TRUE FALSE

$11 - 6 =$

They both can change the color and texture of their skin.

TRUE FALSE

$14 - 9 =$

They both are in the same family as oysters.

TRUE FALSE

$10 + 11 =$

They both chirp like birds.

TRUE FALSE

$15 - 7 =$

How many crabs can you find on this page?

Extra! Extra!

Compound Words

Cuttlefish is a compound word. That means it is made up of two words, *cuttle* and *fish*.

Look through the newspaper for other compound words. Then look for words that could be combined to make compound words.

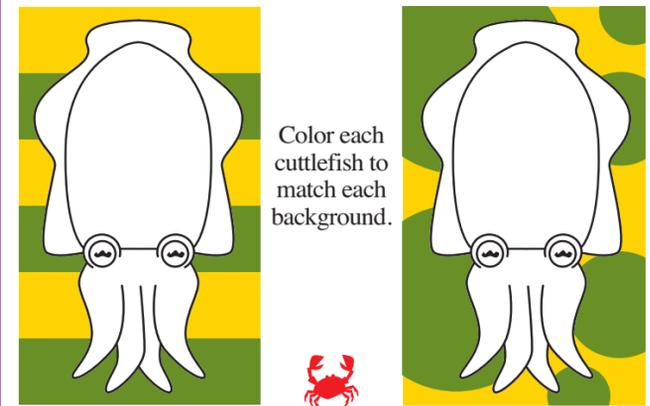
Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify compound words.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cuttlefish can change their skin color and patterns on their bodies in a blink! They use this to hide from predators, talk to other cuttlefish or sneak up on prey like crabs and fish.



Color each cuttlefish to match each background.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions. Visual Arts: Create images using a variety of media.

Double Double Word Search

- ARMS
- BLOOD
- CLAMS
- COLOR
- CUTTLEFISH
- EAT
- FAMILY
- FLOAT
- FOOD
- LAND
- MATH
- SHELL
- SNAILS
- TRUE
- WALK

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



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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **TEXTURE**

The noun texture means the feel or look of a surface.

The bark of the tree had a rough texture.

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Same and Different

Paste two newspaper photos on a sheet of paper. Make a two-column chart labeled **SAME** and **DIFFERENT**. Make a list in the columns of words that describe how the two pictures are the same and different.

Standards Link: Science: Make careful observations.

How do fish stay so healthy?

ANSWER: By getting plenty of Vitamin Sea.

Write On!

Wait For It!

Give some tips about how to be patient. Can you come up with five or more?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using supporting details.

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Blue Devils best L'Anse Creuse 29-7 for fourth win

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe South varsity football moved one step closer in its quest for another MAC White Division title Friday, Sept. 19, hosting L'Anse Creuse in a division matchup. While it may not have been the cleanest game for the Blue Devils, they still cruised to a 29-7 victory over the Lancers to improve to 4-0 this fall.

While the Blue Devils won the game handily, there were still missed opportunities that would have resulted in an even more dominant

win. South's first drive of the game on offense ended with the Lancers' defense coming up with a stop on fourth and goal. The first quarter nearly ended scoreless until South junior quarterback Sam Rouleau ran for the game's first touchdown in the final minute of the opening frame, giving South a 7-0 lead.

South piled up yards on the ground throughout the night last Friday and had all of its points come from rushing scores. Rouleau had his second touchdown of the game in the second quarter on a QB sneak, with a successful two-

point conversion making it 15-0 Blue Devils. Charlie Michelotti helped to make it 22-0 South later in the second quarter with a rushing touchdown of his own.

The Blue Devils had a chance to extend the lead even more before halftime, getting the ball in the final minute. South made it to field goal range but missed the kick. Opportunities like that and the stop on the opening drive left the Blue Devils feeling like they could have done better, but still being proud of the execution.

"We left some points



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's defense lines up across from L'Anse Creuse last Friday, Sept. 19. The Blue Devils held the Lancers to just seven points in the victory.



