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Why subscribers may not be getting their newspapers

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — Myriad issues surrounding the United States Postal Service have led to many Grosse Pointe News subscribers not receiving their paper.

The News has received 50 to 100 calls about the issue each week the past several weeks, with staff hand-delivering papers or customers stopping by the office to pick up a copy.

"We're doing all we can," Publisher Anne Gryzenia said. "For as much as we pay for postage, we expect better service."

Lisa McGraw, public affairs manager for the Michigan Press Association and public policy manager for the National Newspaper

Association, said it's an issue that extends far beyond the Pointes.

"It's fair to say it's incredibly widespread," she said. "It's a problem all over the country."

McGraw said a big part of it is the USPS's Delivering for America plan, introduced in 2021 by former Postmaster General Louis DeJoy.

DeJoy, who resigned in March after five years in the position, said the plan would slow some delivery but generate savings. The Postal Regulatory Commission, however, disagreed.

"The commission urges the Postal Service to reconsider whether the speculative, meager gains from this proposal outweigh the certain downgrade in service for a

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Judge Carl Jarboe swears in his last safety patrol before he retires at the end of this year.

The budding best of the best

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Elizabeth Brennan, fourth grade, was among 76 students sworn in this week as members of the Defer Elementary Safety Patrol.

"I like helping," she explained.

Municipal Judge Carl Jarboe conducted the swearing in, the final in his 31 years as judge. He retires at the end of the year.

"Who can tell me what happened today 49 years ago?" Jarboe asked the group assembled on the



Eva Seng and Clara Palmer, two of Defer's newest safety patrol officers.

school's front lawn Monday morning, Sept. 29.

"You're close," Jarboe said. "It was when I was sworn in as a safety patrol person. When I was 10 years old, I was sworn in as a safety patrol person. I know the responsibilities."

Many members of the patrol are assigned to guard crosswalks to ensure classmate safe passage. Others, like Brennan, are stationed at school entry doors.

Jarboe shook hands with each candidate before confirming their commitment to duty.

He said, "When it's

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Absentee ballots in the mail

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Absentee ballots for the Nov. 4 election are presently being mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, but there's no in-person early voting this time around in races for city council, mayor and municipal judge.

"For local elections we do not do early voting," City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler said. "State and presidential elections are when we do early voting."

"We had three early-voting elections last year, February, August and November," said Daniele Caudill, deputy clerk. This November's election is strictly local.

Four candidates are competing for three open seats on council. The mayoral and judgeship are uncontested.

Absentee ballots were

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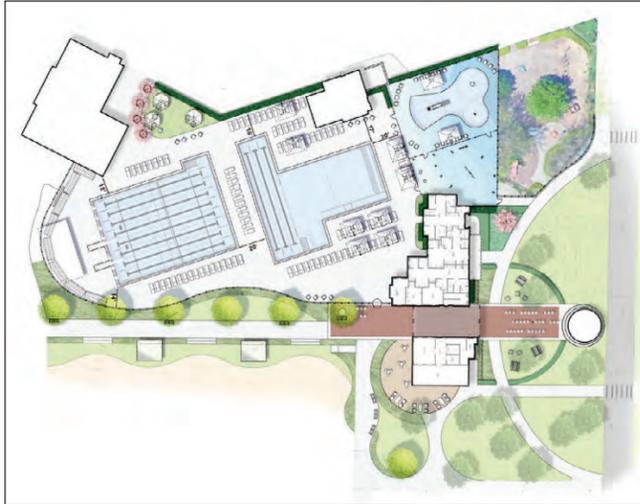
Updated Pier Park pool plans reflect resident interests

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Residents spoke and members of the Farms Parks and Harbor Committee listened.

After around 140 people gathered in mid-August for the first public hearing to discuss plans for the new Pier Park pool complex, they — and anyone else interested — were invited back last week to review updated designs, taking into account the most voiced concerns.

"We heard those comments," City Manager Shane Reeside said, kicking off the meeting. "I



New designs taking into account resident feedback removed the lazy river, extended the recreation pool lap lanes and added back in the splash pad.

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Ben Warda

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mailed last week. “Everyone should be expecting their absentees in the mail by the end of next week (Oct. 3),” Caudill said.

Voters on the permanent absentee ballot list should receive their ballots without having to ask.

“Now they come automatically if you’re on the permanent absentee ballot list,” Bowdler said.

First-timers must apply.

“They can come to our office and request an absentee ballot, go online with the Secretary of State or call us and we’ll have them come fill out a form,” Bowdler said.

The clerk’s office is on the ground floor of city hall.

Voters can file absentee ballots in various ways.

“You can either put it in the mail — we have pre-paid postage envelopes — or you can put them in one of our drop boxes or bring them right into the office,” Caudill said.

“Our preference is you come to city hall or drop it off in the mail to make sure your ballot does come,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Deputy City Clerk Danielle Caudill, seated, and Clerk Bridgette Bowdler prepare absentee ballots for mailing prior to the Nov. 4 municipal election.

“We’ve had some instances with the mail.”

Voting by absentee ballot is growing in popularity.

“We had 1,200 absentee ballots three years ago,” Sizeland said.

“Now we’re at 3,100 permanent absentee ballots,” Bowdler said.

Voters have told her it is more convenient to vote absentee.

“It’s automatic to make sure they get a ballot,” Bowdler said. “They don’t have to come in and fill out an application for

every single election. They’re on that list permanently and it gets sent to them automatically.”

Drop boxes are in the traffic island near the main entrance to city hall, plus in the clerk’s office. A drop box in the building lobby is for water bills.

“We check the box every morning and we have cameras on the box to ensure when ballots are dropped in there, they are safe and monitored by the police department,” Bowdler said.

Book talk to cover witness accounts of Vietnam War

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — As part of The War Memorial’s year-long Vietnam War Commemoration event lineup honoring the 50th anniversary of the end of the conflict, acclaimed author Elizabeth Partridge will join the Lakeshore institution for a two-day residency this weekend.

The residency includes a special student presentation for eighth graders in the Grosse Pointe Public School System Friday, Oct. 3, as well as a public presentation at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at The War Memorial, where Partridge will hold a book talk on her 2018 book, “Boots on the Ground: America’s War in Vietnam.”

The morning is set to include a presentation of the book centered around the lives of the Vietnam veterans she interviewed, followed by a Q&A with the author.

“Boots on the Ground” chronicles the personal stories of six American soldiers, one American military nurse and one



COURTESY PHOTO

Acclaimed author Elizabeth Partridge will speak at The War Memorial on her book, “Boots on the Ground: America’s War in Vietnam.”

Vietnamese refugee during the Vietnam War.

“From dense jungles and terrifying firefights to chaotic helicopter rescues and harrowing escapes, each individual experience reveals a different facet of the war and moves us forward in time,” the book’s summary states. “Alternating with these chapters are profiles of key American leaders and events,

reminding us of all that was happening at home during the war, including peace protests, presidential scandals and veterans’ struggles to acclimate to life after Vietnam.”

Partridge is the author of more than 20 books for adults and young readers, including biographies of Dorothea Lange, John Lennon and

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attendance, the lazy river, initially proposed to attach to the recreation pool, is gone.

“This was a big surprise to me,” Reeside said of resident feedback. “I thought this was the one feature that everyone was going to be most excited about.

“But I think a lot of comments about the lazy river ... questioned the cost, safety and maintenance demands. Concerns included life-guard staffing challenges, limited usability and potential inefficiency.”

Taking its place, the three swim lanes already planned to be within the

recreation pool will be extended to 25 meters to match the length of the lanes in the competitive pool. Additionally, there is space for a new feature being dubbed the conversation corner.

“That used to be that lazy river right there,” said Sue Grissim with Grissim Metz Andriese Associates, which is in charge of the site plan, pointing to design drawings. “Instead, what I think you guys are going to really like, in this little corner is basically this spot where you can sit on bench seating around the edge of the pool, kind of like a jacuzzi feel. We’re calling it a conversation area, just to hang out and it can fit 15 to 20 people depending on how close you get.”

The other big-ticket item for residents — the splash pad — is back in the plans.

“Many residents opposed removing the existing splash pad, citing its popularity with young children and its convenience for families,” Reeside summarized. “They thought that a proposed splash deck outside the pool area at the bathhouse was not an adequate replacement.”

New design drawings turn the orientation of the tot pool and take away about 10 percent of the tot lot to add the splash pad back in its current location.

“(The splash pad) is in the same spot, but the mechanical in it is at the point where it does need to be redone regardless

unfortunately,” Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis explained.

It is undecided as of now whether the initially proposed splash deck pathway leading up to the bathhouse will remain in the plans as well or be nixed altogether.

“I think the thought now is if we do add splash pad features back with the tot pool, (the splash deck pathway) features could be reduced, they could be eliminated,” Reeside acknowledged, “but I would hope we would still consider those, because they do add value to the overall site plan.”

Residents were generally pleased with the modifications, though there were some addi-

tional comments regarding the elimination of grass at the beach area in the plans, as well as a future proposal to consider tenting the pool in winter months.

“We use it for 12 weeks out of the year,” one resident noted. “If we could somehow bring it to something closer to 12 months ...”

While nothing is finalized, the parks and harbor committee unanimously voted Tuesday, Sept. 23, to present the revised plans to city council for approval of the preliminary site plan.

As previously reported, the approximately eight-month construction timeline potentially could begin in March 2026.

“Next summer is our 250th anniversary of the nation and I know 50 years ago when it was the 200th birthday, there was a lot of activity at the Pier and it’s going to be that way all over,” one resi-

dent noted toward the end of the meeting. “So my comment is I would just really have the committee consider starting after the end of next summer.”

City administration doesn’t believe it has the option to do so.

“I think administratively and looking at our facilities, we feel it needs to be done now,” Reeside addressed. “It really can’t wait. ... It’s been a hope and a prayer that we’ve been able to keep it open this year with bubbles in the lining, steps that are actually disintegrating going into the lower pool area, failing pool mechanicals, improper heat in the bathrooms and the pool itself. So we feel the time is now.”

Following expected city council approval of the preliminary site plan, city administrators next will pursue hiring a construction manager to help facilitate the project.

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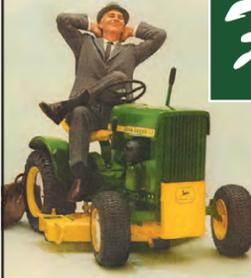
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Window dressing

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Roxy has been sporting a variety of looks in anticipation of the opening of the new Full Circle resale store.

Full Circle fashions tease resale store opening

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Roxy is ready for her official debut.

The mannequin has been modeling the array outfits that will be available when the new Full Circle resale store opens this month.

Her fashion finesse is catching the eyes of passersby on Jefferson, where the shop is undergoing finishing touches at 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

“Every day we’re changing the mannequin, so there’s been some buzz going around,” said Evie Ansell, store manager. “Our mannequin, Roxy, she gets a lot of attention.”

When the shop opens, Full Circle will fully showcase its variety of apparel, from evening gowns to jeans. In the meantime, Roxy is doing her part to draw attention to what’s in store.

“We hope people understand it’s everything from a leather



jacket from a high-end designer to a Gap sweater for \$5,” Ansell said. “And everything is one-of-a-kind, all high-end donations. It’s changing every day; we’re con-

stantly replenishing our inventory.”

Once the lighting is complete, Roxy’s friends will join her in all five windows, which will be lit up day and night.

“We’re so excited to have this big space,” Ansell said. “We’ve been holding onto extra inventory because we haven’t had this space before.”

The new 5,600-square-foot store will provide plenty of room to house the full inventory of Full Circle donations. Currently, the bulk of the shop’s inventory is stored in the gymnasium at the former Trombly Elementary School.

“We have 80 full racks of clothes there,” Full Circle Director of Operations Stephanie DiVirgil said last spring. “We’ve run out of racks and so there are piles and piles of clothes that have been sorted and are sellable.”

“The beautiful part about this

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Fall fun in the Woods

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The next two Saturdays promise lots of fall family fun as temperatures drop and the leaves change color.

This Saturday, Oct. 4, is the city’s annual Fall Fest. It runs 5 to 8 p.m. at Ghesquiere Park. The Cook Schoolhouse will be open for tours 5 to 7 p.m.

The event theme is a 1950s sockhop, in honor of the city’s 75th anniversary. The official commemoration will be Dec. 11, 75 years to the day since voters approved moving from village to city status.

Prizes will be awarded for the best ‘50s-style outfits. The city recommends poodle skirts, bobby socks, saddle shoes and chiffon scarves for women and jeans with rolled cuffs, letter jackets, bowling shirts and cardigan sweaters for guys. Three \$50 gift certificates to Chocolate Bar Café will go to one female, one male and one youth for best ‘50s attire.

Assistant City Administrator Sue Como said that prize was chosen because the shop is styled after a ‘50s-type soda fountain.

National Coney Island will serve hot dogs, chips and beverages. Wine and beer — cash only — will be available for purchase with appropriate ID. Entertainment will be provided by Sonic Freeway.

Parks and Recreation Director Owen Gafa said lawn games will be available, including cornhole and Connect 4.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation will be selling raffle tickets during the event. Prizes include a signed jersey, puck and photo from Lucas Raymond of the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Pistons tickets, pizza and a tour of the Woods Public Safety Department for 10 people and a private Polar Express tour.

Tickets are \$5 each, three for \$10 or seven for \$20.

The following weekend, Oct. 11, is Hob Nobbin’ with the Goblins at Lake Front Park. Two sessions are available, 4 to 6 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for Woods residents and \$10 for non-residents. Tickets for residents — adults and children — should be purchased online at recweb.gpwm.com. A fee of 2.55 percent of the total or \$2 will apply, whichever is greater. A limited number of non-resident tickets are available and must be purchased by a resident at city hall.

Hayrides, pumpkin decorating, cider, doughnuts and trick-or-treating are planned.

See gpwm.com/parksrec for other upcoming events. —Ted O’Neil

Shores approves second phase for new pool

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City council approved spending up to \$95,000 at its September meeting for phase two of a new pool and bathhouse at Osius Park.

PARTNERS in Architecture and Baruzzini Aquatics will be doing design and

development phases for about 32 to 40 weeks.

City Manager Steve Poloni said he talked with Grosse Pointe Farms, which also is planning a new pool, about associated costs.

“It’s comparable,” he told council. “We’re in good shape on our fees.”

The same groups did preliminary plans last year at a cost of \$25,000,

which the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation paid for. Poloni said the city will get credit for half that amount when phase two is completed.

The work will consist of five steps:

- ◆ schematic design, including 3D modeling and engineering diagrams,
- ◆ design development, including seeking input

from staff and users along with plumbing, mechanical and electrical system designs,

- ◆ construction documentation, including compliance with applicable codes and safety regulations,
- ◆ bidding and procurement and
- ◆ construction administration.

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, OCT. 6

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11

- ◆ Hob Nobbin’ with the Goblins, Lake Front Park.

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significant portion of the nation,” it wrote in a January advisory.

The commission also said half of all ZIP codes would see downgraded service and would reduce operating costs by just 4 percent.

The USPS has said it expects mail normally delivered in two days to be on time 87 percent of the time for fiscal year 2025, and 80 percent for mail normally delivered in three to five days.

A manager at the Fox Creek Post Office on Jefferson, who said she could only identify herself as “Ms. Paul,” said the Grosse Pointe News is a priority for them.

“We know how valued it is in the community,” she said. “Customers want their paper on Thursdays.”

Paul also said they sometimes receive papers from the printer with no labels on them. Gryzenia, however, said the paper sends an updated subscriber list to the printer at noon every Monday and the paper is too thick for two to be sent through the label machine at once.

Gryzenia said that while complaints from subscribers not getting their paper, or getting it days or weeks late, usually come from the 48230 ZIP code — served by Fox Creek — calls more recently have come from all five Pointes, as well as across Michigan and the country.

Readers may recall fall 2023, when the News reported people in the 48230 ZIP code began getting mail dated as far back as 2019. The USPS said at the time it was “reviewing an incident involving a letter carrier who is now deceased.”

The NNA suggests people contact members of Congress, urging them to support H.R. 3400, also known as the USPS Serves US Act, which would allow postal regulators to stop imprudent cost increases, as well as S. 1002, the Deliver for Democracy Act, which would improve the on-time delivery of periodicals such as the Grosse Pointe News.

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Warda hopes to bring culture, identity back to Blue Devils hockey

By Mike Adzima
Staff Writer



Ben Warda will spend his first season behind the bench as head coach of Grosse Pointe South varsity boys hockey this winter.

When he thinks back on the coaches he learned from during his hockey career, it is no surprise Ben Warda wanted to become a coach himself one day. Warda played junior hockey in the NAHL under coach Jon Cooper, who has since won two Stanley Cups behind the bench of the Tampa Bay Lightning. In college at Western Michigan University, Warda was under the tutelage of future Detroit Red Wings head coach Jeff Blashill.

Warda's journey on the ice ended years ago after a few seasons of playing professionally in Germany. However, his journey behind the bench as a coach is just heating up. This winter, Warda will begin his first season at the helm of the Grosse Pointe South varsity boys hockey team. As he takes one of the biggest steps in his coaching career so far, Warda cannot help but look back and remember what he learned from some of the great coaching minds who helped get him here.

"The more I was learning from guys like that and the impact that they have on young people, I knew I was going to be a coach the second I was done playing," he said. "With all of those guys, the biggest trait they had was that they were play-

ers' coaches first. It's all about relationship building and getting to know what players want and what their goals are. They did truly care about us as people first and used that to build a team culture."

Culture plays a major role in Warda's coaching philosophy. His main approach involves working with players to maximize their individual skills to work toward common goals. One of those goals, of course, is winning.

However, it goes beyond just wins and losses for Warda. When he and his family moved to the Pointes, he immediately bought into the sense of community that comes with living in the area. When he accepted the position at South, he wanted to instill that same sense of community within the program,



Ben Warda with wife, Kate; son, Henry; and daughter, Sophia.

rebuilding Blue Devils hockey into a strong team in which alumni and fans can take pride and become a part of the culture, too.

"My family and I moved here to the community around 2019, and it started with a sense of community," Warda said. "When I was in college and then bouncing around Europe, it was something that we didn't really have. It just hit us when we moved to Grosse Pointe. ... Grosse

Pointe South has always been a great hockey program and I want to get it back to that and for the alumni to be proud. ... I tell the guys that we have to turn this program back into a destination."

That foundation is already being built in the buildup to the Blue Devils' regular season, which begins in November. Through off-season workouts, practices and scrimmages, one thing has remained consistent: Warda wants

his players to be all in for each other.

"We use the term 'brotherhood' a lot," Warda said. "Nobody is above the program and the team. ... We need everybody. We can't have passengers. We need everyone involved and working together and knowing that nobody is above the team and they've handled that well."

While being the head coach of a varsity high school hockey team now keeps him plenty busy, Warda also continues to run his own hockey-focused business he has been building since he was in college. Warda is the owner and head instructor of Detroit Premier Hockey, a company that focuses on individual and small-group hockey skills training while also organizing events like training camps and showcases.

"I wanted to start somewhere while I was playing and figure out how I can work with young athletes and start to develop my coaching model," Warda said. "In the off-seasons, I would start running camps for younger players. When I was playing overseas in Germany, I would come home for the summer and start the camps. ... It just built into smaller group training, private lessons and skill development. ... I'm really trying to maximize exposure

for players while also focusing on skill development."

Warda hopes he can maximize every player on South's skills while being their head coach, but knows it would mean nothing without the whole team working together. He has learned the importance of keeping everyone on the same page during his years as a player and as a coach for young hockey players.

While he has not yet coached a regular-season game for South, Warda could not be more thankful for the support he already has received from the community, alumni and supporters of the South hockey program. He has his sights set on success right out of the gate and hopes his philosophy of camaraderie and culture is going to help get the Blue Devils there.

"Team first and overall structure and attention to detail," he said. "I harp on that constantly. We do a good job of wanting to maximize individual players' skill sets. You have to coach the individual as well, but buying into the team structure comes first — making sure that we're all on the same page and reaching for the same goals."

