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It sure doesn't feel like October, at least not during the last week or so! Summer was still in the air — and on Lake St. Clair — last weekend, as Pointers took to their boats and even went for a dip to enjoy Mother's Nature's gift of sunshine and warm temperatures. Enjoy it while it lasts, folks!

## Give and take in flood ruling

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — A court ruling last week gave and took on

both sides of class action lawsuits generated by basement sewer backups during the summer of 2021.

The ruling, issued Oct. 2, by the Michigan Court of Appeals, had the practical effect of returning the actions to where they started, this time letting plaintiffs and defendants

battle on a level playing field, according to one of the plaintiffs' attorneys.

"It took us a few years to get here, but better late than never," said Paul Doherty, an attorney representing hundreds of property owners whose basements flooded.

In brief and without

legalese within the 33-page ruling, a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals:

◆ dismissed claims against the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park and some claims against Detroit; and

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## GPPSS continues bond discussion

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — While the votes won't be counted for more than three weeks, the Grosse Pointe Public School System is proceeding with a best-case scenario approach to the 20-year, \$120 million bond it is asking voters to approve next month.

"It takes a couple years to think through how to layer this in with existing debt for your outstanding bonds," Tom Colis of the law firm Miller Canfield told the GPPSS Facilities Committee Monday, Sept. 29. "That's a big part of the timing on when to issue the bonds."

Voters in 2018 approved a \$111 million bond that officials at the time said would be used for improvements to keep students "safe, warm and dry." That bond, with series issued in 2019 and 2021, still has an outstanding debt of \$82 million. Estimated cumulative interest on a new bond, if passed, would be \$83 million.

Although state law prevents the district from saying the Nov. 4 vote is a renewal of that bond, for all intents and purposes it is because it doesn't include a millage increase. Superintendent Andrea Tuttle previously

said bonds without a millage increase have passed at an 82 percent rate statewide over the past decade, while those with a millage increase have been 50/50.

The district currently can levy up to 3.14 mills to retire bond debt, which it did on the December 2024 tax bills. A mill is \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value.

If passed, Tuttle said bonds likely would be issued in three series, the first being in November so the millage could be levied on winter tax bills. The second and third most likely will come in 2027 and 2030. The amount of each series will be determined by the scope of projects to be covered and interest rates at the time. Each would run for 20 years.

Sean Wahl of Public Financial Management told the committee the district has two options for selling each series. "In a competitive sale, you set a date and time for the sale and investment firms submit bids," he explained. "It's the most transparent, but it's rigid. If the market is off that day, you can reject the offers. In a negotiated sale, you bring in an underwriter to market

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The fall window display was painted at the Spice & Tea Exchange in The Village in mid-August.



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**Halloween FUN!**



Things to do, kiddie treats, pumpkin spice, home decor and more.

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## City says artwork must go

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Fall festive cheer, local artistry and a creative way to draw more foot traffic into her small business.

These are what Spice & Tea Exchange owner Sara Biery thought she was championing when

she commissioned a whimsical, fall-themed painting along her shop's window frontage in mid-August.

"Despite all the charm and wonderful businesses here, foot traffic is a major challenge and a common conversation among fellow business owners in The Village," Biery said. "So, in the

spirit of community and creativity, I decided to do something different. I commissioned a talented local artist, (Chantel Christ), someone with a real following, to create a vibrant and joyful piece of art on my store windows. Something that was meant to stop people

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# City awards its most beautiful homes of 2025

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The City's Beautification Commission reviewed properties in June to nominate and last month hosted the 2025 City of Grosse Pointe Beautification and Architectural Awards.

Six homes were honored with beautification awards in a ceremony Wednesday, Sept. 24 — 340 Lakeland, 794 Lorraine, 390 Rivard, 392 St. Clair, 548 St. Clair and 1 Woodland Place — in addition to one home at 493 Lakeland deemed worthy of the architectural award.

Newly built into the annual ceremony last year, the architectural award honors a structure where new construction, an addition or a significant renovation has occurred which is noteworthy for being consistent in design, compatibility and materials to existing or surrounding structures.