South junior QB Sam Rouleau breaks a tackle from a L'Anse Creuse defender. Rouleau ran for three touchdowns in South's win last Friday, Sept. 19.

out there in the first half that we really shouldn't have," South football head coach Chad Hepner said. "We had a nice drive to start the game and went for it and didn't get it on fourth down. Then, we had a nice drive to end the half, but missed a field goal. I'd like to get those points, but I liked our drive going into the half and the way we ran our no-huddle."

With South's lead already built, the second half turned mostly

into the defense trying to put the game away. The Blue Devils' offense had some drives that stalled out and Rouleau scored the only points of the second half for the team with another rushing touchdown late in the third quarter that made it a 29-0 game.

L'Anse Creuse avoided the shutout with a touchdown on the ground by Logan Kurtz in the fourth quarter. After that, the Blue Devils kept the Lancers off the board

and let the clock run down for a 22-point victory.

Rouleau completed 12 passes for 109 yards while also having 118 yards on 11 rushes. Michelotti was South's leading rusher with 131 yards on 10 carries. Throop Linnell led the defense with nine tackles, while AJ Zieleniewski had six, including three tackles for loss.

After the win over

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Eng helps drive South swim to championship success

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

On a squad stacked with as much talent as the Grosse Pointe South varsity girls swim and dive team has, everyone is constantly pushing each other to be the best they can. One of those swimmers who always seems to be setting the bar high for the Blue Devils is senior Mischa Eng.

Eng has earned her share of medals and accolades during her career with South. This year, her leadership and

hard work in and out of the pool earned her recognition as one of the team's captains. She also has wasted no time this fall season earning national recognition as well. Her

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Mischa Eng

School: Grosse Pointe South
 Sport: Swim and dive

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focus on underwater stuff and that's when it came into use with backstroke, which is what I do a lot of now. ... That one improvement really changed a lot for me."

Fodell helped Eng find where she can excel and has been doing so since the beginning. He was one of Eng's first coaches when she began swimming around 11 years ago and they work together during the high school season with South and year round with the Grosse Pointe Gators.

"I've been working with him for my whole career," Eng said. "... He's definitely helped me a lot in developing certain skills in the water. The main one would be working underwater and getting my arms to move faster. We have morning practices where we focus



PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA BRYAN

South girls swim and dive senior captain Mischa Eng gets ready to race against Ann Arbor Pioneer during a meet on Aug. 20.

on one thing every time and those have become super helpful."

Every practice and

small adjustment or tip here and there have

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Mischa on a Mission

- Time of 58.19 in 100 backstroke ranks in the national top 10
- Part of 2024 state champion 200 Medley Relay team
- Senior captain of South girls swim & dive



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Friends, not foes, square off at North-South girls swim meet

By Meg Leonard
Guest Writer

When it comes to respecting a rival, the Pointes' girls varsity swim and dive teams have the concept down pat.

The teams squared off in a regular season dual meet Tuesday, Sept. 16, with Grosse Pointe South walking away with bragging rights, thanks to a 135-48 win over Grosse Pointe North.

But boasting privileges weren't the exclusive goal of the Blue Devils or the Norsemen. Instead, both teams looked forward to their annual "Friendsgiving," a joint post-meet meal where the athletes take out a lit-

tle time in their busy season to break bread with their friends, not foes.

"We don't really view this as a rivalry," said South senior Whitney Handwork, a team co-captain. "So many of us swim (Grosse Pointe) Gators and PA (Pointe Aquatics) together, so we're really swimming against our friends. It's my favorite meet."

North senior co-captain Cailey Hard, who swims year-round for local swim club PA, which practices out of the Norsemen's pool, agreed.

"We swim together on club teams in the off-season. And a lot of us life-guard or coach together in the summer and we

have formed bonds because of that," she said.