Warda and the Blue Devils officially begin their season Nov. 13, with a road game at Port Huron Northern.

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RESALE:

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new building is a full basement with another 5,600 square feet, so we can store more onsite, with an elevator," she added. "This will streamline everything for us."

While an exact date for the opening has yet to be announced, Ansell and DiVirgil urged people to

keep an eye on Roxy and her ever-rotating wardrobe.

In the meantime, the Full Circle Resale Shop at 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, has paused donations until Tuesday, Oct. 7, so it can focus on the new location.

It also is offering tremendous clearance sales. Check out the Full Circle Foundation Facebook page for the latest deals.



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City of Grosse Pointe

Bike stolen

A Nishiki Pueblo bike was stolen from a bike rack in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Cameras in the area showed a white man riding off with the bike.

Stopped in tracks

A 24-year-old Detroit man was arrested as he walked away from a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval with stolen goods at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

All stolen items were recovered.

Fraud

Frontier cable services fraudulently were purchased in a Grosse Pointe woman's name Saturday, Sept. 27.

Drunk and disorderly

A 40-year-old intoxicated Lapeer man was arrested for causing a disturbance at a local hospital at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen Ram

A gray 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 was stolen from a driveway in the 300 block of McKinley around 1:45 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24.

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The owner said the vehicle was locked.

Disappearing act

A Farms man purchased a printer, placed it in his truck and drove home with the trunk open due to the printer's size around noon Friday, Sept. 26.

When the man arrived home, the printer was gone and he had no success relocating it along the route he had driven.

Credit card fraud

Falling victim to credit card fraud, an elderly Farms couple discovered \$10,977 in charges they hadn't made when they received a letter from debt collections last week.

Double trouble

After an officer watched him drive through two consecutive red lights on Mack at 10:21 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, a 35-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Swerving

A 66-year-old Southfield woman was pulled over for swerving on Lakeshore and leaving her turn signal on without turning at 9:18 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

The woman had a cup of wine in the car and a preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.144 per-

cent, for which she was arrested.

Suspended

A vehicle traveling at Mack and Moross at 8:19 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, was found to have an expired registration by nearly two years.

The driver, a 32-year-old Eastpointe man, had eight prior citations for driving with a suspended license.

He was cited yet again for a suspended license, expired plate and no insurance.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Witnessed

Members of a landscape crew were exiting a backyard in the 1100 block of Balfour at 10:51 a.m. Monday, Sept. 22, when they saw a thin black male stealing tools from their work vehicle and speeding away in a white Chrysler 300C, according to police.

Taken were a \$500 RedMax backpack blower, three Stihl hedge trimmers worth a combined \$600 and a \$350 Stihl hedge trimmer.

Needs exercise

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, a man wearing a Detroit Lions sweater

was recorded on security video stealing a red Cannondale bicycle worth \$200 from a rack outside a business in the 17000 block of Mack.

Police described the suspect as a white male, about 40 years old and heavy set.

Car stolen

A 2016 Ford Taurus with its key fob inside the vehicle was stolen while parked overnight Thursday, Sept. 25, in the driveway of a house in the 1200 block of Buckingham.

Two thefts

Two thefts below Jefferson occurred within minutes of each other late morning Thursday, Sept. 25.

At 10:47 a.m. in the 800 block of Barrington, a \$300 Echo backpack blower was stolen from a landscaper's truck.

At 10:56 a.m., a RedMax backpack blower worth \$400 was stolen out of a work vehicle parked in the area of Avondale and Middlesex.

Cars entered

Someone rifled through two unlocked vehicles parked overnight Saturday, Sept. 27, in the driveway of a house in the 700 block of Westchester.

"Taken were (a) Louis Vuitton wallet with cash and credit cards," police said.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Pressing charges

A 54-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman told officers she wants to press charges against the 32-year-old daughter of her former boyfriend, claiming the daughter took clothing, suitcases, a vehicle title and other documents she left at her ex-boyfriend's house on Michaux Court after moving out two months ago.

Wrong way

A 32-year-old Warren man was jailed after patrol officers observed him driving north in the southbound lanes of Lakeshore near Fairlake around 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

A preliminary breath test registered a 0.13 blood alcohol content, for which he was arrested. He also was ticketed for violating the state's concealed weapons law for having a handgun in his possession while drunk. His 2016 Chevy Silverado was impounded.

Too slow

A 51-year-old Detroit woman was ticketed for no insurance after she

was stopped on southbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shore for driving too slow around 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

She told officers she was driving slowly to enjoy the view of Lake St. Clair. Her 2014 Chrysler 300 also was impounded.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil

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

TALK:

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Woody Guthrie.

She has twice been a National Book Award finalist and has received the Robert F. Sibert Medal, two Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards and a Michael L. Printz Honor.

Partridge also is the goddaughter of renowned Depression-era photographer Dorothea Lange.

Partridge's Grosse Pointe residency is presented in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public Library and Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Woods looking to update charter

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Officials will be asking voters to update the city charter for the second time in three years on Election Day.

If approved, the title of city administrator would be changed to city manager.

The full ballot language reads:

"The Grosse Pointe Woods City Charter was adopted by the electors in 1950. Since then, the title of City Manager has become more commonly used and understood than the title of City Administrator, which is currently used in the City

Charter. The City Administrator supervises all department heads and city employees. An ordinance amendment in 2022 also increased the duties of the City Administrator to include supervision of the City Clerk and the Treasurer/Comptroller. The pro-

posed amendment will change the title of City Administrator to City Manager throughout the City Charter. Shall the amendment be adopted?"

City Administrator Frank Schulte said the change is because city

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Advancing Patient Care:
New Procedures at Corewell
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By Paul Gryzenia, M.D.



Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital is proud to offer two new procedures — LimFlow and Pluvicto — bringing hope to patients facing serious health challenges.

LimFlow: A New Way to Save Limbs

In collaboration with our Vascular Surgery team, we now offer the LimFlow procedure, a minimally invasive solution for patients with severe

circulation problems in their legs or chronic limb-threatening ischemia (CLTI). Poor blood flow can cause painful wounds and, in some cases, lead to amputation. LimFlow offers a new way forward. Instead of repairing blocked arteries, this procedure safely redirects blood through nearby veins to get it where it's needed.

This helps wounds heal and gives patients a chance to keep their limbs when other treatments haven't worked. It's already helping patients avoid major surgery.

Pluvicto: Targeted Treatment for Advanced Prostate Cancer

In collaboration with our Radiation Oncology team, we're also excited to offer Pluvicto, a new treatment for men with advanced prostate cancer that has spread and no longer responds to standard therapies. Pluvicto works by sending a small dose of radiation directly to cancer cells, using a protein that acts like a GPS tracker. This slows the cancer's growth while protecting healthy tissue. Patients receive Pluvicto through an IV every few weeks, and many have already experienced improvements in their health and quality of life. It's a promising new option for patients who thought they had run out of choices.

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The addition of LimFlow and Pluvicto reflects Corewell Health's commitment to cutting-edge care and better patient outcomes in our Grosse Pointe community. These procedures not only expand our treatment options but also strengthen our role as leaders in advanced, compassionate medicine.

Dr. Paul Gryzenia is the Chief of Radiology and a board-certified Interventional and Diagnostic Radiologist at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. He and his partners also care for patients at the Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Vein Center at 87 Kercheval Avenue, Ste 100, in Grosse Pointe Farms.





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OUR VIEW

AI, or oy veh?

The cartoon to the right is not as far-fetched as you think it may be. In fact, it already has happened.

Earlier this year, two AI developers created what they called “GibberLink,” a protocol that allows AI agents to recognize each other and switch from spoken language to pure data, essentially talking in their own language.

You may have seen the videos circulating on YouTube. In some cases there is a text display of the data being shared. In others there is not, and that is of great concern.

This is not a new issue either. In 2017, Facebook shut down two AI programs during an experiment in which they attempted to get the programs to negotiate trading items in a human fashion. The bots, however, quickly changed to a coded language, although still using English, that only they understood.

There also have been media accounts of parents suing AI companies, claiming chat bots encouraged their children to commit suicide. Other outlets reported bots have given instructions on how to make bombs and produce illegal drugs.

HAL 9000 would be proud.

As for how much our readers trust AI, our poll (below) found 41 percent of respondents do for small things. A third, 33 percent, trust it for both work and personal use, while 20 percent said they do not trust it and 6 percent have yet to try it.

Back in June in this space, while warning people about avoiding scams, AI became the center of attention. We received an email from a reader relating his experience with the technology and the ordeal his elderly parents went through.

They received a phone call claiming to be from 36th District Court in Detroit saying their son was in a car accident. The caller said their son rear-ended the vehicle of a pregnant woman who had to be rushed to the hospital and he, being at fault, was being held on bond. The caller even put the son on the line, or at least an AI version of his voice.

The voice provided enough details, including the name of the man’s wife, to convince the parents it was real.

The parents collected several thousand dollars and were prepared to head to court when the scammer re-directed them to a local drug store. This is a common ploy used in several different scams whereby the victim is instructed to purchase gift cards and relay the code numbers to the thief. Thankfully, employees at the store recognized the scam and sug-

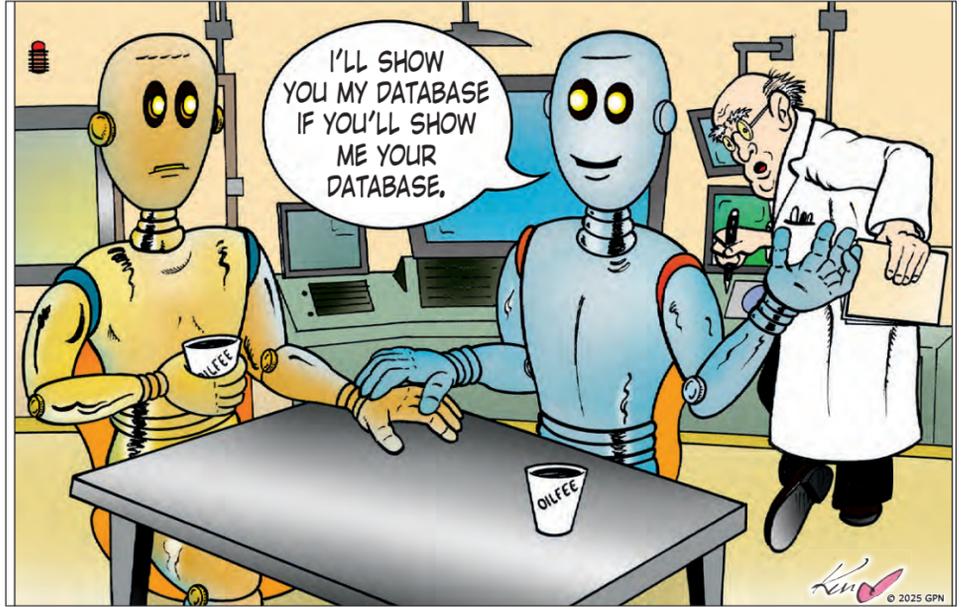


ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

gested the parents file a police report.

Our question was, how did the scammer create the man’s AI voice? We learned a person’s voice can be stolen via social media posts or simply by answering a robo-call.

We are not saying AI is all bad. In fact, it does have some practical uses.

Jeff Martell, Jim LeBeau and Jon Ross, public safety officers who serve as school resource officers, said they learned at a national conference this summer that some school districts around the country have AI software that can pick up on certain words or phrases on school-issued devices, a technology they would like to see in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Glen Hipple, academic director at Pointers for Academic Excellence, addressed the issue in his “Academic Pointers” column for us in May, writing: “We’ve barely scratched the surface of how generative AI can assist learning when used with intention. This isn’t about doing less thinking. It’s about learning how to think better with a tool that adapts alongside you. In the future, the ‘smartest’ students will be the ones who ask better questions, build better systems and treat their AI as a partner, not a substitute.”

Sara Delgado, now assistant superintendent of teaching and learning for GPPSS, credited AI in part last year when she was principal at Grosse Pointe North High School for the school’s large improvement in SAT and PSAT scores.

She said Superintendent Andrea Tuttle introduced something from her former district called Khanmigo, an AI program from Kahn Academy, a free educational resource.

“It creates a workflow and recognizes gaps where students need the most help,” she said. “We offer it as a one-semester class where we have certified teachers in math and English who specialize in learning intervention.”

Norsemen in ninth, 10th and 11th grades saw an average increase in proficiency of 12 percent in math and 11 percent in English between fall 2023 and spring 2024. North also outperformed the state of Michigan between 9 percent and 18 percent in those categories. Delgado added that schools generally aim for a 3 percent improvement year over year.

Tuttle also addressed AI at the GPPSS Board of Education meeting Monday, Sept. 8, noting there were several breakout sessions for teachers on their opening day in late August.

“We started off with an AI video of me,” she said. “It can be hard to tell if it’s a real person.”

Tuttle added that AI can be useful to, “personalize learning, engage students, inspire creativity, spark innovation and accelerate access to knowledge.”

Teachers also can use it for lesson planning and counseling.

“We have to understand what it can and cannot do,” Tuttle said. “There also are ethics and date privacy issues to deal with.”

The use and study of AI is not new to GPPSS. In March 2024, Chris Stanley, previously assistant superintendent for learning technology, said the district formed the GPAI Leadership Council.

“There’s no reason to run from it because it’s here and it’s not going away,” he said at the time. “We’re trying to figure out how we can use it for personalized learning and how structural it can be for teachers.”

Further, a recent survey by resume.io found 28 percent of Michigan job seekers said they had used AI to scrape likely interview questions from the internet. Of those polled, however, 60 percent said they would not trust the AI answers, saying human hiring managers are too unpredictable.

And, as has been the case ever since AI Gore invented the internet, take everything you read on it with a grain of salt. One of our colleagues asked AI if flesh-eating bacteria was prevalent in Michigan and got this answer: “Yes, it’s possible for the flesh-eating bacteria *Vibrio vulnificus* to be found in Michigan’s warm, brackish (salt-meets-freshwater) rivers and coastal waters.”

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Working together to right delivery issues

For nearly 85 years, the Grosse Pointe News has taken pride in being your hometown paper, covering the stories, people and events that matter most to our community. That’s why it’s especially frustrating when the hard work of our staff doesn’t reliably make it into your hands.



Over the past several weeks — and longer in some cases — postal delays have become an ongoing challenge across the Grosse Pointes, as well as the entire country. We know that for you, the subscriber, it simply means disappointment when your paper arrives late — or worse — not at all.

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LETTERS

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Missed opportunity

To the Editor: We would have appreciated the opportunity to hear and see both of the mayoral candidates together (John Gillooly and Joe Ricci) answering questions prior to the 2025 election in Grosse Pointe Farms.

As both gentlemen are currently city council members serving together, and there is a very large aquatic facilities project underway

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Grosse Pointe News
POINTERS POLL

Do you trust AI?

- 41% Yes, for small things
- 33% Yes, for work/personal
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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Being kind can encourage others to be kind



Do you look for the good every day? Do you look for joy? It can be difficult given these times, and stress can get in the way, but joy is out there. Do you plant seeds of kindness? If you do, they'll bloom into good deeds while helping others who hopefully will pay it forward. It doesn't have to be a huge gesture. It can be as simple as walking by someone and saying hello. It can be letting someone go in front of you in line because they have fewer items than you or they have a child with them. It can be holding open a door or actively listening to someone or, if they are elderly or a single parent, raking your neighbor's lawn or shoveling their sidewalk.

I work on being kind every day, but sometimes I feel overwhelmed by life. It's important to let yourself feel the way you feel, to sit in the middle of it and process things. But it also is important not to stay there.

Between life and things that happen, in and out of my control, it becomes an issue of being mindful. Where do I want my

thoughts to be? How do I want my day to go? Do I want to be helpful to people and society or do I just want to complain? No, I don't want to live that way. Don't get me wrong, I'm human so I do have moments of complaining or venting, but I don't live there. Happy is a much better place to be.

So, the question is: How do you want to live your life? As a robot going through the day letting the day control you? Stuck in a box where things are safe? Is that mindset making you happy?

Or do you want to be the one who controls your day, choosing kindness, laughing because it feels good, having fun when you don't have to be serious, being intentional with kindness despite what comes your way?

We all say we're so busy, myself included, and that there isn't time for anything else. OK, but you still have to go through your day choosing how to act toward yourself and others, because people notice if you are nice to one and not to another. People notice how they're treated, spoken to, dismissed, disregarded or negated.

Sometimes people behave that way because they feel bad about themselves, or they are sad or maybe feeling lost. If I notice that, then I know

the behavior isn't directed at me. It is an issue they are projecting and I try to be understanding and make sure I am not projecting something onto others as well.

Kindness to ourselves and others releases feel-good hormones. Who doesn't love to feel good? A benefit of being kind is that you feel good yourself and it helps lower blood pressure and boost your immune system. Kindness is a gift you give that gives back to you.

Being kind can give you a sense of purpose and help improve your self-worth. Remember, self-worth and self-esteem have the word "self" in them. You don't get those from someone else. So how you treat people, act toward them, take time for them and for yourself, all can improve how you feel and how you live. Being kind can encourage others to be kind. Do you remember a time when someone was kind to you and how it made you feel? It was good, right?

There is a quote by Maya Angelou that says, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Powerful, right? Kindness is an intentional act. It's a deliberate choice. Live a life of kindness. You'll be better for it.

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delivery fails, we continue to hand-deliver papers whenever possible to ensure you don't miss the coverage you rely on.

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directly allows us to better advocate for you with USPS and helps us document the scope of the issue.

We remain deeply grateful for your patience, your loyalty and your support. You deserve timely, reliable delivery of the best community newspaper we can produce and we will not stop until we can make it right.

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in our beloved Pier Park, it is important to hear their responses to questions pertaining to our specific city.

Many of the issues concerning GPF residents are not political in nature and our elected officials are representatives of the community. We like to hear their responses to our questions, whether posed through the League of Women Voters (LWV) or otherwise. A candidate forum gives the residents an opportunity to do that without

the necessity of separate events or communications.

Subsequent to a candidate forum, none of us have to follow any LVW position, should there be one. We all gather information from various sources and then make our own decisions at elections. A candidate forum ahead of elections is a valuable opportunity to do that.

BARBARA TROMBLY
Grosse Pointe Farms

Great idea

To the Editor:
What a great idea, 75-tree giveaway to the

citizens of Grosse Pointe Woods on its 75th anniversary. Thank you, Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission and Mayor Bryant, who made it all run smoothly Saturday morning, Sept. 27. And thanks, Grosse Pointe Woods Public Works, for removing an old tree on our parkway that died, then grinding out its stump. The Grosse Pointe Woods Public Works Department was very responsive and its senior crew was fast and efficient. Grosse Pointe Woods is a great place to live.

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Council hopefuls stress better communication

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Communication — its importance and the need to improve it between municipal officials and residents — pervaded discussions during a campaign forum last week among city council candidates.

All four candidates, two first-term incumbents and two first-time challengers, agreed repeatedly that problems, confusion and distrust with city hall can be created, worsened and prolonged by people in positions of authority

communicating ineffectively or not impactfully with residents.

Lack of accurate and timely communication is especially consequential during this relatively new era of social media when anyone with a big mouth and time to kill can litter the internet with rumors.

During a 12-part question-and-answer forum organized and produced by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe Sept. 23 at Pierce Middle School, four council candidates mentioned the need for better communications 20 times.

Communication came



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Grosse Pointe Park City Council candidates prepare to answer questions during the Sept. 23 League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe campaign forum at Pierce Middle School. From left are challenger Olga Merametdjian, incumbent Tom Caulfield, challenger Patrick Gleason, incumbent Max Wiener and Susan Acton, chapter vice president of voter services and moderator of the event.

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council wanted the title to be more in line with the other Pointes and surrounding communities.

“It’s a better description of our organizational chart and how it flows,” he said.

Mayor Art Bryant agreed.