"All of us who live in old houses — and almost all of us do here — we know what it takes to maintain and improve the old homes and to keep up with them," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said last year. "We were looking for a way to encourage that and to do it in a very architecturally



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, commissioners Scott Hensler and Nicole Pressotto, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, Councilwoman Maureen Juip, Commission Chair Jeff Swantek, George and Karen Yoo with 340 Lakeland, Mike and Jackie Horgan with 548 St. Clair, Caitlin, Lucas, Lillian and Logan Bogard with 493 Lakeland, Cathy Victor and Tom Podgorski with 794 Lorraine, Commissioner Andy Martin, Commission Vice Chair Kathy Gregory and Commissioner Gregory Jakob.

accurate way, in keeping with the spirit of the years, time and sensibility when the house was built."

The single 2025 architectural award winner was the Bogard residence at 493 Lakeland. The owners recently removed its existing garage, which was attached to the north side of the house, and replaced it with a two-story addition and garage.

"The commissioners thought the addition was award-worthy for the quality of materials used and adhering to the home's original architec-

ture by matching the brick, the pitch of the roof and design," said Jeffrey Swantek, City Beautification Commission chair, via email.

When it comes to homes honored for overall beautification — taking into account not only the landscape but the preservation and maintenance of the home's architectural design — six homes were honored in no particular order.

The Yoo residence, a Tudor Revival home at 340 Lakeland, is considered well-preserved through the years with a

meticulously maintained slate roof, masonry, copper gutters and downspouts. The landscape's hedging, edited use of cultivators and scale of plantings creates a unified whole.

The Victor residence, a Craftsman-style home at 794 Lorraine, is said to stand out on the block for the well-preserved siding and windows, coordination of siding and window paint colors with the roof color and landscaping, which is simple and restrained.

The Hollerback residence, a Terrace home at 390 Rivard, boasts a front yard exuberantly planted with colorful annuals, potted palms, a sitting area and attractive hard-

scape all in a confined space.

The Horgan Residence, at 548 St. Clair, is significantly renovated in a

French/Creole style and blends charm in its architecture and plantings.

The Crain residence, a classic lakefront estate at 1 Woodland Place, features preserved patinated copper downspouts and architectural stonework surrounded by an exceptionally planted and maintained landscape.

Last but not least, the Houff and Devine residence, an early Grosse Pointe home at 392 St. Clair, has been enhanced by appropriate renovations in keeping with its historic character. The symmetrical boxwood plantings on either side of the front walk and canvas panels on the porch create a welcoming, yet sophisticated look.

"392 St. Clair was built in 1925," Swantek noted, "making it 100 years old this year."



548 St. Clair is among the city's beauties.



1 Woodland Place was among this year's winners.



493 Lakeland was awarded for its architecture.

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◆ allowed claims to be pursued against Grosse Pointe Farms and the Great Lakes Water Authority, and also permitted investigation, or discovery, of as-yet-unnamed GLWA employees, such as pump station operators. "What's going to be fun are depositions of

the Connor Creek and Freud Pump stations (in Detroit) operators," Doherty said. "They're not going to take the fall for this. They're going to talk about years of issues and complaining, things not working and pump replacements being recommended years before that. On and on. I think it's going to get pretty ugly for GLWA."

All of this developed from heavy thunder-

storms the night of June 25, into June 26, 2021.

Eight inches of rain fell in the Park. Total rainfall represented more than double the city's average for the month and equaled one-quarter of rainfall during a typical year, as recorded in a National Weather Service database dating to 1894.

Thousands of basements in the lower Pointes and metropoli-

tan Detroit flooded with backed-up rain and sanitary sewer water.

"While the Michigan Court of Appeals' recent decision allows plaintiffs the opportunity to conduct discovery in the matter, the Great Lakes Water Authority's position on the unprecedented severe weather events of 2021 have not changed," according to a statement from GLWA. "Per the independent investigation conducted

by experts at the request of its board of directors, the amount and intensity of rain that occurred created a natural disaster that no sewer system could handle, and that the heavy and historic rainfall caused basement and surface flooding, not a defect in the regional collection system."

"We provided the facts to our attorneys and we look forward to this matter being addressed soon," said Nick

Sizeland, Park manager. "We're pleased at the progress of local municipalities working together on infrastructure."

"Short of an independent defect in Grosse Pointe Park and City's systems, they caught a break," Doherty said. "The court found that while to the extent the Great Lake Water Authority system is defective, that doesn't make your system defective simply because you're feeding into it."

The Oct. 2 ruling was in addition to the Appeals Court's Aug. 21 reversal of a lower court's dismissal of a suit brought by attorney David Dubin on the same matter.

Cases now return to trial court.

"It's going to be a complex case, no doubt about it," Doherty said.