The teams gathered after last Tuesday's meet in South's mezzanine area, located on the pool's second floor, to share in a bountiful turkey dinner, complete with all the traditional Thanksgiving fixings, including pumpkin pie.

North head coach Chris Trepanowski said the camaraderie was evident throughout the night.

"So many of the girls know each other that the meet almost had a feeling of a scrimmage," he said. "Girls from both teams were congratulating each other and giving hugs."

As for the competition, both teams walked away with notable accomplishments as they march toward next month's big Wayne County meet and November's state championship.

South performed impressively, sweeping all 12 events. Four additional Blue Devils earned time cuts for the county meet, totaling 28 qualifiers out of a roster of 55 swimmers.

To date, South also has earned 37 individual state-qualifying times, with all three relay teams also earning cuts.

The Norsemen added several county cuts last Tuesday, including Leah Kendell in the 50 free, Kennedy Hasting in the 100 free, Lainey Beland in the 50 free and 100 back and Adrianna Bogner in the 100 breast.



Members of the North and South girls swim and dive teams gather for a 'Friendsgiving' to celebrate their head-to-head meet last week.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

South sophomore Nicole McEnroe glides her way to first place in the 100 yard breaststroke in 1:10:42 — more than 5 seconds faster than her nearest competitor — in a dual meet against Grosse Pointe North Tuesday, Sept. 16.

ATHLETE:

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helped Eng reach an elite level in the pool. Last year, she became a state champion as part of South's 200 medley relay team and helped the Blue Devils to a second-place team finish in Division 2 at states.

While Eng competes individually in backstroke and freestyle events, one of the things she enjoys most is being part of the relay teams. Not only has she had plenty of success in races with her relay teammates, but it builds important chemistry that goes beyond the pool.

"We like to have a lot

of fun with practices and in races," Eng said. "Most of the girls in my grade that run relays with me, like Whitney Handwork and Heidi Bryan, I'm really close to."

Eng competes in medley relays, as well as freestyle relays. She may have a top-10 time in the nation in backstroke, but has put a lot of focus on

improving her freestyle abilities recently. It has paid off, with Eng winning the 50-yard freestyle in a meet against Grosse Pointe North last week and helping her team to multiple first-place finishes in the 200 freestyle relay this season.

"I'm always trying to get better at freestyle,"

she said. "For most people, it's the easiest stroke, but for me it's not my best. I'm trying to get better with power and explosiveness. Doing more with lifting and dry-land work outside of the water has become more of a focus."

There are nearly two months left in the season before the Blue Devils will be at the Division 2 state finals. Eng will almost certainly be among the many South swimmers there, with her sights set on reaching the podium and earning more state championship hardware. However, her biggest goal her senior year is focusing on the team.

Eng and the Blue

Devils enter every season with championship aspirations. This fall, South's team believes it can reach the top of Division 2 as state champion. While collecting more individual accolades is never a bad thing, Eng's focus is on ending her career as a Blue Devil by standing atop the podium with her entire team.

"I always want to drop time and am always looking forward to racing, but I don't think I really had a specific goal for this season," Eng said. "I think it was more of a team goal. I was really hoping to see the team perform at states. I'm really excited to see that because I think we can do really well this year."

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present, except for Councilmember Tom Jenny