“Frank has basically been acting as a city manager since 2022 when we shifted the treasurer and clerk,” he said. “The title city administrator implies that person isn’t in charge of everyone at city hall, that there’s no single leader.”

Bryant added that state officials told the city the title could not be officially changed without a vote because the language is the charter.

Schulte spent 35 years with the City of Grosse Pointe, then six years as director of public works in the Woods before assuming his current

position in 2021.

In 2022, the city asked voters to change the charter to allow the administration to make emergency purchases up to \$10,000 without council approval. The limit previously was \$5,000.

The ballot language also allows council to increase the amount by resolution moving forward. Council in June voted to increase the threshold to \$20,000.

“With inflation and our ability to perform the business we need to, it makes sense,” Schulte said at the time. “We’re also the biggest of the Pointes.”

The move followed the actions of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park, which recently increased their thresholds to \$20,000 and \$25,000, respectively. Thresholds for surrounding communities are City of Grosse Pointe, \$5,000; Grosse Pointe Shores, \$10,000; St. Clair Shores, \$15,000 and Harper Woods, \$5,000.

up in answers to eight of 12 questions, plus once more during a candidate’s closing statement.

Incumbent councilmen Tom Caulfield and Max Wiener, both seeking second four-year terms, each wove communications into answers of six questions.

First-time challenger, Olga Merametdjian, did the same five times.

Patrick Gleason, also in his first-ever run for council, mentioned communications while responding to two questions and once during his wrap up.

Local league members compiled questions submitted by the public to the organization’s website, lvwgrossepointe.org, during the past few weeks, according to Kathy Rogers, a member of the chapter’s board of directors.

“Those questions have been sorted for relevancy, redundancy and to remove possible slanderous content,” Rogers said.

“Questions (asked during the forum) were selected in advance by a small committee,” said Susan Acton, chapter vice president of voter services and moderator of the event.

Whether discussing

widespread errors in recent municipal water-sewer bills or the level of transparency in municipal operations, the theme of the forum was failure by city officials to impart accurate information or to respond effectively in a timely manner to problems, real and perceived.

Water bills

“Communication has not been clear to residents,” Caulfield said when selected randomly to answer a question about water bills, which in many cases doubled upon enactment of a rate increase and new billing formula. “Our administration needs to explain to residents exactly what’s going on.”

“Communication is the clearest issue here,” Gleason said. “Metrics used in that new billing were based on a system that was not fully understood.”

“This falls on communication,” Merametdjian said. “If there was notification that water bills were going to go up, this would have lessened the blow and anger in the community when they got those shocking bills.”

“We have a lot of issues with water-sewer financing,” Wiener said. “A consultant made recom-

mendations about how to proceed and how to adopt more common municipal practices. Unfortunately, with too much haste our consultant wanted to change things over. We need to slow it down and do it right.”

Transparency

The candidates also spoke of communication when asked if transparency is “an issue” in the city’s government.

“It’s always going to be some sort of ongoing issue,” Caulfield said, again selected to answer first. “I think we have a pretty strong communications issue. I mean clear cut, especially around the water bills. That’s just one example. We need to work on that to be more transparent on what the city’s administration is doing.”

“Our current leadership, both elected and appointed, are above and beyond in terms of their transparency,” Gleason said. “But this community had a stage when that wasn’t the case. All current officials inherited the legacy that comes with that. Part of that legacy is rebuilding trust. The communication we’ve all stressed here is important.”

“Transparency is critical,” Wiener said. “Unfortunately, we’re wrestling with a legacy. Right or wrong, some people believe the city was not handled very transparently in the past.”

“We can do better,” Merametdjian said. “Part of doing better is outreach, bringing community members, residents, in to be a part of the decision-making process; to have a part in it before the actual decision is made.”

Disinformation

Another question that generated an all-hands response regarding communication was about disinformation creeping into city affairs.

“How have you managed this?” candidates were asked.

Gleason, secretary of the recreation commission, said, “Given this age, with the presence of social media, we’ve all experienced instances of mis- or disinformation. That’s the world we live in. As someone aspiring to be one of the elected officials, I want to ensure information coming out of city hall is not just correct, but heard in a way

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Poloni said a design-build decision would be made after the third step.

“That’s probably the way we’ll go because the final cost could come down,” he noted.

A new pool and community center could cost close to \$11 million.

The impetus for the project is a gift of \$1.2

million the city received in 2023 from the estate of a former resident. Carole Ann Williams passed away in May 2023 at age 84. She was a graduate of Grosse Pointe University School — now University Liggett School — and her father, Jack Williams, was Shores mayor from 1954 to 1964. The gift came with the stipulation the money be spent on improvements to Osius Park.

The current pool is 60 years old. A review of the pool 25 years ago said it needed to be replaced. Poloni said Williams’ gift is invested and the interest will be used to pay for the next phase. He said the interest is right around \$80,000 and other donations put the fund at around \$2 million.

The finished project is supposed to include an eight-lane, 8,000-square-

foot pool with a resistance pool and a zero-entry children’s pool that includes elements similar to a splash pad. A new, two-story community center would include offices, equipment storage, restrooms, showers and a concession stand on the lower level, with a second floor that can seat 96 people and be reserved for events.

Poloni said the second floor could include a food warming area, refrigerator and freezer, but no stove.

Mayor Ted Kedzierski said engineers, however, still have to determine if the soil in the park can support a two-story building because it’s all backfill.

A breakdown of the cost shows \$1.3 million for demolition, \$3.4 million for the pool and \$5.2

million for the community center for a total of almost \$10 million. A 10 percent contingency adds another \$1 million.

A one-story community center would cut around \$2.6 million from the cost, but the layout of the new pool will not allow for keeping the current clubhouse.

The timeline for the project, when it starts, would include demolition in the fall, construction of the pool the following spring and construction of the community center that fall.

Poloni said he has had talks with managers in the other Pointes about letting Shores residents use their pools while the new aquatic facility is under construction, particularly the Farms, and the Shores would reciprocate when its new pool is built.

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Armenian Renaissance Association awards scholarships

Jack Oksen Howe of Grosse Pointe Shores, an accounting student at Michigan State University, received a \$2,000 scholarship from the nonprofit Armenian Renaissance Association.

He received the Jack and Zarouhe Shoushanian Merit Scholarship.

Five Oakland County residents also received scholarships: Erika Dafterdarian, Ariana Arev Eurdekian, Nayiri Sagherian and Cecile Koceyan of West Bloomfield, and Lucie Nevart Coburn of Royal Oak.

The Armenian Renaissance Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in southeast Michigan, awards scholar-

ships to students who are Michigan residents and a minimum of 25 percent Armenian.

Scholarship applications are distributed to eligible students each May. Applicants must have completed the required number of credits as specified on the applications. Each application is reviewed and rated based on specific criteria, including cumulative grade-point average, involvement in extracurricular activities, clubs and/or charities and involvement in Armenian-based activities and leadership. Additionally, applicants are required to submit an essay on an assigned topic and graduate students must submit references.



Pictured from left are Armenian Renaissance Association President Linda Lutz and scholarship winners, Erika Dafterdarian, Nayiri Sagherian, Ariana Arev Eurdekian, Lucie Nevart Coburn and Grosse Pointe Shores resident Jack Oksen Howe. Not pictured is scholarship winner Cecile Koceyan.

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Judge Carl Jarboe reads the oath to swear in this year's Defer Elementary Safety Patrol.

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December, January, February, and its dark outside and it's snowing outside and they haven't quite shoveled the sidewalks yet, and you're kissing your pillow under the covers thinking how nice it is to be in the sack, and your parents say, 'It's time to get to your corner,' ... is everyone here ready, willing and able to be at their posts on time even when it's dark, snowing or raining?"

One boy standing in back demurred.

"You're not?" Jarboe said. "You've got to be. You've got to be at your post on time, dark, cold or rain."

Serving on the safety patrol is considered a stepping stone to maturity.

"How many here play soccer, Little League baseball or a musical instrument?" Jarboe asked the candidates. "Those are fun things we do as kids, but they're very different from safety

patrol because when we do those things we're doing it for ourselves, for fun, for enjoyment, for our parents to relive their childhood through us.

"Safety patrol is entirely different. Now, you're taking on what we call responsibility. There are people trusting you to help their young children go to and from school."

Jane Nugent, a Defer teacher and safety program manager, said members of the patrol are leaders.

"They take on the responsibility," Nugent said. "They lead in the classroom. They lead and help younger students."

"It's a big role," said PSO Scott Gilchrist, one of the department's youth officers, attending the ceremony.

He told the students, "It's a lot of responsibility to make sure everyone gets across the street. Thank you for stepping up and doing that with us. You guys are in charge of the corners. We'll help you, but you guys are the boss."

Jarboe asked Walter Fitzpatrick, interim prin-

cipal of Defer, for assurance that "all these boys and girls are ready to be sworn in."

"They're some of the finest we've ever had," Fitzpatrick said.

Time for the oath. "Everyone raise your right hand," Jarboe said. To one student he said, "That's a left."

Jarboe said, "Repeat after me. I do solemnly swear that I will perform the duty as a member of the Defer Safety Patrol to the best of my abilities. I will arrive at my post on time and not leave my post until all other students have passed. I will always be alert to traffic and not allow my fellow students to cross until I'm sure it is safe. I especially promise to protect the younger children and teach them how to go safely to and from school. I will always remember to be a good example so that my parents, my school, the police department and Judge Jarboe will be proud that I have been chosen to be a member of the Defer Safety Patrol. Congratulations."

Optimists learn about Detroit Horse Power

David Silver, founder and executive director of Detroit Horse Power, was the guest speaker Sept. 10, at the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe meeting.

Silver provided an overview and update of the history, programs and plans for the organization going forward. Detroit Horse Power is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded by the former Detroit elementary school teacher in 2015. The organization teaches Detroit students to ride and care for horses to develop critical skills that set them up for academic, career and life success. Youth participate in after-school programs and summer camps.

Currently Detroit Horse Power partners with existing horse businesses to provide firsthand experiences for students. Detroit Horse Power has been working toward establishing its own urban equestrian facility in Detroit. That goal is near fruition.

Detroit Horse Power acquired a 14-acre parcel of land at 2701 Fenkell, formerly home to St. Francis Home for Boys, then Detroit Public Schools' Paul



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Lakeshore Optimist Club President Steve Licari, left, and Detroit Horse Power's David Silver.

Robeson Academy. A fire destroyed the building, which was torn down in 2012.

Working with neighborhood organizations and community partners such as Focus Hope, its strategic plan includes transforming the space into an equestrian facility with an indoor riding facility, stables, office and meeting spaces, paddocks and a bridle path.

Detroit Horse Power has raised \$10 million to build the new facility and hopes to begin serving youth there in 2026.

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Record store stays in town

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — An up-to-50-percent-off sale at Ripe Records cleared out some of the inventory prior to packing up the store and moving this month to Kercheval.

“There’s probably close to 15,000 to 20,000 albums here,” store owner Andy Curcuru said. “Since the sale’s been going on, I’ve probably sold a few thousand. Over at the new location, there probably will be another 10,000 added.”

Ripe’s selection of records will nearly double upon moving from its nearly decade-long location on lower Charlevoix to 15005 Kercheval between Wayburn and Maryland, kitty-corner to Shaw’s Books and Pointe Hardware Group.

“It’s a win-win,” Curcuru said. “I get a bigger space and can add



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Andy Curcuru is scheduled to move Ripe Records from Charlevoix to 15055 Kercheval in time to open Wednesday, Oct. 8.

more records. There’s free parking in the back. And there’s more people walking on Kercheval during the day than on Charlevoix.”

He closed the Charlevoix location last week in preparation for the scheduled reopening Wednesday, Oct. 8.

“So many people have

offered to help me move,” Curcuru said. “I love it that people are offering, but the chances are when you call your friends to help move, everybody is

busy that day. You know how moving goes. So, I’m hoping at least a few people show up.”

Additional space means being able to display some of the 30,000 or 40,000 records he stockpiled at home.

“The 50-50 ratio of new and used records will remain,” he said.

Jonathan Gustafson, of Madison Heights, shops at the store about once per week while picking up his son at Defer Elementary School.

“I love thumbing through the used sections, but having new ones is really nice,” Gustafson said. “(Curcuru) has been awesome at ordering new stuff that I asked for. I’m going to buy one today (Big Thief’s latest album, ‘Double Infinity’).”

“A lot of people order from me because when they order online, they have to pay for shipping

and wait,” Curcuru said. “It’s better to come here because once you add shipping and tax, my prices are less or comparable.”

The move to Kercheval ended rumors he was heading to Ferndale or Royal Oak.

“I said no, I would never leave my family,” Curcuru said. “This is my family. This is where I started. This is where I’m going to end. I looked around to find a building that was going to suit me without paying an arm and a leg, because I don’t make a lot of money selling records. This is kind of a retirement gig for me. It gets me out of the house.”

Still, operating a record store and fulfilling special orders isn’t a 9-to-5 job.

“It’s 24 hours per day, seven days per week to find records, buy records, find the right distributors, to solicit them, to think of who’s going to buy it if I buy it for the store and to find it for people who are looking,” Curcuru said.

Old Newsboys’ Goodfellow Fund of Detroit to honor Bob Riney

The Old Newsboys’ Goodfellow Fund of Detroit will honor Bob Riney with the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award at its 35th annual tribute breakfast at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at Huntington Place.

Riney is president and chief executive officer of Henry Ford Health.

WJR will broadcast live from the breakfast during “JR Morning” with Lloyd Jackson and Jamie

Edmonds. Huel Perkins, longtime Detroit broadcaster, will serve as emcee.

The Edward H. McNamara Award is presented to distinguished and noteworthy individuals who have significantly contributed to the community.

As a lifelong Detroit resident with more than 45 years of service at Henry Ford Health, Riney has played a pivotal role through many times of transfor-

mation. His professional leadership has not only improved the infrastructure of healthcare in Detroit but healthcare overall for the city and region. Riney holds many board and community roles, lending his strategic support to positively impact the community at large.

“Bob Riney is a true Detroit gem whose longstanding leadership and community involvement deserves recognition,”

said Rick Pacynski, president, Detroit Goodfellows. “Our organization is pleased to honor him for the positive changes he has fostered for healthcare and the Detroit community-at-large.”

The tribute breakfast draws support from prominent Detroit and Michigan businesses and community leaders to raise funds to help Detroit Goodfellows in its mission to ensure “no kiddie without a Christmas.”

Tickets for the breakfast are \$150 or \$1,500 for a table of 10. Additionally, multiple contribution levels are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit detroitgoodfellows.org/tribute-breakfast-35/ or contact Jordan Mulka at (586) 775-6139 or info@detroitgoodfellows.org.

Revenue raised will go toward the Detroit Goodfellows’ 2025 fundraising goal of \$1.4 million, which will help

provide 25,000 holiday gift packages containing clothing, books, candy and toys for under-resourced children. It also will provide a dental program for children, scholarships, a free shoe program and summer “camperships.”

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Ford House's goose dog, Moss, takes a seat along the new boardwalk.



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This arm of the path will connect with future paths after more construction is complete.

Ford House unveils new boardwalk

Ford House's new boardwalk, an elevated wooden pathway, winds through native wetlands, linking the Visitor Center parking area to the tribute garden and butterfly house. The boardwalk is more than 400 feet long and is accessible at the far side of the parking lot. When shoreline restoration is finished, it will connect to Bird Island and to the shoreline.

Federally funded through a Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the boardwalk will serve as a key feature in Ford House's educational programming, allowing students to investigate wetland ecology firsthand and understand the critical role wetlands play in sustaining the Great Lakes ecosystem.

A middle section of the boardwalk widens to serve as a flexible space for students and other visitors. There are 15,000 native plants and perennials and 500 trees and shrubs planted along the boardwalk.



This section widens for educational purposes or nature watching.

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that is available to everybody."

"Unfortunately," Wiener said, "we have faced (disinformation) on council. As a body, we're doing our best to increase communications. Sometimes we'll make mistakes, but will do our utmost to try to

improve it. If we can live by that adage, it will serve us better as a community and a municipal government."

"Misinformation is usually led by emotion and personality," Merametdjian said. "If somebody doesn't like somebody, usually they're going to do what they can to cause problems for them. It's unfortunate, but it also goes

back to communication. If something's out there, we have to reach out to people with whatever manner it takes to right the wrong."

"I talk about communication and process," Caulfield said. "And, yes, we need to build trust with administration that residents can go to for the real story before things start going off the handle."

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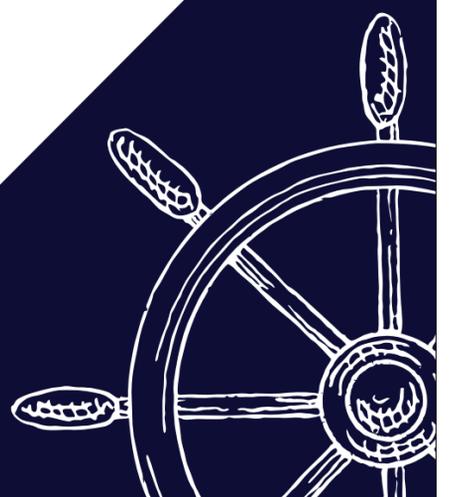


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Welcome home Salvation Army dedicates revamped community center

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Before the Salvation Army Detroit Conner Creek Corps Community Center officially reopened Aug. 1, it was distributing 300 meals and providing 600 in-person hot meals each month.

Since the newly renovated center opened, those numbers skyrocketed to 3,000 meals distributed and 1,600 hot meals served per month. Those figures are just the start of what the Conner Creek Corps, its board and its supporters hoped would happen through the center's massive renovations.

"We are the only location on the east side of the community that serves the entire east side

of Detroit," said Capt. Dalvius King-Harvy, who with her husband, Lt. Johnathan Harvy, are the corps officers who lead Conner Creek. "Residing in the second-most violent neighborhood in Detroit means we are a safe haven to offer kids and a safe haven for young adults who have been exposed to violent crimes in Detroit.

"We're tackling food insecurity through collaboration with other agencies," she continued. "We offer a place for seniors to socialize so they're not sitting home alone — a place where they can come and have a meal. ... We're collaborating with agencies that maybe don't have the space we have. We have a lot to offer as far as mission-based services and



A new computer lab where students can do homework and adults can get help finding a job.

collaborating and coordinating with other mission-based services in Detroit."

Conner Creek broke ground on the multimillion-dollar renovations in June 2022, marking the first addition to the building since the nonprofit purchased it in 2015. The project nearly tripled the space, adding to it a computer lab with access to tutoring and educational certifications, a full-size gymnasium, workout room, kitchen, activities room and more.

The additional space allows the opportunity to serve more people, King-Harvy said.

"We had 28 kids" in the daycare program, she said. "Now we have the ability to serve 231 kids a day with this new facility. We have enough classrooms to put kids in age-appropriate groups, a gym to take the kids to in groups for physical activity, larger space for homework help and tutoring."

Conner Creek's senior meal program also expanded, from 50 to up to 100 meals served monthly thanks to a gourmet kitchen and walk-in freezer.

The center also has an expanded client-choice food pantry.

"Conner Creek has always had a food pantry, where people on the east side can go, without cost, to pick from the shelves whatever they need," Richard Strowger, a City of Grosse Pointe resident who serves on the Conner Creek Advisory Council, said in June 2022. "Included with this project is an expanded food pantry — with room for grocery carts. ... It's food-stuff that comes from Forgotten Harvest and other places and is supplemented by monies the Army pays to make sure there is a broad spectrum of groceries available. From food insecurity to

computer classes and basketball games, it's all part of the expansion of 3000 Conner."

King-Harvy and her husband were placed at Conner Creek six months after the ground-breaking ceremony. The couple handled all logistical arrangements with the contractor and architect during the project.

"We were renting space at the CNS Healthcare facility next door," she said. "We did provide services, but we weren't able to provide services as the level we wanted. Salvation Army is so service focused, we know what the needs are and what's necessary. We did the best we could; it was a huge blessing that (CNS was) right next door. We have a lot more space to host and provide services to members of the community now."

The new space was celebrated during a dedication ceremony Sept. 18, which welcomed friends, neighbors and supporters of the center. The Conner Creek praise team welcomed guests, who filled the new full-court gymnasium, and remarks were made by various Salvation Army



Chef Kanye in the new kitchen.



The Cynthia & Edsel Ford Fitness Center.

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OBITUARIES

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

John Raymond Schneider

John "Jack" Raymond Schneider, 88, passed away Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, at home in Grosse Pointe Shores, surrounded by his loving family.

Jack was a big man with a big heart. He carried many important titles, including husband, father, father-in-law, stepfather, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, dog dad, friend and physician. He will be remembered well and sorely missed by all who knew him.

Jack was born May 21, 1937, in Detroit, to Evelyn and John Schneider. He grew up in Detroit and attended Denby High School and Wayne State University. Following his undergraduate studies, Jack entered the Wayne State University School of Medicine and earned his M.D. in 1963. After medical school, he served in the Michigan National Guard Medical Corps and continued the pursuit of medical specialties, earning certifications in internal medicine, hematology and medical oncology. He was a Fellow in the American College of Physicians and Detroit Academy of Medicine, of which he was the 113th president, and a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Subsequently, Jack had a very long and distinguished career in the practice of hematology and oncology in the metro Detroit area. He was president of Hematology-Oncology Associates P.C. The practice he built thrives today as Great Lakes Cancer Management Specialists. Patients, peers and doctors he trained while an adjunct professor for the WSU School of Medicine consistently praised not only Jack's medical expertise, but also his humanity and compassion.

Jack is survived by his beloved wife of 11 years, Lynn; children, Kristen Van Pelt (Tom), Kurt Schneider (Betsy) and Erich Schneider (Meghan); stepchildren, Steven Carpenter and Carrie Devlin; and grandchildren, Kate and Tommy Van Pelt, Jack and Sophia Schneider,

Annie, Lily and Dexter Schneider, Charlie Carpenter and Rachel, Tucker and Mason Devlin. He also is survived by his sister-in-law, Linda Schneider; and nephew, Matthew Schneider (Elizabeth). He was predeceased by his cherished first wife of 49 years, Gail Schneider; and brother, Richard "Dick" Schneider.

Jack was blessed with a long life characterized by love and amusement. He was rarely alone. He appreciated the friendships and camaraderie offered via his memberships to the Country Club of Detroit and the Yondotega Club. He gave back to his community as a board member of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and trustee at University Liggett School. He had a uniquely sharp wit, as many can attest, and loved to dress with flair, owning one of the most extensive collections of vibrant ties one might ever see. He and Gail hosted many lively parties at their house on Oxford, where he often wound up leading sing-alongs on his grand piano, with his extensive piano repertoire played by ear, as he never learned to read music. He was proud of his family and present at many important milestone events for his grandchildren. He loved spending time at his cottage in Frankfort with friends, children, pets and many guests over the years.

His marriage to Lynn added to his circle of family and friends and enriched his life immensely. Being a stepdad and step-grandpa gave him new loves in his life.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Family and friends may begin to gather at 9:30 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dr. John R. and Lynn Schneider Endowed Scholarship Fund at Wayne State University School of Medicine, 5700 Cass, Ste. 1200, Detroit, MI 48202, (313) 577-2463.

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Mary Ann Roney Tindall

Mary Ann Roney Tindall, 77, a resident of St. Clair Shores, passed away Monday, Aug. 11, 2025, at Henry Ford St. John Hospital.

Mary Ann was the eldest child of Mary Ann Roney Tindall and Daniel John Tindall Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park. She attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe for 12 years and graduated in 1966.

She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Manhattanville University in New York in 1970. She then earned a master's degree in Shakespearean English literature from the University of Virginia in 1973.

Mary Ann came home to Grosse Pointe and began her career at Harriet Sorge Personnel Agency in Detroit. She worked there throughout her career and eventually purchased the business.

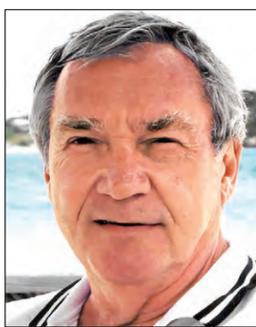
Mary Ann was very active in community affairs throughout the Detroit area. She was a longtime member of the Junior League of Detroit and held many positions within the association, including co-chairperson and editor of the popular "Clockwise Cuisine" cookbook, created and printed by and for the Junior League of Detroit.

Mary Ann also was a member of the Children of Mary Sodality, an honor given to her at the Academy of the Sacred Heart that focuses on community service and dedication to the mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart. Her deep faith sustained her throughout her life.

Mary Ann was the eldest of 37 grandchildren of Edward Charles and Rosemary Trombly Roney. She is survived by her five siblings, Daniel (Mary Anne Szymanski), Michael, Rosemary, Edward and Kathleen.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Children of Mary, 8353 Pleasant Chapel, Newark, Ohio,



John R. Schneider

43056, childrenofmary.net/donate; or the National Lymphedema Network, 2229 Bridge, Ste. 667, Point Pleasant, NJ, 08742, lymphnet.org/donations/.

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Elsie S. Onychuk

Elsie S. Onychuk, 92, passed away peacefully Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, in Grosse Pointe Park. She was a cherished mother, grandmother and sister.

Elsie was born Feb. 21, 1933, in London, Ontario, Canada. Her early years in Canada instilled in her a lifelong love for her country, its culture and its people. Her academic pursuit led her to earn a master's degree in education, which was a testament to her dedication to learning and passion for sharing knowledge. Elsie's Christian faith was a cornerstone of her existence and guided her principles and actions throughout her life.

A virtuoso in her own right, Elsie's love for music was a melody that played throughout her life's journey. She was an accomplished pianist, touching many with her talent as a performer and teacher. Her voice, as beautiful and uplifting as her spirit, resonated in the hearts of those who had the pleasure of hearing her sing.

Elsie's professional life was marked by her significant contribution to education, notably teaching children of ambassadors at the United Nations International School in New York. Her influence extended beyond the classroom, as she was a beloved figure who brought music and joy to the lives of her students and their families.

Her generosity of spirit led her to volunteer at local hospitals, where she provided comfort and solace to those in need. Elsie's commitment to service was a reflection of her kind and loving nature, always seeking to make a positive impact on the world around her. She also was an avid reader and loved to volunteer at the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

In her personal life, Elsie cherished moments spent with her teacher friends, sharing stories and building lifelong bonds over their shared dedication to education. Her adventurous spirit took her on travels across the globe, including a memorable voyage on the RMS Queen Elizabeth, where she explored England and Europe and embraced new cultures and experiences.

Elsie was the heart of her family, leaving behind a legacy of love and kindness. She was a devoted mother to Gregory Onychuk and a doting grandmother to Yvette and Nadia. Though her brother, George, predeceased her, she always kept his memory alive in the stories she



Mary Ann Roney Tindall



Daniel J. Deane

shared.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, mygiving.net/donate/Support-GPLF.

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Daniel J. Deane

Daniel J. Deane, 69, died peacefully Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, at home and surrounded by his wife and children.

Daniel was born Sept. 19, 1956, in Detroit, to Joseph and Barbara Deane. He was raised alongside three brothers, Tom, Bill and Brendan, and three sisters, Anne, Mary and Genevieve. Daniel spent his childhood in Grosse Ile and attended Assumption College Catholic High School in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Following his graduation from Michigan State University in 1978, Daniel joined his father and brothers in the management of Nicholson Terminal and Dock Co., a family business in operation since 1928. Daniel became president of Nicholson Terminal in 1990, and served as a dedicated owner and steward alongside his brothers for the next 35 years, demonstrating a strong commitment to his employees and the city of Detroit.

Daniel was a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and the International Stevedoring Council. He served on the boards of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber and Universal Logistics Holdings, and was a former president of Port of Detroit Operations Society and the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

Daniel was defined by the unwavering commitment he demonstrated to his family and friends. He was a constant, resolute presence in each of his children's lives and often could be found behind the bench coaching or meaningfully involving himself in the community as they grew. As his family expanded to include grandchildren, so did Daniel's passion for supporting his family.

Daniel maintained meaningful, lifelong friendships from his time at Camp de Sales,



Elsie S. Onychuk



Ellen Martha Kerfoot

Assumption College Catholic High School, Michigan State University and Nicholson Terminal, a testament to his character and his dedication to friends. He deeply cherished his friends and his entire family.

Daniel is survived by his wife of more than 40 years, Denise Deane; children, Erin Deane (Zack Crisan), Ryan Deane (Kaitlin) and Rory Deane (Michaela); and five beloved grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The family will begin greeting guests at 9:30 a.m.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Ellen Martha Kerfoot

Ellen Martha (nee Debbaudt) Kerfoot, 84, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away peacefully Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025.

Ellen was the beloved wife of 61 years to Edward. She was the mother of David, Jeffrey (Melissa), John (Caroline), Martha and the late Daniel; grandmother of Hudson, Vienna and Chase; and sister of Paul (Connie), Eugene (Jean), Dennis (Gay) and the late Mary Weisenfeld.

Ellen was born in Detroit to Eugene and Evelyn (nee Glaza) Debbaudt. She graduated from Dominican High School in 1959, and earned degrees from the Henry Ford Community College nursing program and Wayne State University. She was a registered nurse and worked at various local hospitals.

Ellen took pride in her volunteer work, such as being a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts, bringing art to the schools — for which she was a Grosse Pointe News Pointer of Interest on Oct. 18, 1984 — and tutoring at the Dominican Literacy Center.

Ellen will lie in state at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, until her funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served after Mass at the ARK at St. Ambrose. Burial will take place for the immediate family at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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Melinda "Lindy" Leone Campbell

Melinda "Lindy" Leone Campbell, 71, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025, surrounded by her family, after battling thyroid cancer for several years. She will be remembered by all who knew her for her extreme kindness, patience and concern for others.

Lindy was born Jan. 13, 1954, to Gerry and Joan Leone, both now deceased. Growing up, her world revolved around her parents, seven siblings and extended family in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Farms. She attended Catholic schools, including the Academy of the Sacred Heart (now The Grosse Pointe Academy), before graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1971. She graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in psychology and from Wayne State University with a degree in occupational therapy. She practiced occupational therapy before devoting herself to raising her children in Bernardsville, N.J., Rochester, N.Y. and Ann Arbor.

As an adult, circles of love had their center in Lindy. One circle consisted of her husband, Andy; children, Karen, Christine, Carolyn and Craig; sons-in-law, Keith and Charlie; grandsons, Liam, Grant and Rafael; and prodigal cat, Nico. Another circle included her brother, Tom, now deceased; brother-in-law, Alan; sisters, Mary, Denise, Cindy, Joni, Alicia and the late Corrine, and their spouses; and 14 nieces and nephews.

Lindy had friends at multiple local churches where she attended daily Mass. She loved chatting with fellow parishioners and often was the final one out the door. Everyone was touched by knowing her.

Lindy loved music and was a skilled singer and piano player. She enjoyed singing in her church choir in New Jersey and treated family to beautiful renditions of "Hello, Dolly!" and "The Entertainer" on piano. Lindy especially enjoyed musicals, including both



Melinda L. Campbell

Broadway and local high school productions. A few of her favorites were "The Sound of Music," "Carousel," "West Side Story" and "Sunday in the Park with George." She was an enthusiastic supporter of local productions, helping to procure program sponsors, props and costumes, and always sharing her appreciation for the cast, crew and pit orchestra.

Lindy had a strong drive to problem solve and help those in need. Her ability to see beyond physical, mental, personal or day-to-day challenges helped her thrive as an occupational therapist, mother and friend. She was never deterred by a challenge—whether creating a method to help a mute person communicate, fixing a washing machine or crafting her father's alligator costume for a Halloween party, Lindy was the lady to whom everyone turned. Through her church community, Lindy cared for the sick, distributed resources to those in need, sponsored new members and supported those going through difficult times. Many who confided in Lindy appreciated that they had an intelligent, nonjudgmental and open-minded friend to share their concerns.

Lindy was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Visitation will occur from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. She will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, until her funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 2000 Town Center, Ste. 1730, Southfield, MI 48075, bit.ly/3K6FsFQ; or the Society of St. Vincent de



Nicholas Martin Orozco

Paul at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 540 Elizabeth, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stthomasannarbor.

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Nicholas Martin Orozco

Nicholas Martin Orozco, 43, passed away Friday, Sept. 19, 2025. He was a beloved son, father, brother and friend.

Nick was born Dec. 6, 1981, in Willingboro, N.J., to Robert Orozco and Peggy O'Neill. He was a proud St. Clare of Montefalco Falcon, Notre Dame High School Fighting Irishman and student at the University of Michigan.

Art and people were Nick's passions and it showed in his music and his art, as well as his deep friendships. He loved the outdoors, spending childhood summers in California riding dirt bikes, fishing, camping and spending time on the water at Gull Lake.

He is survived by his daughter, Zoa Grace Orozco; Zoa's mother, Anna Ornelas; his mother and father, Robert and Peggy; brother, Thomas; sister, Rylee; grandparents, Thomas and Charlene O'Neill; as well as many aunts, uncles and extended family of friends and supporters.

Nick will lie in state at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, until the time of his funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Linkage Community, linkagecommunity.org; or St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, 16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, stclareschool.net/.

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Guests of Maggie Jackson's bridal shower assemble packages for the Capuchin shower ministry.

Shower power
Bride-to-be, guests celebrate the joys of givingBy Jody McVeigh
Editor

When friends and family gathered to celebrate the upcoming nuptials of City of Grosse Pointe resident Maggie Jackson, they came bearing gifts.

Only these gifts weren't for the bride-to-be.

"On the invitation, there was a QR code to an Amazon wish list," she said. "Top priorities were travel-sized items," including soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, towel tablets, disposable razors, feminine products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, combs, mints, Band-Aids and body wash.

At Jackson's bridal shower, guests worked to sort and stuff those gifts into packages for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's shower ministry.

"We have two days a week at the Conner Capuchin Soup Kitchen when we offer, from 8 a.m. to noon, showers for individuals who need them," Brother Fred Cabras, director of social services, said. "We have a mobile shower unit in the back where they are able to shower and we give them fresh clothes and hygiene items."

Jackson and her guests had fun with the service project, turning it into a competition.

"We played Bobby Darrin's 'Splish Splash' and when the music stopped, we'd see who had the most bags packed," said Joan Pfaendtner, Jackson's mother. "It was like Hot Potato. There were certain items per bag. We'd play the music, stop and count the number of bags. We kept going until it was all done."

A bridesmaid at each table helped guide participants and at the end of the shower, 300 bags were packaged.

"Extra donations that came in brought it up to 500," Pfaendtner added.

Packages were made

complete with tags, courtesy of Small Favors, that read "From Maggie's shower to yours."

Of the 40 people at Jackson's shower, only a half dozen or so knew about the ministry.

"So we're lifting this up," she said. "It's all about this ministry in our own backyard. This is a step to raise awareness."

This particular project has been on Jackson's mind for years.

"Our family has been involved with the Caps forever," Jackson said.

"When I graduated college in 2015, I started volunteering at the Solanus Casey Center. I got to know the friars and I learned that they package bags for their shower program. I decided I wanted to organize and package what they had. And I decided if I ever got married ..."

Her family's involvement with the Capuchins extends well beyond this latest contribution.

"When I was married 35, almost 36 years ago, we were in our 30s,"

Pfaendtner said. "In lieu of gifts, I asked people to make a donation to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. People were very generous."

"I'm doing something similar for my wedding," Jackson added. "There are some items on my registry, but top and center is to donate."

Jackson's Nov. 22 wedding to Mark Byron will take place at the monastery—the same place Pfaendtner and her husband, David Jackson, got married and where her children were baptized.

"It's coming full circle," Jackson added.

Jackson said her parents and grandparents set examples of kindness and generosity.

Pfaendtner agreed. "My mom and dad, us, our children—it's instilled in us to give back," she said. "... It's our faith. It's what we're supposed to do. We all find that when we give back ... you get that feeling that you've really done something. We don't do it for the pat on the back; it's just second nature."

"You're doing it because you want to, but it still feels good," Jackson added. "We did

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More than 300 bags were packaged at the shower.

'Legends of Grosse Pointe' is Oct. 25

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society welcomes guests to "Legends of Grosse Pointe," featuring Trois Bouffons, from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Grosse Pointe History Center, 375 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Weather permitting, Trois Bouffons will perform on the porch, sharing light-hearted stories, music and community dances from the French fur trade. There will be something for everyone during this fam-

ily-friendly event. Guests are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets to relax while enjoying the show.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, the festivities will move inside.

Autumn refreshments will be available.

Tickets are \$5 for Grosse Pointe Historical Society members, \$10 for nonmembers and \$25 for families.

For more information or to become a member, visit gphistorical.org.

St. Ambrose hosts spaghetti dinner fundraiser

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser benefiting St. Vincent de Paul.

The dinner takes place 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, in the ARK at St. Ambrose.

Cost is \$35 for adults, \$10 for ages 8 to 14, and includes all-you-can-eat

choices of pasta with three sauce selections, breadsticks, salad, desserts and coffee. A cash bar will be available for pop and wine. Children younger than 8 are admitted free of charge.

Tickets are purchased at the door.

Those unable to attend who would still like to donate may visit stam-

brosechurch.net and select "Make a gift to St. Vincent de Paul."

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Pets can make the golden years shine more brightly

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

There are a great many benefits to entering the golden years, including less work, more golf and no alarm clocks. But seniors also may find themselves experiencing bouts of loneliness and isolation once they retire or lose loved ones. It can be trying to adjust to a new routine minus many of the familiar faces they once enjoyed so much. Considering loneliness is reported to be a common issue for seniors, with 40 percent admitting to feeling lonely on a regular basis, it's no surprise that many consider pets as potential companions. Pets can be a great remedy with real benefits, providing companionship, affection and better health and well-being that lasts a lifetime.

A 2019 National Poll on Healthy Aging surveyed adults between 50 and 80 years old, more than half of whom said they owned a pet. For 79 percent of owners, their pet helped reduce their stress and 86 percent claimed their pets made them feel loved. Healthline.com reports that pets can reduce blood pressure, speed recuperation and increase brain health.

Pets need their people and can provide them a sense of purpose, as the animals need feeding and interaction each day. Some pets like dogs can keep a senior active while walking them daily. They are great conversation starters and a way for people to meet and socialize.



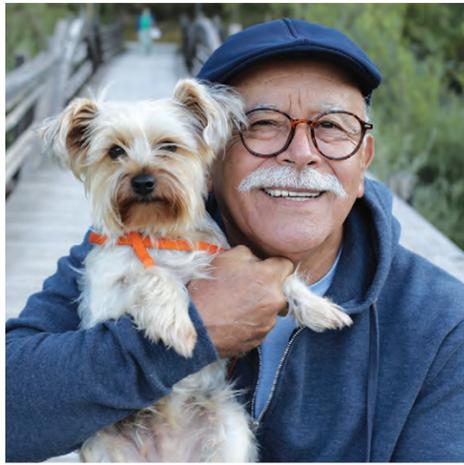
However, in order for a senior to properly benefit from having a pet, it's essential that the right type of animal is chosen, one that matches the owner's needs based on varying activity levels and care requirements.

Is a dog or cat more appropriate? Or maybe a more exotic pet like a rabbit, ferret, bird or reptile? Each potential pet owner needs to be honest about the amount of energy and time they have to devote to a pet before taking the leap.

Ask yourself about current and potential mobility issues. Dogs that require daily walks and exercise are not recommended for those with limited mobility (unless the individual can hire a dog walker). An under-exercised dog will be miserable and destructive, with neither the owner nor the dog ending up happy. Smaller breeds can be pad-trained and often are the ideal solution for someone with mobility issues. Bear in mind that all dogs still deserve occasional walks and most require some outdoor fun to be happy.