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilmember Jenny from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 3, 2025.
- 3) To approve the 2026 Budget Meeting Schedule with workshops to be held at regular meetings on October 6, and October 20 and, only if necessary, to hold special meetings on October 13 and further to hold a public hearing on the 2026 Budget on November 3, 2025.
- 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 8:02 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 133299 through 133380 in the amount of \$597,297.08 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 SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$46,241.90 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of August 2025. (3) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$8,054.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks. (4) approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the amount of \$5,000.00 for fees associated with the training and equipment for Harper Woods' two members of the Eastern Wayne Special Response Team (SRT). (5) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$34,244.59 for professional services during the month of September 2025 for the following projects: Sidewalk Replacement #180-367; City Hall Generator #180-291; 2024 Misc Concrete Rep. #180-338; 2025 Misc. Concrete Rep. #180-363; 2024 Joint Crack/Seal #180-341; Tap Sidewalk PGM #180-349; Roscommon Pocket Park #180-329; Miss Digs #180-255; Temp nWater Operator #180-303; 2025 San. Sewer Cleaning #180-365; Emergency Water/Sewer Rep #180-351; 2024 Storm Sewer Rep. #180-337; 2025 Storm Sewer Rep. #180-362; 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining #180-379; HWHS Football Field Clubhouse #180-327; DTE Review - Peerless/Vernier #180-377; Kelly Road SS4A Grant; DWRP Lead Water SVC Repl #180-331.
- 2) To approve payment to L.J. Rolls Mechanical in the amount of \$15,381.30 for Progress Payment No. 4 on the City Hall Generator Project, #180-291.
- 3) To approve the five and a half year agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the Clinton River Watershed Council for public education services relevant to the Clinton River Watershed and stormwater management for the purpose of fulfilling the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Stormwater permit requirements with a fee of \$2,640.00 for the first year and an annual increase of 5%, or at the rate of inflation, whichever is greater.
- 4) To authorize the City Manager to sell the tax foreclosed property at 20016 Roscommon to Earnest Alston in the amount of \$9,872.74, and further to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to sign all necessary documents to complete the transaction.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA BRYAN

Eng celebrates at the top of the podium after winning the Division 2 200 medley relay state championship in 2024 with teammates Nicole McEnroe, Quinn Ryan and Caroline Bryan.

Norsemen still searching for first victory after loss to Marysville

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When Grosse Pointe North varsity football lost its home opener in Week 3 to Lamphere on a late field goal, the Norsemen hoped it might be a loss the team could rally around and turn into momentum. North tried to bring that attitude to Marysville Friday, Sept. 19, for a third game on the road in the first four weeks of the season. It also ended up as a fourth straight loss for North, leaving the team still in search of its first win after a 28-13 loss to the Vikings.

"There's a light at the end of the tunnel," North football head coach Joe Drouin said. "We tell them to stay on focus and trust the process. I feel like a broken record. We're such a young team. ... It's going to make them stronger and that's the big thing."

Despite the final score, the Norsemen put up a strong fight against the Vikings



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Senior receiver Phil Prost had eight catches including a touchdown for North in the team's 28-13 loss to Marysville last Friday, Sept. 19.

much of the night, especially in the first half. North got on the board first with a late-first-quarter touchdown from senior quarter-

back Jacob Sahadi to Phil Prost, which put the Norsemen up 7-0.

Marysville then countered with two unanswered touchdowns in

the second quarter to take the lead 14-7. North was ready to fight back and score again in the final seconds before halftime. Sahadi

reached the end zone on a QB sneak, but a blocked extra point left North down by one at 14-13 going into halftime.

Just like in their loss to Lamphere a week earlier, the Norsemen were shut out in the second half of last Friday's game. Marysville added a touchdown late in the third quarter and another in the fourth quarter to increase its lead to 28-13, which stayed until the final whistle.

In the loss, Sahadi continued to establish himself as North's starting quarterback. He completed seven passes for 103 yards and a touchdown. His favorite target in the game was Prost, who caught eight balls for 38 yards, but Peter Rheume was the team's leading receiver with 65 yards on four catches.

Falling to 0-4, the Norsemen are trying to remain collected and focused. Hopes of winning another MAC Gold Division title may be getting slimmer, but

North wants to remind itself there is still plenty to play for.

The Norsemen are looking forward to homecoming this week. It will be the team's second game on its home field in the first five weeks with hopes that a strong home crowd might bring a boost of energy. On the field, it all comes down to the fundamentals for how the Norsemen can right the ship.