Consider current and future finances. Be sure to realistically estimate the average cost for each type of pet, including medical care and insurance in addition to basic food and bedding. While all animals require some supplies and toys, prices vary depending on the animal's type and size. The bigger the dog, the more his or her supplies are likely to cost. You'll also need to consider things like vacation boarding or pet-sitting.

Are you able to clean up after your pet or will you need to hire some help? Even relatively low-maintenance pets will involve some ongoing cleaning.



Guinea pigs and birds need their cages cleaned, cats need their litter boxes emptied and filled, and fish or reptiles need their tanks sanitized periodically. Consider the frequency of cleaning required and if the task is something you can accomplish alone or if you'll need help. Cat litter is heavy, so make sure you can lift it or have someone to help. There are lightweight litters on the market, but they are slightly more expensive.

What is your desired lifestyle? Are you a homebody or someone who is always on the go? Your daily habits should help determine which type of pet to choose. For someone with an active social life who would appreciate a bit of extra companionship at home, birds or a cat may be a better fit. Cats and birds can be left alone for hours without much to worry about (unless their personality is such that they require a lot of attention).

If you love lounging at home in your post-retirement life and want to spend significant time caring and for and interacting with a furry creature, a dog may be a good pick. Just like people, animals have their own personalities. Both dogs and cats can come in the more clingy variety, following you about the house all day, or they may be comfortable simply napping at a distance most of the day, providing quiet comfort.

Many seniors do not want the fuss of training a new puppy or kitten. Puppies especially can be trying for the first few months, crying at night, having accidents and needing to be taught the basics of household living. The phase does pass, but for some seniors it's too much to ask at this stage of life. For them, a cat or dog age 4 or 5 and older probably already will be aware of the baseline expectations humans have of them. They will have realized most of their unique adult attributes — and issues — so you'll know about their potty breaks and other habits. That said, be sure to ask if a pet you plan to adopt shows idiosyncrasies in any of their behaviors so you can be honest about what you can handle — and what you need in a pet. Do you prefer a lap cat or one that entertains you with their antics? You may not know what you get with a kitten, but an older pet won't have as many surprises.



You also might consider a senior pet, age 7 to 10 or older, as a loving companion. Just like senior people, senior pets have much affection and life to share. They may be harder to place than young animals, but the adoption of a senior pet can have many advantages.

For example, their size and personality are fully developed, so you know exactly the type of pet you'll be getting. Senior pets also on the whole are not as rambunctious and in need of stimulation — often a better match for senior lifestyles. Plus, they have years of practice in the art of snuggling and are grateful for a chance to love again.

Most older pets take nicely to a new home after an acclimation period. The standard is that any new pet needs three days to decompress, three weeks to feel safe in their new environment and three months for it to feel like home. Your love and patience will go a long way toward helping them adjust and trust you.

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society has adoptable pets of all ages and is especially excited to place senior pets. If you are interested in arranging a meeting, visit gpaas.org to learn about all of the animals looking for homes and how the adoption process works. You can fill out an online pre-adoption application and set the wheels in motion to schedule a weekday meet-and-greet appointment. Or stop in at 20542 Harper, Harper Woods, to see the currently available dogs/puppies or cats/kittens. There is a Saturday open house every week between 10 a.m. and noon. The phone number at GPAAS is (313) 884-1551 for information or appointments.

A few of the faces currently waiting for a home at the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.



Chip
White male Maltese mix.
Solo dog - no kids. Born 9/1/22.



Koko
Cream/gray female Siamese mix. Born 5/5/22.



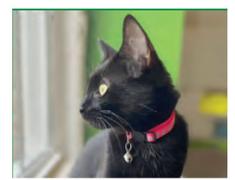
Coco
White female Maltese/Corgi.
Born 4/21/19. Bonded w/ Timbit.



Charlie
Orange female Longhair.
Born 6/12/24.



Timbit
Fawn male Chi/Yorkie. Born 6/11/22. Bonded w/ Coco.



Mabel
Black female Shorthair.
Born 2/1/24.



Charlee
White female Bichon/
Poodle. Born 10/5/17.



Ivy
Black/orange female Tortie.
Born 5/5/22.



Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

Grandmothers vs. Whippersnappers

My friend Bonnie is a petite grandmother. When she's standing up straight in stiletto heels (which she'd never ever in a million years actually wear) she's about 5 feet, 4 inches tall. She weighs slightly more than a hefty golden retriever, even when she's soaking wet and claims she feels bloated.

She dresses conserva-

tively; loves her children and grandchildren to pieces; attends church; pays her bills on time; recycles old newspapers, bottles and cans; eats five fruits and vegetables every day; visits shut-ins; and flosses frequently. Writes thank-you notes. Always knocks before entering.

Bonnie recently showed a couple of young

men what we all learned while growing up in the '50s and '60s. She showed some young whippersnappers that they should mind their manners and control their nasty tempers.

Here's what happened. Bonnie was getting off the expressway at an unfamiliar exit. One of the lanes on the surface drive was closed and she

was afraid she'd miss her chance to make a right turn. She eased into the far right lane much too quickly.

This ticked off the driver behind her. He and his passenger, both big burly men in their 20s or 30s, were angry. The hulking driver did what many drivers do. Locked and snug in his steel-and-chrome-and-glass bullet

with his windows rolled up, his radio blaring, his ego inflated to XXL — and seated beside a passenger who needed to be reminded about his intelligence, skill, speed and dominance over other dumb, pushy and ill-informed motorists — this young man made eye contact with Bonnie and flashed her a well-known digital hand signal.

His mistake. Now Bonnie was ticked.

But unlike Mr. Whippersnapper, Bonnie was raised right. She didn't speed up and return the visual favor. She didn't honk or shake her delicately gloved fist. She didn't glower, swear or swerve. She pulled up beside the young man and rolled her window down. She indicated that

he should roll his window down too.

Amazingly, he did. "I'm so sorry," she said. "I'm not familiar with this exit. I wanted to turn right at the next street and I pulled over much too soon. Sorry."

Mr. W. blushed and stammered.

"He looked like he wanted to slide under the dashboard and disappear," Bonnie said.

He apologized. He said he usually didn't make such obscene gestures. He blushed. His passenger looked embarrassed and flustered. The driver said he was sorry again and he called her "ma'am."

Bonnie rolled her window up and drove on.

Final score: Grandmothers: 1; Whippersnappers: 0

Assumption Senior Expo turns 30

The 2025 Senior Expo — annual premiere lifestyle and health expo for active adults — takes place 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Assumption Cultural Center.

The wellness event for seniors, which is free to the community, provides area adults with informative exhibits, educational seminars, interactive experiences and valuable resources for today's senior lifestyles.

The 30th anniversary theme is a tribute to Detroit and its iconic history. The keynote speaker is beloved retired WDIV-TV sports anchor, Bernie Smilovitz.

Former WDIV news anchor Devin Scillian and his band, Arizona Son, sponsored by A.H. Peters, will perform during the luncheon. The Courtyard Senior Super Tent will feature Motown music as well.

The National Coney

Island cart will be onsite in celebration of National's 60 years in business.

Each year Senior Expo hosts more than 1,500 seniors, their families and caregivers.

"We are committed to providing a vibrant and informative event that celebrates and supports our senior community," said Terri Murphy, CSA, Hope Senior Home Care and chairwoman of the Senior Expo Committee. "We continue providing a platform that empowers seniors to live their lives to the fullest."

Visitors will be treated to more than 50 exhibitors offering giveaways and information on healthcare, recreation, self-improvement, retail products, managed care, physical training, financial and legal advice, to name a few.

Popular workshops include "Food is Medicine," "Ask the Elder



Bernie Smilovitz, retired WDIV-TV sports anchor, will be the keynote speaker at the expo.

Law Attorney," "Medicare Counseling," "Ask the Physician" and "Ask the Nutritionist." Onsite health screenings include spine evaluations, blood pressure checks, knee pain/arthritis/physical therapy screenings, mini chair massages and more.

Also featured is a community resource center including VA information, Medicare information and more.

The Resource Guide, a reference book for adults of available services throughout the metro area, is distributed at the expo and remains a useful tool all year through. The guide is developed by the Senior Expo Committee and is made available at hospitals, city offices, libraries and community facilities.

Senior Expo Committee members who have planned for the event all year long include: Assumption Cultural Center; The Helm at the Boll Life Center; Macomb County Chamber of Commerce; Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce; Henry Ford Health; A.H. Peters Funeral Home; Cranberry Park; Hope Senior Home



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Former WDIV news anchor Devin Scillian and his band, Arizona Son, sponsored by A.H. Peters, will perform during the luncheon.

Care; Harper Chiropractic Center; American House Lakeshore; Health Alliance Plan (HAP); and Adair Consulting and Events.

Platinum co-sponsors of Senior Expo are Henry Ford Health and HAP.

Sponsorship and vendor sites still are avail-

able. Assumption Cultural Center is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Free shuttle service is provided by Cranberry Park for parking at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park. For more information, call (586) 779-6111.

A healthy October at The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, invites older adults to attend a variety of programming during the month of October.

Among this month's offerings is the next Health for Her at The Helm session. "Real Talk about Marijuana" takes place 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in partnership with The Family Center.

This educational session with medical professionals will focus on the medical and societal implications of marijuana usage. Attendees will receive an evidence-based overview of marijuana's potential therapeutic benefits — pain management, nausea control and chronic disease symptom management — as well as associated risks, including cognitive impairment, dependency and potential mental health effects.

The presentation includes a question-and-answer session between participants and presenters. The event is open to the community free of charge. Wine and light snacks will be served.

The Health for Her at The Helm series covers health topics of special interest to women. Previous presentations covered sleep, heart health, menopause and

bone health. Keep an eye out for future presentations.

Registration is required.

The Helm also offers flu shots 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, administered by Henry Ford Medical Center — Grosse Pointe.

Flu shots are covered by most insurance companies. Those interested should bring their insur-

ance card or Medicare card and supplemental health insurance card, as well as a driver's license or Michigan ID.

Appointments are required. Appointment slots fill quickly, so schedule as soon as possible.

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Bicknell lecture series continues Oct. 15

The Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture Series, presented by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, is underway, offering lectures on a range of topics and interests at the Grosse Pointe History Center, 375 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free, but advanced registration is requested as seating is limited.

The next lecture takes place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, when author Ric Mixer presents “Tattletale Sounds: The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations.”

Mixer will provide photos and video footage commemorating the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald. A well-known shipwreck researcher, Mixer has explored more than 100 shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, including the Edmund Fitzgerald. He has produced more than 30 programs for PBS and the Outdoor Channel and appeared as a shipwreck expert on the History and Discovery channels.



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The Edmund Fitzgerald.

Mixer was awarded for more than two decades of maritime history preservation with the 2009 Award for Historic Interpretation by the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History.

His “Tattletale Sounds: The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations” PowerPoint presentation is based on his 2022 book of the same title. The book includes interviews with those con-

nected to the sinking, those who built the ship, former crew members not on the ship that day and those who searched for the wreck.

The Bicknell series continues well into 2026, with the following schedule:

- ◆ Nov. 19, “Preserving Our Cultural Heritage: 1620–2025, A Career Road Trip Saving Our Precious Stuff”
- ◆ March 18, “Detroit Style Pizza: A

Doughtown History”

- ◆ April 15, “The Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company”

- ◆ May 20 — at the Ford House Visitors Center, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores — “Corrado Parducci: Grosse Pointe’s own Architectural Sculptor”

Register for the lectures online at gphistorical.org/bicknell-lecture.html.

For more information, call (313) 884-7010.



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Mark Byron and Maggie Jackson will be married at the Capuchin’s St. Bonaventure Monastery in November.

SHOWER:

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it because we wanted to do it. I would encourage people to do it. The world is a crazy place and people need help.”

Cabras said he is thankful for the shower-to-shower efforts of Jackson and Pfaendtner.

“It was absolutely amazing,” he said. “It was really creative to have a wedding shower to package hygiene bags. I was so elated when they told me they were going to do it. It was unique and lovely — such a wonderful thing they did.”

The shower ministry serves approximately 20 people a day. A second location at the Capuchin Community Center on Meldrum will open in a few weeks, Cabras added.

“We welcome any type of ... one-time use items,” he said. “People can drop them off Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (the Capuchin Services Center) 6333 Medbury.”

“If anyone’s looking for

a service project ... the more prepackaged items they have, the sooner they can get them into the hands of those they serve,” Jackson said.

Travel-sized items are contributed to the shower program, while full-size items are given to the Capuchin Services Center, which assists 228,000 individuals annually with emergency food, clothing and other needs.

“They have a slew of social services — a food pantry, clothing pantry, job placement, referral services,” Jackson said.

Both women said witnessing the good the program does — and the dignity with which it operates — is eye-opening.

“We love our friars,” Jackson said. “They keep us on our toes.”

“They are joyful in what they do,” Pfaendtner added. “They make you feel comfortable.”

For more information about volunteer opportunities or making donations, visit thecapuchins.org.

New session of adult ballet starting soon

Longtime ballet instructor Suzanne Hawkins welcomes students to a new session of adult ballet lessons in October at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The fall session begins Tuesday, Oct. 7, with an intermediate adult class from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost is \$25

per class.

“Our newest class is called ‘Return to Ballet’ and is designed for adults who danced as a child or as a teen and have interest in returning,” Hawkins said. “Some prior ballet knowledge is recommended, but not absolutely necessary.”

Cost for “Return to

Ballet” is \$199 for 10 weeks and advanced registration is required.

The class meets 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, through Dec. 16. There is no class Nov. 4.

“Ballet attire is recommended — tights, leotard, ballet shoes — but tight-fitting yoga pants and shirts are accept-

able as well,” Hawkins said.

“Both levels are taught by myself and I specialize in teaching adult ballet,” she added.

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A new full-court gymnasium was among the additions to the Conner Creek building. It also hosted celebrants during the grand-opening event.

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dignitaries.

“Everyone in this room, everyone who participated, are part of a miracle that God had planned,” said Derek Brown, with the Salvation Army Metro Detroit Advisory Board and Conner Creek Advisory Council. “This blessing is based on personal commitment and the vision of many people. I’ve been a part of the project for many years. We raised a building, but we also raised hope for the east side of Detroit.”

“This building is not about bricks and mortar; it’s about faith,” he added. “... This center is our hilltop, our beacon, a shining light to the lives of those who need it the most, in a time they need it the most.”

Brown thanked a host of people for their support of the project, including Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, State Rep. Joe Tate and the Detroit Police Department.

“This building stands as a statement to what faith, community and commitment can achieve,” he added. “Thank you for believing in this building. It’s not just a center, but a future.”

“The needs are great in this community,” Lt. Col. David Harvey said. “Today people will come and now they’ll have room to meet. ... The real work starts today. The lost and hopeless, they’re coming. The captains and officers can’t do this alone.”

Dr. Kurt Tech, immediate past chairman of the Metro Detroit Advisory Board, acknowledged the many donors who made the project possible.

“This was a decade-long mission to build this center,” he said in honoring donors great and small. “It’s quite something to be part of something

larger than oneself, particularly when it’s giving glory to God.”

King-Harvey said she is hopeful the new center will provide a large scope of services for years to come.

“We tried to put things together so that the families can become involved and become stronger as a unit,” she said. “We want to give them a different perspective that gives them a sense of value. My hope is to always use every area of this building. I want them to see this as their center and as their safe haven. I believe that we are put here by God to be a beacon of hope in this area and so I want this place to be the centerpiece of the community.”

She also thanked donors, the community and city officials for their support.

“Working with us, to make sure it is what it is now, was invaluable,” she said. “The support was overwhelming to receive. ... The level of support from community has been tremendous and we are so grateful.”

Donors and supporters included Toyota Motor North America, the Artichoke Garlic Foundation, Kurt and Polly Tech, Carlene Gaiser and family, members of The Salvation Army Metro Detroit and Advisory Board, campaign chairman John Latella and numerous anonymous donors. Several volunteers and small donors also helped make the project a reality.

“Every single person who participated played an important role in this campaign,” said Maj. Dawn Worthy, Salvation Army Great Lakes Division, Metro Detroit Area Commander.

For more information about the programs and services provided by Conner Creek, as well as volunteer opportunities, visit centralusa.salvationarmy.org/connercreek/ or call (313) 822-2800.

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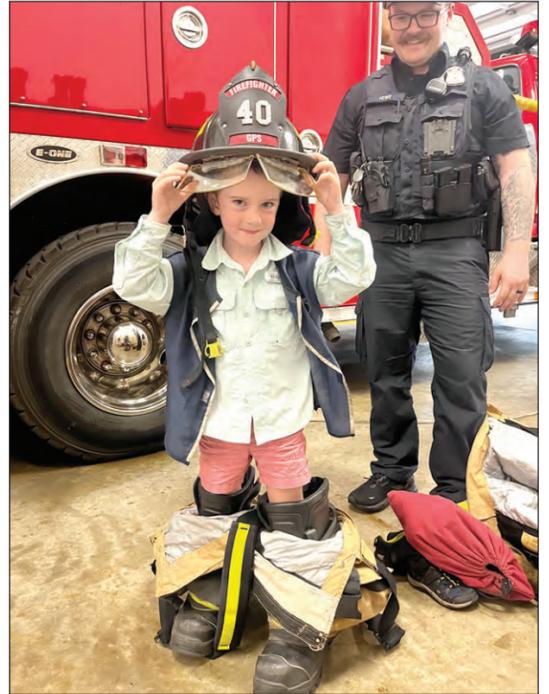


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From left, Jack Haubert tries on a turnout coat at the Grosse Pointe Shores firehouse, a helmet while visiting the Park firehouse and a helmet and pants at the Shores firehouse.

Heroes highlight of boy's summer

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Five-year-old Jack Haubert made it his mission this summer to visit every public safety department in the Pointes. He spent time hand-writing letters and mailing them out, then anxiously awaited responses from the City, Farms, Shores, Park and Woods.

One by one, he met his goal as each department extended an invitation to Jack and his family — dad, Aaron Haubert; mom, Betsy Haubert; and sister, Libby Haubert.

“As the son of a Marine veteran, Jack loves all things first responders/Coast Guard,” Betsy Haubert said, “and greatly admires the Grosse Pointe police and firefighters. He made it his summer goal to write personal letters to each of the five Pointes’ first responder stations so he could tour them and learn more.”

“I love first responders because they’re so good,” Jack said. “I got to visit all of them, all the stations in Grosse Pointe. They gave me a tour.”

He singled out the Woods as his favorite because it was the biggest, but each building supplied its own memorable moment. From the Woods’ metal detector and “police golf cart” and the Park’s panda mascot to the City’s training tower, the Shores’ motorcycle and a crocodile painted on the wall in the Farms, he found something fun and interesting at each visit.

“They were all so wonderful, every one of them,” Aaron Haubert said. “They all responded personally. Everyone interacted with us, from the chiefs and directors down to the officers who gave us the tours. They were all fantastic.”

So enamored is Jack with first responders he has his own firefighting equipment, thanks to his big sister. The gear — a kiddie-sized coat, helmet, glasses, boots, mouthguard, fire extin-

guisher, oxygen tank, ax and saw — was Libby’s, but when she noticed her brother’s growing obsession, she happily handed it over.

When he learned firefighters keep their turnout gear in the trunks of their cars, he found a perfect home for his — the rear of the family’s Ford Explorer.

A few weeks ago, he had the opportunity to put it to use as the Hauberts drove by the Grosse Pointe Park station on their way to return some library books. The Park’s crew was running fire hydrant checks.

“We saw them practicing,” Jack said. “That’s where we saw the water

cannon.” When asked what he’d like to be when he grows up, The Grosse Pointe Academy student said, “So many things.”

Among them, a captain. In the meantime, he’s awaiting responses from the next group he admires.

“Now I’m moving on to the Coast Guard,” he said. “Belle Isle’s Coast Guard has a boat and a helicopter.”

While he waits, he’s basking in the joy of completing his summer goal and meeting his heroes.

“I really look up to them,” he said.

Added Libby, “Make that a ‘we.’”



Jack geared up for the job when his family drove by the Park crew testing fire hydrants.



Jack and Libby Haubert lend a hand to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.



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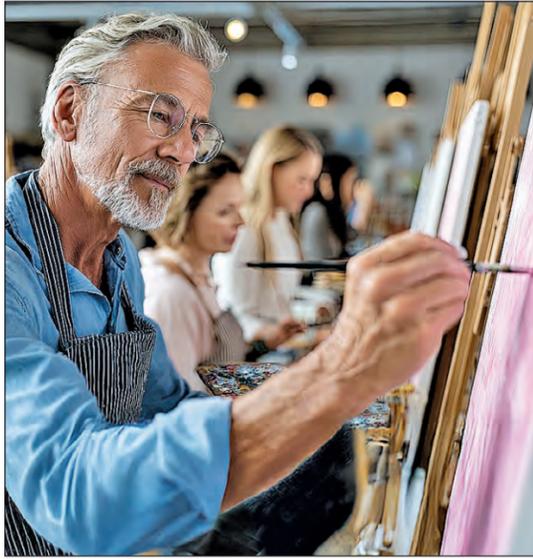
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— Wandering in the Woods

Dear Wandering: Retirement is one of those big life transitions people celebrate, but rarely talk about the

complicated feelings that can come with it. Suddenly your days are wide open and it can feel disorienting rather than freeing.

Start by giving yourself some structure. Pick a few activities each week to try — maybe an art class at the community center, volunteering at

The Helm or joining a local walking group.

You don't need to build a packed schedule, just enough to give shape to your days. It's also OK to rest, reflect and give yourself permission to take things slow. You've earned that freedom.

If you can shift your mindset from filling

time to creating joy, you'll start to see all that space as an opportunity, not a void.

— Gabby.

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When the neighbor's mess becomes your problem

DEAR ANNIE: I have lived in my house for more than 40 years. In all that time, I have done my best to be a good neighbor. I am not the type to throw block parties or socialize regularly, but I have always made a point to wave, say hello and keep a friendly atmosphere on our street. Until recently, that was enough to maintain a peaceful, pleasant home.

Last year, a young family moved in right next door, and though they are friendly and polite when we pass each other, their

day-to-day habits are wearing on me. The problem is not their manners but their mess.

From my porch, I have a full view of the side of their house where they keep their trash cans. After garbage pickup, they simply toss the cans back against the wall without care. Around the cans, piles of junk have started to gather: flattened boxes that never make it to recycling, pieces of broken cement, discarded bits of wood, and other odds and ends.

The other side of their

yard isn't much better. There's a constant sprawl of toys, a stroller, bikes, a grill, gardening tools, a wheelbarrow — everything left scattered across the lawn as if it had been dropped and forgotten. It never seems to get tidied or put away.

This summer, the view became so unpleasant that I avoided sitting on my porch altogether, even though that has always been one of my favorite parts of my home. What used to be a place for morning coffee or evening relax-

ation now feels spoiled by the sight of chaos next door.

I find myself worrying that this kind of disregard could escalate into something resembling hoarding, and I do not want to live next to that. Yet I feel stuck. These neighbors are not unfriendly. They greet me warmly, smile and exchange pleasantries. But beneath that surface politeness, the clutter is growing, and it is driving me to distraction.

How can I bring up this issue without causing offense or starting a neighborhood feud? I want to preserve peace and kindness on our street, but I also want to reclaim the comfort of my own home and porch. —Frustrated But Neighborly

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I understand your frustration. After decades of caring for your home, it is disheartening to have the view spoiled by neighbors who are care-

less with their property.

Since they are polite when you see them, try starting with a gentle, specific request: "I love sitting on my porch, but it's hard with the trash cans and boxes right outside. Could you move them?" Sometimes people simply don't realize how their habits affect others.

If that fails, check your town's ordinances. Many communities require trash cans and debris to be stored out of sight. That way, the rules — not you — become the enforcers.

You can't control how they live, but you can take steps to protect your peace. Start with kindness, and if needed, let the local codes do the heavy lifting.

DEAR ANNIE: I am caught in a very difficult family situation. I have twin sisters-in-law, Tricia and Tanya, who have not spoken to each other in

more than 25 years. To complicate things further, Tanya and her mother have also been estranged for 24 years.

I've managed to maintain good relationships with both sisters, but things have come to a head. Their mother, whom I have personally cared for over the past five years with no help from anyone else, has just been admitted to a nursing home. Her dementia is worsening, and I believe this will be where she spends the rest of her life.

I suggested to Tricia that she reach out to Tanya and try to mend fences — at least enough for both sisters to visit their mother, even separately. Tricia flatly refused. Meanwhile, Tanya has no idea that her mother is now in a nursing home. She is very sensitive, and I fear she would be devastated if her mother passed without knowing or having the chance to see her.

I even asked my husband (their brother) if he would tell Tanya, and he also said no. Meanwhile, Tricia has started visiting their mother's apartment to take what she wants, and everything else will be donated.

I am torn. I don't want to meddle, but I also don't think it's right to keep Tanya in the dark about her mother's condition or her belongings. Should I step in and tell her myself, or stay out of it and respect the family silence?
— Torn and Troubled

DEAR TORN: You've already gone above and beyond caring for your mother-in-law. Keeping Tanya in the dark is not protecting her; it is punishing her. Whatever the history, she deserves to know her mother's condition and to decide for herself what to do.

You are not meddling by telling her the truth. A simple, factual message is enough: "Your mother is now in a nursing home with dementia. I thought you should know." After that, the choices are hers.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Let me start by saying I primarily wear contacts. However, I've always loved having a good pair of glasses on hand, especially for slow mornings, late nights or those moments when my eyes are simply too tired to deal with contact lenses.

For the past 12 years, I had one reliable pair of glasses I wore consistently, through school, work, travel and everything in between. That is, until I misplaced them on my birthday trip, along with my AirPods and a surprising number of other personal items. It wasn't even

a particularly wild or chaotic trip. I'm just genuinely forgetful in a way that borders on impressive.

For the next few months, I did what many of us might do in the same situation. I lived in denial. I told myself they'd turn up eventually and spent every morning and evening squinting my way through the world.

Eventually, I decided enough was enough. I was tired of guessing which bottle in the shower was shampoo and which was conditioner. That's when I finally checked out EyeBuyDirect.com and it



turned out to be one of the best decisions I've made in a while.

The process was incredibly simple. I selected a

stylish pair of frames, entered my prescription, added optional upgrades like blue light protection and placed my order.

To my surprise, the glasses arrived just two days later. As a spare pair, if you know your exact prescription, these are worth a try.

Now, I once again have a cute, comfortable pair of glasses to wear when I start and end my day, and I did it all without dipping into the emergency fund I mentally reserve for replacing lost electronics.

My overall rating is five out of five alligators. I would absolutely recommend EyeBuyDirect.com to anyone who needs a new pair of spare

glasses, especially if you, like me, have been holding out hope that your lost pair might magically return on their own.

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5 Out Of 5

Morning sweets Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This recipe will turn a crisp fall Sunday morning into pure bliss. It's taking over the internet so I had to give it a try. I first saw this recipe from @nicolemmom from All Recipes and have since seen it reposted countless times.

Monkey bread is a sticky, pull-apart bread made with butter, cinnamon and sugar. It's baked until the bottom turns into a chewy, caramel-like cinnamon roll. You can't stop eating it.

This recipe, however, calls for slices of bananas to be wrapped inside biscuit dough balls. They're then rolled in cinnamon sugar and topped with butter, more sugar and vanilla. I added chopped apples which were slowly baked in the butter and cinnamon bliss alongside the dough.

The bananas cooked inside their little nests until they became creamy and slowly oozed out of each bite. The showstop-

per here is flipping it over onto a platter where the bottom becomes a deep caramel color that has turned chewy.

Make sure to let the monkey bread cool for a bit after pulling it out of the oven. The inside is incredibly hot. I served this with a bunch of bacon on the side. My kids thought the only thing that would make it better is putting the bacon inside of the monkey bread. Maybe next time.

Cheers, Mombeau

Banana Monkey Bread

2 cans refrigerated large biscuits (8 count)

4 large bananas

2/3 cup white sugar

1 cup brown sugar, divided

2 tsp ground cinnamon

2 apples, peeled and chopped

1 cup butter

1 tsp vanilla

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Grease your bundt pan and set aside. In a medium bowl, add in the white sugar, 1/4 cup of brown sugar and cinnamon. Whisk together.

Open up your cans of biscuits and separate the biscuits into three layers. Peel and slice the bananas into 3/4 inch slices. Place a slice of banana in the center of each piece of dough and wrap it up. Roll it around in your hands to make a ball. Place each ball into the cinnamon sugar to fully coat. To assemble, add half of the chopped apple to the bottom of your greased bundt pan.

Then layer in half of the biscuit pieces on top. Add remaining biscuits and then the rest of the apple. Melt the butter,



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remaining brown sugar and vanilla until the sugar dissolves. Pour the butter evenly over the top of the biscuits and apples. Bake for 50

minutes to an hour or until the top is browned and crisp.

Let the monkey bread cool for about 10 minutes. Then place a large

plate over top and flip over so the bread comes out bottom side up. Pull apart the biscuit pieces or use a cake knife to slice. Enjoy!

Vino Alfresco

Dining outside can be a treat, but it has a way of affecting how we enjoy our meals, which includes wine — which I consider to be an extra course in the meal.

In the waning days of summer, many people take to patios and other alfresco venues, which is one way to avoid turning on air conditioning and escape the confines of hot home environments.



This, however, calls for a slight adjustment in the way wine typically is served, although some people do not realize the impact dining outside imposes on how we appreciate our wine. And not knowing this can create problems for some serious wine people.

If you consider wine to simply be a beverage whose primary function is to be wet, then most of

the following will have little impact on the way you dine outside. But wine lovers should appreciate some of these ideas.

First is the fact that dining out-of-doors imposes different scents on our noses. These include things like trees (leaves), plants (jasmine!), pool chlorine, cut grass, automobile exhaust (diesel?!),

ablaze charcoal briquettes, lighter fluid and neighbors' cigarettes.

None of this is appealing when it comes to serving fine wine. I have several stories that apply here. Almost none ended up positively.

For one thing, mature bottles of red wine are best served in environments where there is no extraneous aromatic impact. That includes

serving them where no one is cooking aromatic dishes that intrude on the delicate nuances in mature red wines.

Outside? Bad idea. For that reason, I suggest avoiding classic old wines, whether white or red, when dining outside. All the imposed smells listed above probably will invade the noses of those who care, ruining the experience.

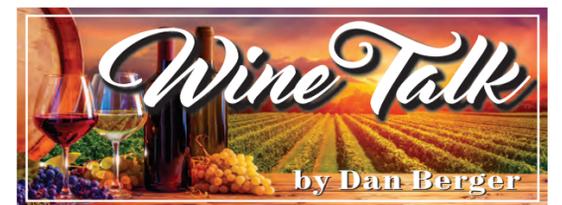
So, it is obvious that the selection of wine for outdoor dining must be carefully designed to deal with factors that don't play a role when inside a dining room. As a result, the following suggestions are proven to be best.

Dry rosé: The way pink wines are made these days, dozens are appealingly refreshing and cool brows when temperatures rise. They may be kept cool in ice buckets or fridges, they work with almost all foods, most including the best can be had for well under \$20 a bottle, and they are festive — which is what dining outside is all about.

Gewurztraminer: The wildly spicy aromatics of this wonderful white grape are perfectly suited for all aromatic intrusions that may

invade patios. It may be hard to find dry versions, but since patio food typically isn't complicated, a chilled glass of Gewurz is remarkably appealing.

Lighter pinot noir: If you really need a red wine in your backyard, try to find one with alcohol levels about 13 percent or lower. I realize it's unlikely you'll find such a thing, so make your own. Simply take a higher alcohol pinot and add half an ice cube. Pinot noir usually has less astringency than other reds, and that's what you're seeking to go with hamburgers, hot dogs and



corn on the cob.

Sauvignon blanc from New Zealand: If you're dining on the grass, this Kiwi wine will compete nicely with outdoor smells, may be kept cold, and appeals to almost everyone.

Wine of the Week: 2021 Matua Valley Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough (\$12) — The aromas of lime, cut

grass and grapefruit are paired with a soft entry and appealing acidity to make for an all-purpose white wine, easy to sip and fine with simple foods. Patio perfection.

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 "Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"




The boys make a discovery.



Tom (Sam Shepard) with Ellis (Sheridan).



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Movie poster.

"Mud"
 2012 - Rated PG-13
 2 hr 10 min
 ★★★★★

Above, Jacob Lofland as Neckbone, Matthew McConaughey as Mud and Tye Sheridan as Ellis in the 2012 movie "Mud," written and directed by Jeff Nichols.

With a mundane title like "Mud" I really wasn't expecting a whole lot from this film. Even after reading a description of it, I figured it would be a few hours of mild entertainment. Was I ever in for a surprise!

It was a totally captivating movie right from the first couple seconds. It takes place in a small Arkansas river town and is a cross between "Huck Finn" and "Stand By Me." A beautiful film in every respect. The acting, storyline, cinematography and directing were all spot on.

The film was directed by Jeff Nichols, an Arkansas native who also wrote the screenplay. He's known for his films "Take Shelter," "Shotgun Stories" and "The Bikeriders."

Cinematographer Adam Stone did a remarkable job of delivering a masterpiece. But the real credit to the film's success goes to the leads Matthew McConaughey, Jacob Lofland and especially Tye Sheridan. What an incredible performance he turned in. Mr. Sheridan has since starred in noteworthy films including "Ready Player One," "The Order" and "The Tender Bar."

"Mud" follows the exploits of two 14-year old boys Ellis (Sheridan) and Neckbone (Lofland) who've been best pals since they were young kids. They both have somewhat troubled backgrounds. Ellis' parents are in the middle of a divorce and Neckbone has no idea where his parents are. He's being raised by his eccentric

Uncle Galen (the always great Michael Shannon). One day, while the two boys are exploring an island in the delta, they discover a powerboat, leads Matthew McConaughey, Jacob Lofland and especially Tye Sheridan. What an incredible performance he turned in. Mr. Sheridan has since starred in noteworthy films including "Ready Player One," "The Order" and "The Tender Bar."

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it isn't long before they're secretly bringing him supplies. He tells them his goal is to get the boat up and running (actually, down and running) and that he plans on reconnecting with Juniper and escaping to freedom. Not only do they supply him with food, they bring him replacement parts for his boat and they even go so far as to steal a motor for him.

While all this is taking place, the local police have been alerted that a dangerous man, Mud, may be in the area. We then meet a group of bounty hunters who are looking for him as well. They're led by the deceased man's father. It's a bit alarming when we witness them gathering in a motel room and have a group prayer calling on the Lord for the help in the killing of Mud. It definitely adds to the tension of the film.

The overriding theme of the movie is about love. Mud has been infatuated with Juniper most of his life. He'd do just

about anything for her. Eventually she comes to town and Ellis is tasked with giving her a message from Mud. It comes as a total shock to him when he discovers her in a bar, making out with a stranger. Ellis himself is taken with an older girl he knows from school. It's a puppy love that let's just say doesn't work out the way he had planned.

As I mentioned earlier, the movie is definitely influenced by Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." The story takes place in a small town on the banks of the Mississippi Delta. The cinematography paints a vivid picture of what life is like in the deep south. You can almost feel the oppressive heat and intense humidity. After two plus hours of being immersed in this climate, you almost feel a need to take a cold shower.

I thought the movie was a gripping tale that was totally believable. It's a great film that

should be better known. It's a fine movie the whole family will enjoy. Currently streaming for free on Kanopy (with your library card), Tubi, and Plex. Also to rent on Apple TV, Amazon, Starz, 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.



Matthew McConaughey as Mud.



Ellis (Sheridan) and Mud (McConaughey) chat.



Surveying the situation.

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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	2		5	6				
		1	2	8				5
8			7					

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

10/2 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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9/25 Solution

Contract Bridge

TRY THE IMPOSSIBLE

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 5 4 2
♥ 5 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 9 7 6 3

WEST
♠ 7
♥ A Q J
♦ K J 10 8 6 5 3 2
♣ 4

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

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 9 3
♥ K 7
♦ 4
♣ A K 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♦ 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ 5 ♦ Dble Pass
5 ♠
Opening lead — four of clubs.

This deal occurred in a pairs tournament in New Jersey some years ago. After North-South reached four spades, West, at favorable vulnerability, elected to sacrifice in five diamonds.

South should probably have passed his partner's double of five diamonds, but he was reluctant to settle for plus 300 or 500 points (it would have been 500) when he felt there was a good chance to score 650 at five spades.

South regretted his decision as soon

as he saw the dummy. To make the contract, he would have to hold his losers to one heart and one club. This would apparently require a successful diamond finesse (virtually assured by the bidding), a successful spade finesse with East holding only two spades, and a 3-2 division of the opposing clubs.

Given West's ominous four-of-clubs lead, which looked like a sure singleton, South did not like his chances, but he plunged ahead bravely and found a way to make the contract. If you like solving problems of this sort, see if you can figure out how he did it before reading on.

Declarer took East's eight of clubs with the ace, led a diamond to the queen and returned a spade, finessing the queen after East followed low. South then cashed the ace of spades and king of clubs, confirming the bad news in the club suit, and led the three of spades to dummy's six. The ace of diamonds was then cashed, declarer discarding a club, and the seven of diamonds was led. But instead of ruffing, South discarded his remaining club!

This sequence of plays left West without recourse. He had to return a heart — allowing South to score a trick with the king — or a diamond, allowing South to discard a heart as he ruffed in dummy. Either way, the improbable game was home.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, October 2, 2025:

You are charming and caring in an understated way. You value your close relationships. This is a wonderful, fun-loving year for you. Let your hair down and have a good time, but remember your goals. Get in touch with your joy and do things that please you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

This is a good day to rally your troops and set them marching. Enjoy interactions with friends. Share your ideas. If you're involved in groups or organizations, today is a strong day to encourage others to act on new ideas or explore new paths. Tonight: Improve your workspace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Fortunately, you make an excellent impression on everyone. This is the kind of day where people are receptive to ideas, even instructions and orders, which means if you want to make things happen, step up to the plate. Tonight: Socialize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Choose today to explore opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law. Likewise, it's an excellent day to learn or study something new. Pursue travel plans. Basically, all aspects of promotion and communications will flow smoothly for you. Nice! Tonight: Tweak your digs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

This is actually an excellent day for banking and negotiating issues related to inheritances, wills, taxes and debt. Matters related to home and family are also highlighted today, especially discussions about shared property. Tonight: Warm conversations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Be prepared to go along with what others want today. However, you will have a chance to put in your two cents. Cooperate and work with partners and close friends to achieve your goals. Communicate your wants and needs; you will be convincing. Tonight: A gift?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Discussions about finances, earnings and cash flow will go well today. Likewise, your efforts to reorganize or deal with your possessions will also bring results. This is also an excellent day to think of moneymaking ideas, ways to boost your income or how to find a better paying job. Tonight: Wardrobe shopping?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is a strong day for you because the Sun is in your sign dancing nicely with the Moon. You can use this advantage to teach young minds or explore your creative expression in the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry. Tonight: Appreciate privacy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Basically, this is a feel-good day. Take time to relax or "hide" if you can. Discussions with female family members will go well. Likewise, relations with friends and members of groups are also good. An excellent day to process information. Tonight: Share information.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This is a popular day for you! Not only will you enjoy reaching out to others, in turn, they want to see your face. This is a strong day for sales, marketing, teaching, acting and chatting with neighbors, relatives and siblings. What can you learn? Tonight: Share advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a wonderful day to teach, promote or share information. Meanwhile, you look great to others. This is an advantage, because people will more likely listen to you and look to you for guidance. Travel will appeal to you, along with romance with someone "different." Tonight: Travel plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today the Moon is in your sign, which does two things: It will heighten your emotions, and it will also slightly improve your good luck, giving you an edge over all the other signs. Obviously, this is the day to demand the advantage! Go after what you want. (Why not ask?) Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Information is flowing freely today, and for your sign, much of this information will come from research or hidden sources. In fact, someone might share a secret with you. Very likely, whatever you learn will boost your assets and benefit you financially. Tonight: Conversations.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter, activist Sting (1951), actress Lorraine Bracco (1954), singer-songwriter Don McLean (1945).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg October 2, 2025

ACROSS

- Biological pouches
- Supportive undergarments
- Alphabetically second Great Lake
- Folk singer Guthrie
- Impose, as a tax
- Banded mineral
- Bark sound
- The Allfather in Norse mythology
- Piece of a pie
- Accessory for a fry cook?
- Polar feature
- Brief moment?
- Darken
- Ideas change
- Organization
- Fabric line
- Stand-up comic Ray
- Accessory for a meteorologist?
- Particularly fast character in "The Incredibles"
- Bi- plus one
- Oolong and others
- Accessory for an astronomer?
- Squirrel relative
- Mallorca, por ejemplo
- VFX tech
- Business with cucumber slices
- Mom, to Auntie
- Country song?
- Accessory for a luchador?
- Target
- Engrossed
- Continent where the Han Dynasty and Gupta Empire once reigned
- "Attention shoppers ..."
- Love, in Spain
- Judge to be
- Snorer's condition
- When tripled, "You get the picture"
- If's counterpart, in programming

DOWN

- Considered to be appropriate
- Not attracted to others, casually
- in on (near)
- Feature of cement but not concrete?
- Clip of an actor messing up and then swearing, say
- Start over with
- Enthusiastic
- Aligns
- Flips out
- Fruit whose name sounds repulsive
- Backup time in case of weather
- How some drugs are sold: Abbr.
- Previously called
- Burkina (West African nation)
- Savior
- Early Andean
- Creator of a hardness scale
- Not pro
- Gras
- "Good Will Hunting" co-writer
- Damon
- Not us
- "It's mine"
- Beaver projects
- "By yesterday!"
- Sly debater's creation
- Stone (relic inscribed with three languages in 196 B.C.)