"I think we have to focus on doing the little things right and not relying on our athleticism," Drouin said. "It's a game we should be able to win, but I want to make sure we win it by making our blocking assignments, not by making the big plays. ... It's getting back to basics and resetting the standard."

North hosts Warren Woods-Tower for homecoming Friday, Sept. 26. The Titans come to town with a 1-3 record after a 27-0 loss to Lamphere last week. Kickoff Friday is scheduled for 7 p.m.



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PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE NORTH ATHLETICS

North, South volleyball squads earn big wins

Above left: South's Natalie Whittaker (No. 14) and Anna Groustra await a serve in the team's match against L'Anse Creuse North last Wednesday, Sept. 17. The Blue Devils were victorious in three sets, winning 25-22, 25-17 and 25-18.

Above right: North volleyball celebrates a point during its victory over Stevenson last Thursday, Sept. 18. The Norsemen took the match in three sets with scores of 25-14, 25-11 and 25-22.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Grosse Pointe Public School System will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. EST on October 16th, 2025**, for General Contractor Services for the 2025 Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South Chiller Replacement Project. Grosse Pointe Public School System will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on **Thursday, October 2nd, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. EST**, starting at Grosse Pointe South High School. After this meeting, it will proceed to Grosse Pointe North High School. Pre-bid Clarifications must be sent to Ehresman Architects at architects@ehresmanarchitects.com by **October 9th, 2025, 12:00 p.m. EST**

All bids must be addressed to: Grosse Pointe Public School System, 20601 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Attention Ben Matteson, Director of Operations.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Familial Disclosure Statement, Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit, and a Non-Collusive Affidavit.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

Documents will be available for viewing on **September 23rd, 2025**. Digital Documents may be requested from Ehresman Architects via architects@ehresmanarchitects.com

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L'Anse Creuse, South now looks forward to an important matchup in Week 5. The Blue Devils go on the road to face Roseville, another MAC White Division opponent with whom they have formed a bit

of a rivalry in recent years.

The Blue Devils and Panthers met twice last year. South was victorious in both the regular-season matchup and the first-round playoff game, which was decided by just one point. However, Roseville ended South's 2023 season by defeat-

ing the Blue Devils in the second round of the playoffs.

While South enters this year's meeting 4-0, Roseville is 3-1. The Panthers lost their opening game in Week 1 against highly ranked Davison, but have rattled off three straight wins, including a 42-0 blowout against L'Anse

Creuse North last week.

Teams like to say they take everything one week at a time, but it is no secret that the matchup against Roseville is the most highly anticipated game on South's schedule this fall. The matchup could decide who ends up as the MAC White Division champion.

With everything that could be at stake, the Blue Devils look forward to channeling the energy of an important game into a strong week of preparation.

"Like everybody does, we take things one game at a time, but people have had this game circled," Hepner said. "Now, it's here and it's

fun and we can talk about it and acknowledge that we are where we thought we would be playing the team that we think is going to be our biggest competition to win the league."

The Blue Devils and Panthers meet at Roseville Friday, Sept. 26, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Whether it's games, meets or matches, high school fall sports in the Pointes are in full swing and the Grosse Pointe News is here to bring you all the varsity action. Some of the week's biggest hits and highlights from include:

VARSIITY FOOTBALL

University Liggett School varsity football fell to 1-3 this season after a loss on the road against Cranbrook-Kingswood last Friday, Sept. 19. The Knights fell 35-7, with the team's only touchdown being scored by Liam Kurtz on a pass from Miles Moss. Liggett returns home Friday, Sept. 26, to host Lutheran North. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m.



VARSIITY FIELD HOCKEY

University Liggett School varsity field hockey hosted crosstown foe Grosse Pointe North last Thursday, Sept. 18. The Knights ended up victorious over the Norsemen 6-3, with six different players scoring goals for Liggett. Seniors Olivia Marcero, Constantina Bournias, Ruby Noble each tallied one, while juniors Maisy Huebner and Ally Orlick and sophomore Kate Ricci all scored as well.