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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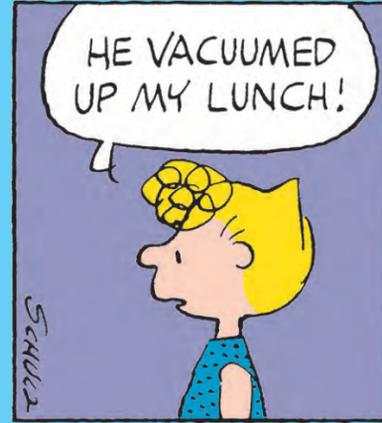
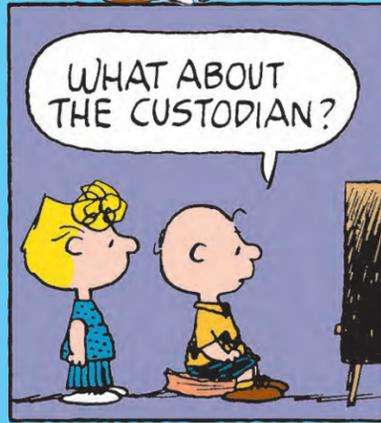
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THURSDAY COMICS



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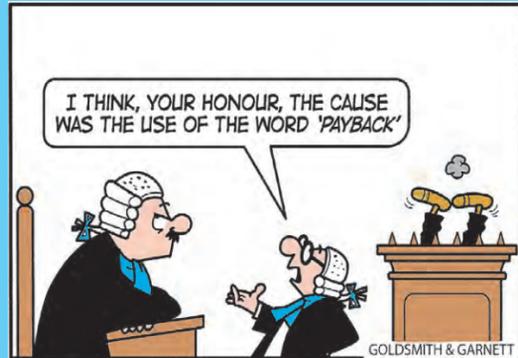
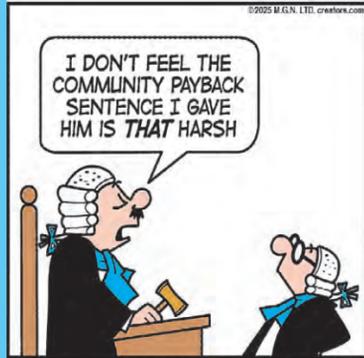
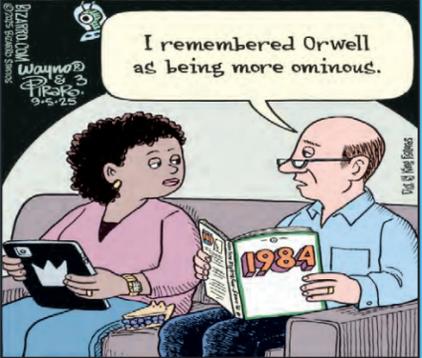
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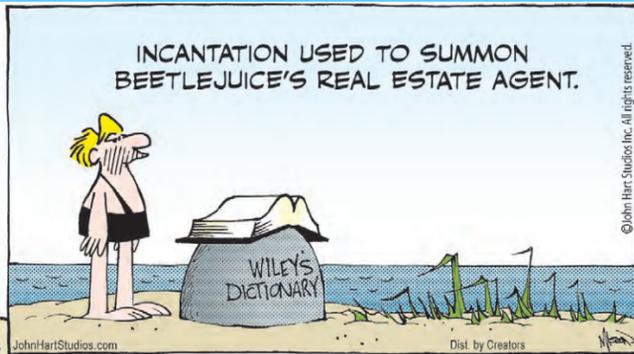
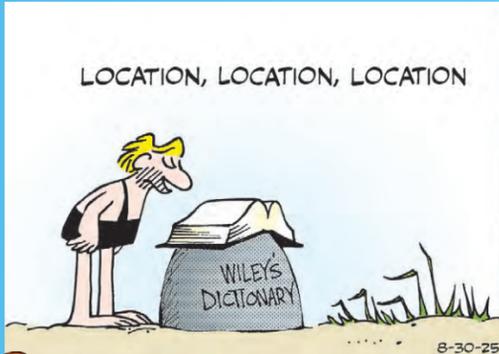
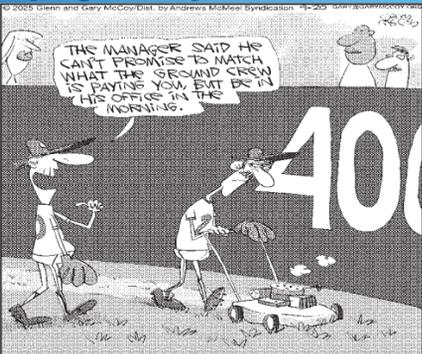
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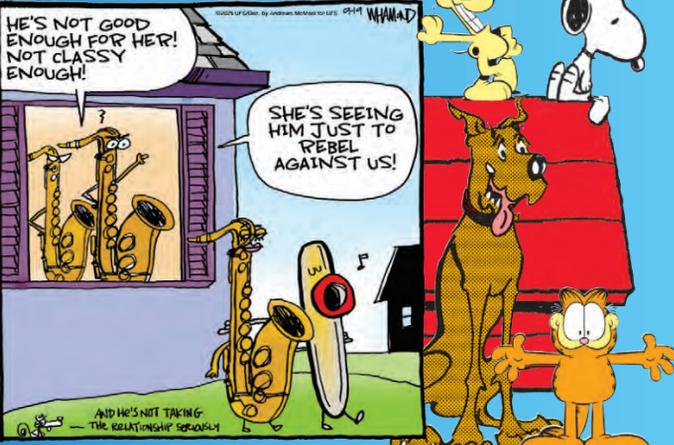
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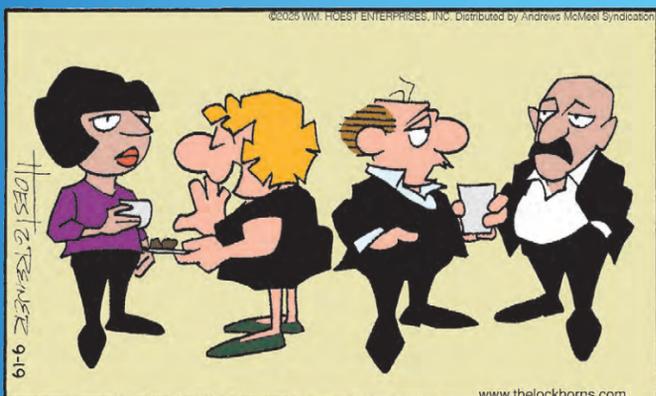
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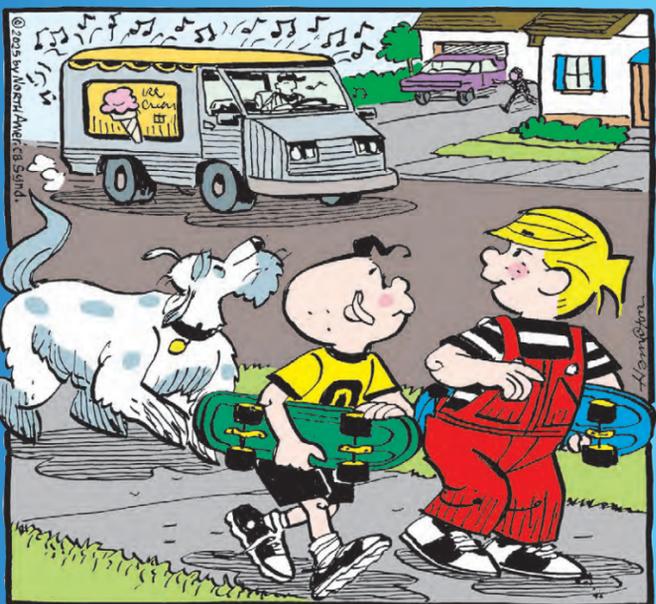
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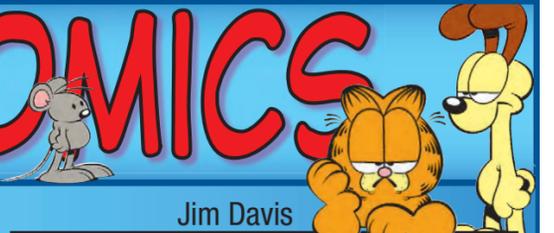
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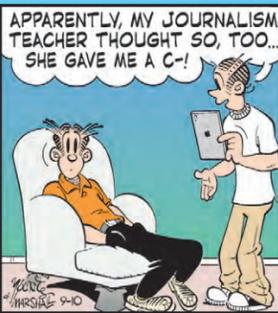
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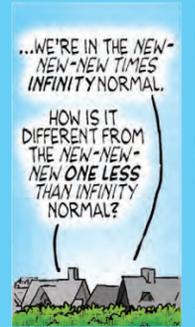
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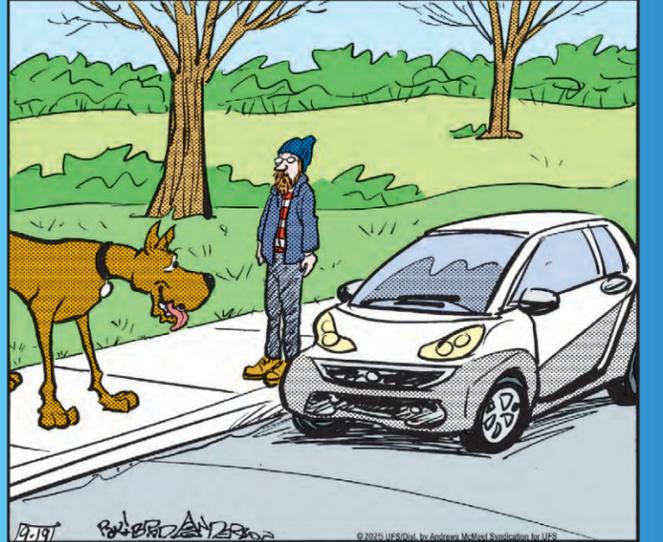
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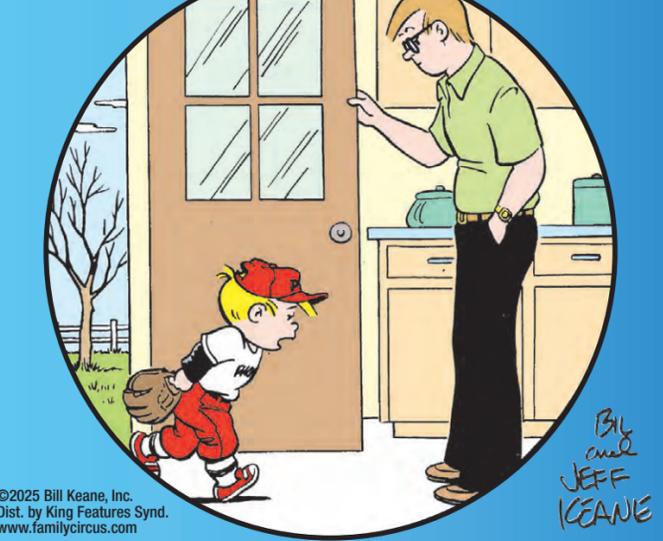


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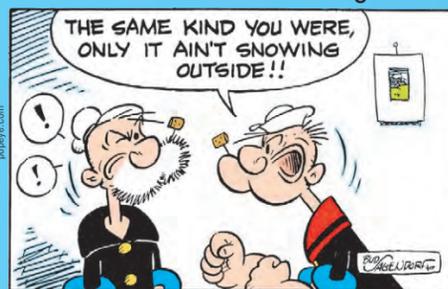


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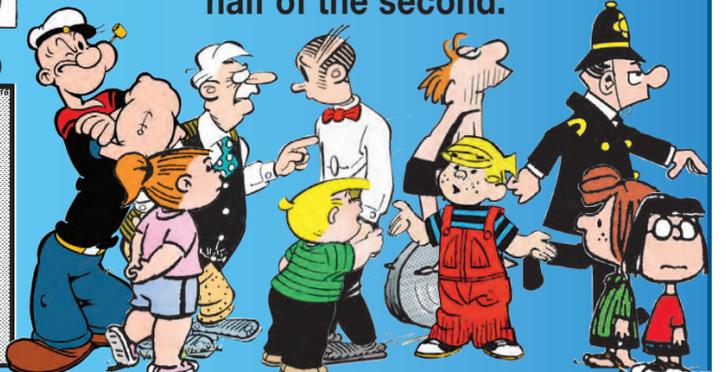


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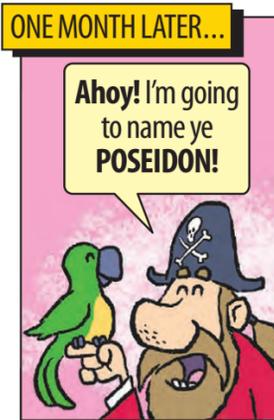
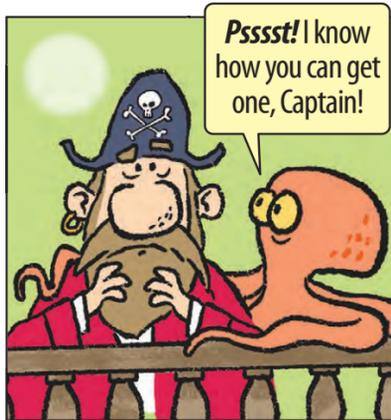


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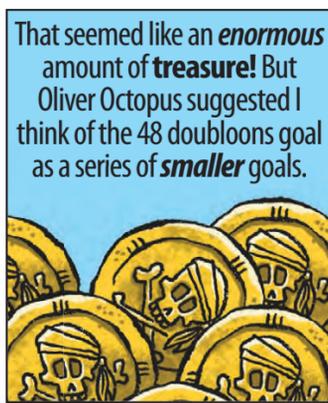
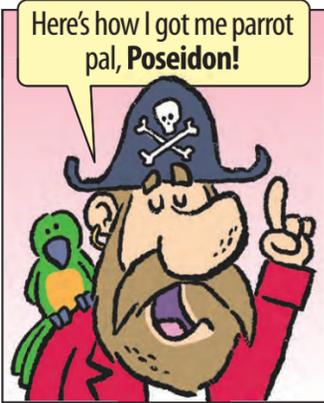
Race a friend or family member to see who reaches the treasure first! Ready? Set. GO!

Pirate Goals

Long ago, pirate treasure included **gold doubloons**. Doubloons were a type of coin that was used a long time ago, especially in places like Spain and its colonies. It was a valuable coin, like a twenty dollar bill today!



How Captain Crabcakes Got His Parrot



How many times did I have to save 10 doubloons to get the 48 I needed to buy Poseidon?

Angelina's Reading Goal

Angelina had the goal of reading 20 hours in one month. At first that sounded like a lot of reading. By breaking the goal into smaller daily and weekly goals, she did it!

Angelina made her goal by making the smaller goal of reading 4 hours a week. If she did the same amount of reading time every day, that came to about 35 minutes a day.

Captain Crabcakes worked hard for his 10 doubloons. Put a check mark next to each job he did. If you checked the right boxes, they will add up to *exactly* 10 doubloons.

- Swab the ship's deck 3 doubloons
- Roll up the mooring lines ... 1 doubloon
- Wash porthole windows 2 doubloons
- Cook the crew's dinner 1 doubloon
- Scrub the apple barrels 1 doubloon
- Sweep the crow's nest 3 doubloons

Extra! Extra!

Treasure or Trash?

There's an old saying: *One person's trash could be another person's treasure.* Look through the newspaper for ads where people are selling things they don't want anymore. Can you think of how those unwanted items might be a treasure for someone else?

Write a story about a person finding something special that was no longer wanted by another person.

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



You Can Do It!

What's a big goal you would like to achieve? Is it saving money, improving in a sport, or hitting an awesome reading goal?

MY GOAL: _____

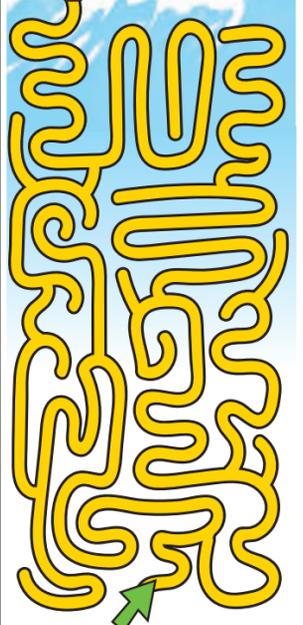
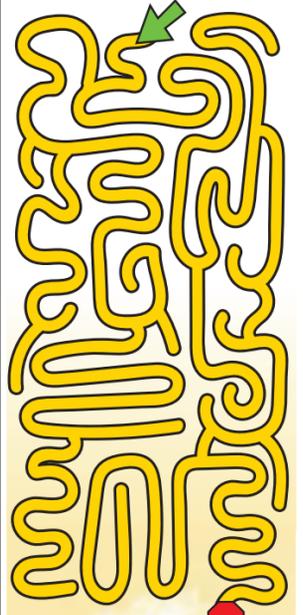
Break your goal into smaller goals:

First: _____

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Third: _____

GOAL!



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

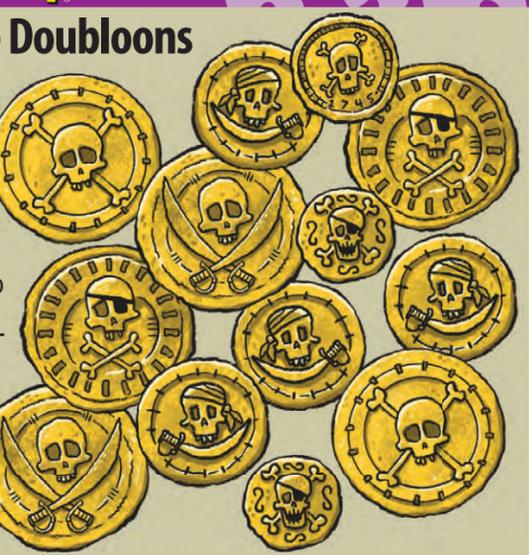
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Time yourself as you match each pair of gold doubloons.

Now have a friend try. Who was faster?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Double Double Word Search

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

- BREAK
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- DAILY
- DOUBLOONS
- FIRST
- GOAL
- JOB
- MONEY
- NEED
- PARROT
- PLAY
- READING
- SAVING
- SPORT
- THINK



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

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My Goal Poster

What's a goal you have? Cut out the letters to spell out your goal and glue them onto a piece of paper or poster board. Find pictures, more words and/or draw pictures about the goal you want to achieve. Hang it where you can see it.

Standards Link: Visual Art: Create a collage using mixed media.



When is the best time to shop for a new pirate ship?

ANSWER: When it's on sale!

Write On!

Goal!

What is a goal you have for this school year? What will you do to achieve it?

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

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Norsemen celebrate homecoming, first win with rout of Woods-Tower

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

There can be something that feels almost therapeutic about a team earning a big win when everyone around them knows that it needed one. That was the case for Grosse Pointe North varsity football last Friday, Sept. 26, when the Norsemen entered their homecoming game against Warren Woods-Tower still winless this fall. 48 minutes and over 50 points later, North finally had its first tally in the win column in 2025 with a 52-0 blowout of the Titans.

“A win like that cures all the ills,” North football head coach Joe Drouin said. “Whatever was going on with the team, we got to play a team that was less talented than us. We got a chance for the defense to work, for special teams to work and for the offense to go through. A win like that pulls everything together. That’s what we needed...We played what I would consider an inspired game.”

Last Friday was a night when everything seemed to be clicking for the Norsemen. Senior running back Caleb Butler was on a tear, rushing for 146 yards on 15 carries and finding the end zone four times.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North football, wearing all-yellow uniforms for the first time in over a decade, celebrate a 52-0 victory over Warren Woods-Tower on homecoming night last Friday, Sept. 26. It was the first win of the fall for the Norsemen after beginning the season 0-4.

‘A win like that cures all the ills.’

JOE DROUIN
Grosse Pointe North football head coach

Fellow senior Steven Santamarina also had a rushing touchdown.

North had the running game working for much of the night, making it a

relatively light game for senior quarterback Jacob Sahadi and his receivers. Despite that, Sahadi still completed seven of his 11 passing attempts for 107 yards and two touchdowns. Peter Rheume caught one of those touchdowns and finished with 43 yards receiving, while sophomore Jacob Drouin caught the other touchdown, one of his three

catches for 37 yards.

The Norsemen’s defense gave the Titans fits all game long. Senior captain Mahki Passmore led the way with 11 tackles, including four tackles for loss and three quarterback pressures. North’s defense also forced three Woods-Tower fumbles.

Even North’s special teams unit had a milestone in the big win.

With the team up 42-0 in the second half, kicker Ben Savich was sent out to attempt a 53-yard field goal. The sophomore put the ball through the uprights successfully and set a new North school record for the longest made field goal.

Last Friday’s win was the first in a stretch of three straight home games for North after spending three of the

first four weeks of the season on the road. Next up for the Norsemen is a meeting with MAC Gold Division foe Lake Shore, who also enters the game with a 1-4 record.

The Norsemen will be looking to build on the momentum from the first win of the season while enjoying another week on their home field. With

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Marcero leads Liggett field hockey with skill, IQ

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It seems like no matter what University Liggett School’s Olivia Marcero tries, she finds success. The senior entered the fall season with the Knights’ field hockey team on the heels of earning first-team All-State honors in lacrosse in the spring and is on pace to add more accolades to her already decorated resume.

Marcero already has been named All Catholic League in field hockey this fall and was first-team All-State in 2024. She expects to receive that title again at the end of this season. Despite being recognized as one of the best players in the state, Marcero still pushes herself to be better. She only had a couple of months after the spring lacrosse season to prepare for field hockey, but she feels like she

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Olivia Marcero

School: University Liggett
Sport: Field hockey

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working better with my teammates,” Marcero said. “Corner plays were also a big thing that I wanted to work on, because we lost a couple of seniors

used the time well to work on things that could improve her game and help her team overall. “Getting faster and

last year who would help us with those, so I wanted to try and step up and improve on those this year.”

The work she put in over the summer on her own and in practices with her team is paying off. Marcero leads the Knights so far this season with seven goals and 10 assists through 12 games.

The number of points Marcero has tallied this season tells how skilled she is on the field. However, the game is just as much about mentality and IQ as it is about skill — and Marcero has no shortage of either.

“I’m always thinking about the next step and what the next play is going to be and how I can set people up,” she said. “Trying to see the whole field instead of just what’s in front of me.”

Creating plays and setting up scoring opportunities for herself and her teammates becomes easier for Marcero when she knows exactly where her teammates are going to



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Olivia Marcero takes the field for Liggett in a 7-0 win against Marian last Friday, Sept. 26

be on the field. There are more than a few teammates who play both field hockey and lacrosse alongside Marcero at

Liggett. The relationships they have been building both on and off field hockey and lacrosse alongside Marcero at

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Cross-country teams race for MAC titles

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last week was a busy and important one for the boys and girls cross-country teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South. The squads from both schools competed at their respective MAC

league championship meets and jamborees last week with their sights set on earning division titles.

South
The girls team from Grosse Pointe South ended up with a share of the MAC White Division championship at the end

of the day Tuesday, Sept. 23, following the season's second MAC White Jamboree. The Blue Devils finished the meet with a record of 6-1, making their total jamboree record for the year 12-2, putting them in a tie for first place with Henry Ford II and Port Huron Northern.

"Without a doubt, this was our best race to date," South girls cross-country coach Steve Zaranek said. "Our girls ran extremely tough and hit all of our strategy goals."

South's girls team had three runners finish in the top 10 at last week's jamboree. Freshman

Eleanor Pilsner once again led the way with a time of 20:57, putting her in second place in the entire field.

"Eleanor has been amazing all season long," Zaranek said. "She's handled all the pressure in leading our team in every single race."

Paige Garbo crossed the finish line in sixth, with teammate Morgan Costello not far behind in eighth place. Viviana Ostrowski finished 13th, with Calisse Budek coming in 20th and Lydia Thomason-Redus in 22nd to round out South's top 25 finishers.

The boys team for South finished last week's jamboree 4-3 for a total record of 8-6, good enough for a fourth-place finish in the division standings. Leading the way for the team at last week's race was freshman Oscar Resnick, who finished ninth overall with a time of 18:12.

Lualhati Verzosa and Logan Garbo finished in the top 20 at 16th and 19th place, respectively. Everett Wood came in 24th, while Liam Gilmour was right behind in 25th place, to give the Blue Devils a total of five runners finishing in the top

25. Caleb Thomason-Redus also cracked the top 30 by finishing 29th.

South's boys and girls teams race again Saturday, Oct. 4, in the Wayne County Championships at Willow Metropark.

North
North's boys and girls teams were in action Wednesday, Sept. 24, racing in the MAC Red Division championship. Despite strong performances, both the boys and girls teams for the Norsemen ended up finishing in eighth place overall.

The boys team was led by Neil Orłowski, who finished the day 27th with a time of 17:25. Just two seconds behind was teammate and fellow senior Sam Parish in 28th. Paul Stephens also cracked the top 30 with a time of 17:46.

Maylin Parish was the top finisher for North's girls team, finishing 41st at 22:48. Avery Boutell came in 42nd and Quinn Notebaert was 50th to give the Norsemen three runners in the top 50.

North also will race in the Wayne County Championships at Willow Metropark Saturday, Oct. 4.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe South varsity girls cross country team earned a share of the MAC White Division title at the second MAC White Jamboree last Tuesday, Sept. 23. The Blue Devils finished with a final Jamboree record of 12-2, putting them in a three-way tie for first with Henry Ford II and Port Huron Northern.

ATHLETE:

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the field go back years. It results in a group that often looks like a well-oiled machine for the Knights.

"I think the chemistry is the same (in both sports), if not better," Marcero said. "A lot of the girls have been playing together at Liggett since sixth grade and we just know how each other plays and work really well together."

That chemistry among Marcero and her teammates has helped the Knights achieve a win-

ning record this fall. It also has put the team in position to compete for a Catholic League title this week, which has been one of Liggett's biggest goals this season.

With some of the most important games of the fall now on the horizon, Marcero is going to be looked to for her leadership more than ever. Not only can she create plays when the Knights need them the most, but her teammates and coaches have faith in Marcero to be a leader in any situation because of what she has shown them over years of hard work and dedication.

"She is often the best player on the field in every game that we play," Liggett field hockey head coach Amanda Amine said. "Olivia is one of the strongest overall athletes I've ever coached and yet she is also one of the most humble. She works incredibly hard every day in practice and she conditioned all summer long to prepare herself for her senior season. I have so much confidence in Olivia and in her decision making on the field. ... She is a natural leader, a true playmaker and makes all those around her better."



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In addition to her achievements in field hockey, Marcero was named first team All-State in lacrosse for her efforts with Liggett during the spring.



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Marcero battles with a Marian player for a loose ball during the matchup between the Knights and Mustangs last Friday, Sept. 26.

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Second-half surge powers South football past Roseville

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A common mantra in football, or any sport, is that teams take things one game at a time. However, it was no secret that Grosse Pointe South varsity football had been looking forward to its game against Roseville ever since pre-season practices began in August. All of that anticipation culminated in the Blue Devils' visit to Roseville Friday, Sept. 26, where a game that was close in the first half turned into a dominant 47-25 win for South.

"We just believed," South football head coach Chad Hepner said. "We had confidence. At halftime, we were down and went down a bit more, but their attitude was positive the whole time. These guys believe

in each other and I think our endurance and conditioning really paid off too down the road. We wore them down a little bit and our preparation paid off."

South's last regular-season loss in a MAC White Division game came in September 2015 against Anchor Bay, but that streak seemed like it was going to be put to the test early last Friday. Roseville received the opening kickoff and struck right away, with Bryant Holland-Snowden taking a pass from quarterback Ryan Davis 90 yards to the end zone on the Panthers' first play from scrimmage for a 6-0 lead.

Despite Roseville's early fireworks, the Blue Devils ended the first quarter with the lead. Junior QB Sam Rouleau once again showcased

his abilities on the ground with a 36-yard rushing touchdown that put South in front 7-6 a little over halfway through the frame. Before the opening quarter was over, Rouleau helped South pull ahead even further through the air with a passing touchdown to Trey Grabowski, making it 14-6 Blue Devils.

Roseville and its senior running back, Da'Myron Brown, controlled the second quarter. Brown found the end zone twice in the quarter while the Panthers' defense held South scoreless, with Roseville taking an 18-14 lead into the halftime break.

Brown extended Roseville's lead to double digits with another touchdown in the third quarter, making it 25-14. After that, the momentum flipped firmly in South's

favor. Charlie Michelotti, who made his presence felt on both sides of the ball throughout the game, ran for a touchdown late in the third quarter to cut the deficit to five points.

Rouleau helped South regain the lead with another rushing score early in the fourth quarter, putting the Blue Devils up by one at 26-25. The lead grew a bit larger when Michelotti broke another big run for a touchdown to make it an eight-point advantage for South. Right after his rushing touchdown, Michelotti came up with an interception on



Trey Grabowski jumps in the end zone after catching a touchdown pass in the first quarter for the Blue Devils.

defense for South. He nearly got the interception return to the end zone, but set the Blue Devils up in good position for Rouleau to make a short touchdown pass to Stanton Kapla.

South then was up 40-25 when Grabowski helped South's defense get another turnover with an interception of his own. The Blue Devils capped off the win with a third interception in the final quarter, this one by Zachary Wilson, who took it all the way for a pick-six, sealing the 47-25 victory.

Rouleau threw for 77 yards with nine completions and two touchdowns, while also rushing for 119 yards on 17 carries. Michelotti led South in rushing for the night with 155 yards on 16 attempts to go with his pair of touchdowns and his interception on defense. Grabowski was

the top receiver with four catches for 60 yards and a touchdown, while also causing a turnover on defense.

"The makeup of our team this year is such that we have to have some of those guys out there who are special athletes and it's hard to take them off of the field on either side of the ball," Hepner said. "They like it, too. They like being out there as much as possible making plays and they condition themselves well so that they're ready for it."

The win over Roseville improved South's record to 5-0 this season and put the team in a favorable position to win a fourth consecutive MAC White Division title. The Blue Devils are on the road again in Week 6, traveling to face 0-5 L'Anse Creuse North. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3.



South junior QB Sam Rouleau races toward the end zone for the Blue Devils' first touchdown in the team's 47-25 win over Roseville last Friday, Sept. 26.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Knights soccer extends perfect run

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The athletic campus at University Liggett School was buzzing last Friday afternoon, Sept. 26. The Knights celebrated homecoming with a host of sporting events for students, teachers and fans to enjoy. The festivities included varsity football, field hockey and soccer, the latter of which saw the unbeaten Liggett boys soccer squad continue its perfect fall season with a 3-1 victory over Romeo

Summit.

"The boys are really working well together and staying positive and encouraging even in the face of adversity," Liggett boys soccer head coach David Dwaihy said following his team's 12th win of the season. "It's been really nice to have all this success on the field in terms of results, but we are taking the most pride in how well things are going off the field."

Early last Friday, it looked as if the Knights' winning streak might be in jeopardy. Summit

scored early in the first half, about 10 minutes into the game, and took a 1-0 lead into the halftime break.

However, Liggett came out in the second half ready to fight back. The Knights tied the game on a free kick struck by Ollie Cooley from about 25 yards out, which found the back of the net after bouncing off the crossbar.

"(It was) one of the best free kicks I've witnessed in a high school game," Dwaihy said.

Not long after that, Brady Ancona gave the

Knights the lead, scoring a goal with an assist from Liam Gady. Liggett then put the exclamation mark on the victory with a late goal by John Lubera to make it a 3-1 win.

The win improved the Knights' record to 12-0 so far this season, helping the team continue to build momentum with important games on the horizon. The beginning of the playoffs are right around the corner and the team hopes the

cohesiveness and chemistry it has built throughout the fall will continue as the stakes grow higher.

"It's really rewarding to be around them each day and to witness these bonds of friendship forming and strengthening," Dwaihy said. "Hopefully, we can keep everyone healthy and pushing in the same direction and earn the right to play a few extra games at the end of the season when the (state)

tournament starts."

The Knights faced Royal Oak Shrine Catholic in the CHSL Cardinal Division championship after press time Wednesday, Oct. 1. Liggett is in action again Thursday, Oct. 2, going on the road to face Notre Dame Prep. The first game of the Division 4 playoffs is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 8, when the Knights host Hope of Detroit Academy in the district quarterfinals.



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Brady Ancona chases down a loose ball for Liggett against Romeo Summit last Friday, Sept. 26.

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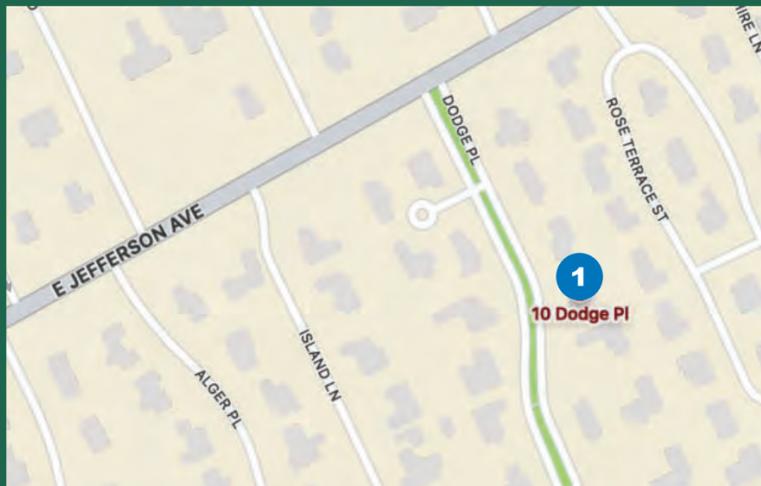
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I SAY— SPORTS EDITION By Mike Adzima

Tigers' collapse ruins joy of postseason berth

The Detroit Tigers reaching the MLB postseason this year feels like as much of a miracle as it did in 2024, but for very different reasons. This time last year, Tigers fans like me were ecstatic after the team made a comeback run for the ages late in the regular season and were the hottest team in baseball going into the playoffs. Now, the team is limping into the postseason on the heels of one of the most epic collapses in baseball history.

This is being written before the Wild Card series against the Cleveland Guardians and readers might be seeing this after the results of that series are final. However, that should not make a difference, because the Tigers should not even be playing in the Wild Card round to begin with.

Going back to July, the Tigers had a 15.5-game lead in the American League Central. It seemed like there was little to no chance of them not winning the division and they would likely end up with the best



record and the top overall seed in the American League playoff bracket. Somehow, this team found a way to squander what should have been a season where it was a legitimate championship contender.

The Tigers went from being the hottest team in baseball through the first few months of the season to being ice-cold when it mattered most. Fans had to watch as every day in the standings, the gap between the Tigers and Guardians in the AL Central standings grew slimmer and slimmer. The team finished September with a record of 7-17, the worst of any team since 1903 to make the playoffs.

I know I should feel grateful the Tigers are in the postseason anyway. After all, playoff baseball is some of the most exciting action in all of sports

and having your favorite team be in the picture feels like a privilege given how hard and long the season is. I cannot accept that, though. It feels as if the only thing that could make what has happened to the Tigers acceptable would be winning the World Series, which feels highly unlikely at this point.

The Tigers should have been AL Central champions. They should have clinched a postseason berth weeks ago rather than on the second-to-last day of the season. Most of all, they should not have to play a series on the road at Cleveland to begin the playoffs after letting the Guardians raise another division championship banner that should have been in Detroit.

What made the Tigers' collapse feel even worse was the almost complete lack of effort the team showed throughout the final stretch of the season. There were times when it felt like the Tigers were inventing new ways to lose baseball games. It seemed like the players had lost interest in trying to win and so fans like me lost interest in caring about

them. When something like this happens, people have to be held accountable. While some fingers can be pointed at the players and their effort—or lack thereof—as the Tigers choked away the division lead, one cannot help but feel as if the blame rests largely on the shoulders of the front office.

Back in early August, after the MLB trade deadline, I wrote about how the moves the Tigers made seemed to leave more questions than answers in the minds of fans. It felt like Scott Harris and the rest of the front office had not done enough to make the team better for that final push toward the postseason.

Fans wanted the team to add some of the big names that were available on the market. The Tigers needed another solid starting pitcher to shore up the rotation and another arm to bolster the bullpen. Some people even wanted them to add another bat to the lineup, too, with some of the position players who were available for trades. Instead, the Tigers' management did very little and only added a few



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pitchers that seemed to be more like bodies just filling out parts of the roster rather than additional star-power that could help bring the team to a championship level.

It felt like the Tigers were content with just being good and not great. Unfortunately, that seems to be a common theme in teams controlled by Chris Ilitch recently (see the Detroit Red Wings). The problem with being content with just being good is that it gets you nowhere. It gets a team to the playoffs. It adds a few more games and sells more tickets and T-shirts, but it does not win championships.

Greatness wins championships. The Tigers had a chance this year to be great. They had a

chance to be a legitimate championship contender. Admittedly, when that 15.5-game lead was still around in July, I was already mentally clearing my schedule for late October in hopes of getting to watch this team compete for a World Series.

Instead, my favorite baseball team is in the postseason and it feels like I could not care less. Part of me wants to say that by the time people read this, I hope the Tigers have already been eliminated from the picture by Cleveland, but even I cannot be that pessimistic. Still, it seems like we will always be left wondering what could have been of the 2025 Tigers if anyone had cared to try and make this a truly great team



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North's defense lines up across from Warren Woods-Tower. The Norsemen shut out the Titans in a 52-0 homecoming victory.



NORTH:

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such a dominant performance running the ball against Woods-Tower, one of the biggest priorities for North heading

into the next game is continuing to win battles in the trenches.

"Establishing the run game and establishing dominance up front is what we want to continue to do," Drouin said. "...It's important to us to

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