Grosse Pointe South varsity field hockey hosted Chelsea Monday, Sept. 22. The Blue Devils lost a close game 1-0, but still had a standout performance in net from junior goalie Harriet Kowalski, who made 10 saves.

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

Grosse Pointe South varsity boys tennis defeated De La Salle Collegiate in an 8-0 sweep Monday, Sept. 22. Matthew Holowinski, Matthew Bartoszewicz, Brendan Stafford and Oscar DeLuca all had singles wins for South. Max Prather and Henry Logan, David Sutts and Nate Yeamans, Joseph Guthat and Matthew Hamilton and Davis Gryzenia and Weston Jerabek all won doubles matches for the Blue Devils as well.



Grosse Pointe South's Matthew Hamilton and Joseph Guthat

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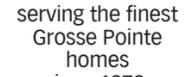
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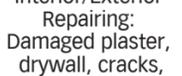


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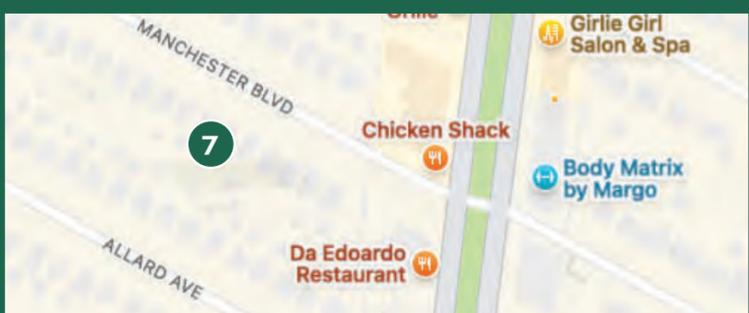
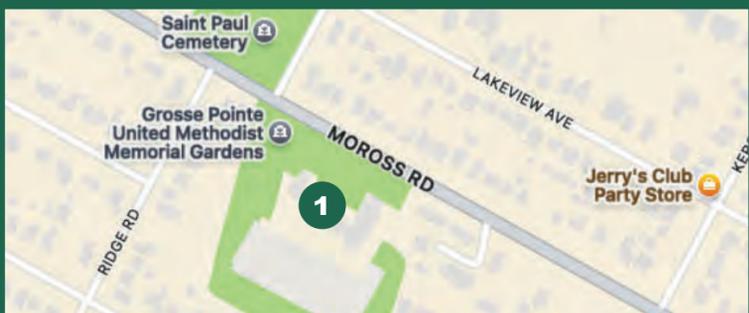


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Blue Devils bring home medals from Fox and Hounds Invitational

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South varsity boys and girls cross-country teams have been running through much of the competition this fall. Runners from both teams have collected their share of top finishes and medals and it was no different Saturday, Sept. 20, at the 2025 Fox and Hounds Invitational, where the boys and girls teams both finished in the top three.

Last Saturday's race at Orion Oaks Park featured a format where groups of runners began the race at different 30-second intervals, with the goal of chasing down the runners from the groups ahead while staying in front of the groups that started behind. South's girls team finished in third out of 15 teams, with several runners earning medals.

"We've been so consistent this year with our young talent placing in the top three of every invitational," South girls cross-country coach Steve Zaranek said. "We have a team that is training well and competing with the best week to week. ... We wanted to mix in a highly competitive meet with a completely different format this week. Our girls responded

well."

The Blue Devils had three girls finish in the top 10 at the end of the race. Eleanor Pilsner (21:16) finished fifth, while Rylee Piornack (21:31) was a couple of spots behind in seventh place. Morgan Costello finished in ninth with a time of 21:36.

Also finishing in the top 20 for South was Lydia Thomason-Redus in 14th and Calisse Budek in 16th place. Viviana Ostrowski and Ria White finished in the top 30 at 26th and 27th, respectively.

South's JV girls team also had a strong day, finishing first in its race. Six runners — Erin Korsak, Abby Macey, Leah Sonnenberg, Ciara Nordstrom, Amelia Carter and Avery Lollar — all finished in the top 10.

The boys varsity team for the Blue Devils earned third place in the field. The team's highest finishers crossed the line four in a row. Everett Wood led the way in 18th place with a time of 18:47, only fractions of a second ahead of teammate Oscar Resnick, who finished 19th. Logan Garbo was a second behind in 20th, while Lualhati Verzosa rounded out the wave of Blue Devils in 21st. Caleb Thomason-Redus also cracked the top 30 by finishing 27th.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

Grosse Pointe South girls cross country had 11 runners across its varsity and JV teams earn medals last Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Fox and Hounds Invitational. From left: Rylee Piornack, Isabella Chaptini, Ciara Nordstrom, Morgan Costello, Amelia Carter, Leila Oskui, Leah Sonnenberg, Abby Macey, Calisse Budek, Erin Korsak, and Eleanor Pilsner.

Like the girls JV team, South's boys JV team also took first place. Liam Gilmour finished fourth overall and Tristan Wininger was 10th, helping propel the squad to a top finish.

South's boys and girls teams competed in the MAC White Jamboree after press time Wednesday, Sept. 23. They return to action Saturday, Oct. 4, racing in the Wayne County Championships at Willow Metropark.

Girls golf fall season in full swing

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The varsity girls golf teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School have been hitting the links in search of wins as the heart of the season approaches. All three teams were in action last week, with a couple securing some important wins.

North

The Norsemen traveled to Chandler Park Golf Course Tuesday, Sept. 16, for a head-to-head showdown against Detroit Cass Tech. Just a day after suffering a loss to Eisenhower, North bounced back to get the win over the Technicians by three strokes, winning 218-221.

Sophomore Twila Shappy-Behn had the best score of the day for North, shooting 49 over nine holes. Junior Catie Kaslatas finished with 50, while fellow junior Natalie Greene shot 55 to round out the top scorers for the Norsemen in the

South

The Blue Devils were in action Thursday, Sept. 18, at the St. Clair Shores Golf Club competing in the VC, DM and LB Girls Golf Tournament. South finished sixth in the field of nine teams with a score of 359, finishing one stroke ahead of both Regina and Yale, who tied for seventh.

South

Senior Lyla Hampton had the best score of the tournament for South, finishing 12th overall in the individual field by shooting 85 over 18 holes. Fellow senior Shelby McMillan also finished in the top 25 with a score of 97.

South hosted Eisenhower at Lochmoor Club after press time Wednesday, Sept. 24. The Blue Devils travel on the road for their next match Friday, Sept. 26, facing Romeo at Pine Valley Golf and Country

Club.

North enjoyed over a week off after the win and will take the course again Thursday, Sept. 25, hosting Romeo at Lochmoor Club.

Liggett's girls golf team continued its inaugural season with a victory Tuesday, Sept. 16. The Knights defeated Austin Catholic 227-254 at Bello Woods Golf Course.

Olivia Robinson had the best score of the day in the overall field, shooting 44 over nine holes. Sophomore Antonia Randazzo also had a strong performance for the Knights with a score of 50, and freshman Olivia Boggs shot a 61.

Liggett faced St. Catherine of Siena Monday, Sept. 22, at Links of Novi. The Knights came up just short, losing the match by just three strokes, 222-225. Randazzo led the team with a low score of 50.

The Knights faced Cass Tech after press time Wednesday, Sept. 24. The team hits the links again Monday, Sept. 29, competing in the Catholic League Championship at Flint Golf Club.



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Grosse Pointe North varsity girls golfers celebrate a victory over Cass Tech last Tuesday, Sept. 16.