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# Theater has an angel in Lansing

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Part of Michigan's new budget targets stormwater management in the Park.

The Grosse Pointes' State Sen. Kevin Hertel, D-St. Clair Shores, included \$1.7 million in the budget to manage runoff and mitigate stormwater flooding associated with construc-

tion of the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery.

"With each state budget, we have a meaningful opportunity to invest directly in our communities and I've made it a priority to deliver results to our lakeshore district," Hertel said. "I've secured nearly \$100 million for local water infrastructure projects. This new \$1.7

million investment in Grosse Pointe Park grows on that work to expand retention space and prevent flooding during heavy rains."

Much, if not all, infrastructure covered by the allocation already is in place as part of art center construction or a municipal project paid in part by the center's backers.

"My understanding is this is a reimbursement to the Schaap Center for

stormwater detention under their parking lot and the bioswale green infrastructure on their property," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

"On our site, we capture rain water a couple of ways," Paul Schaap said. "A bioswale runs along Maryland across from city hall. You can't see it. It's under the site that will eventually be a parking area and grass. Under that is a detention

system."

Detention tanks store runoff until it can be released without overloading storm water systems and risking backups into basements.

"When there's a really heavy downpour the water has a place to go for a while," Schaap said.

Upon release, water is directed through pipes up Jefferson to Lakepointe — installed during recent sewer sep-

aration construction for which the Schaap Center contributed \$600,000 — and eventually a retention tank and pump station under a man-made hill at Patterson Park.

"There, two huge pumps shoot the water into the lake," Schaap said. "The city takes its storm water, which is clean water, and shoots it into the lake. We are now going to be part of that system."

Although Hertel's directed spending totals

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## Good laughs for a good cause

Back for a night of laughs, the Grosse Pointe Crisis Club presents its annual Ted Eikhoff Comedy Night Saturday, Oct. 18, at Lakeland Manor, 26211 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:45 p.m. and the show at 8:30 p.m. A \$75 all-inclusive donation features hors d'oeuvres, an uninterrupted open premium bar

and entertainment by three comedians, headlined by Sal Demilio.

Demilio's likability and charm mixed with his smooth, yet occasionally rapid-fire delivery make him a comedic hit. Clever and



clean, he tackles subjects such as his Italian family, culture, sports and technology with equal agility, taking

angles the audience never considered but instantly identifies with.

Demilio has performed at some of the top clubs in the nation, such as Carolines in New York, The Comedy Store in Los Angeles and Zanies in Chicago. He's also toured with Louie Anderson, Dave Coulier, Jimmy Walker and Kathleen Madigan — some of the most recognizable names in comedy.

Adding to the evening of fun are host and come-

dian Eileen Nolton and comedian Steve Lind.

The Grosse Pointe Crisis Club was established in 1956, and provides care to families and individuals in crisis and for whom established aid channels are not available or have been exhausted.

The club recently paid three months rent for a man facing eviction who was let go from his job due to missing work because of his treatments for lung and prostate cancer.

It also covered a three-week motel stay for a single mother with six children who was staying at a local hotel due to domestic violence until affordable housing was available.

Crisis cases are funded through dues, donations



Sal Demilio

— which can be made at [gpcrisisclub.org](http://gpcrisisclub.org) — and annual fundraising events such as this.

Reservations are required with payment no later than Monday, Oct. 13. Contact Jim Flannery at (313) 882-6139 or [jmflannery@comcast.net](mailto:jmflannery@comcast.net).

## ARTWORK:

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in their tracks, spark curiosity and hopefully bring more people through my door."

While it has done exactly that, the display also quickly brought through Biery's door two people she hadn't expected — city officials issuing a warning that the window art is in violation of a city ordinance.

Specifically, City Ordinance 58-11 District Regulations, which details code enforcement for temporary signage.

"I don't understand it," Biery said. "I tried to push back and indicate it's artwork. It was billed as artwork — I can show the invoice. At no point was it ever intended to be signage or interpreted as signage."

City Manager Joe Valentine said the window display is in violation of the following two provisions within the temporary signage ordinance:

- ◆ temporary signs shall not cover more than 10 percent of the total window and door sign area visible from the exterior,

- ◆ and temporary signs are allowed on the interior of the business establishment only (as opposed to painting the outside of the window).

"From a planning perspective," Valentine explained, "the reason you encourage large glass windows in your zoning ordinance that are clear glass (and) allows for the view inside and out, not only does it promote economic activity, it encourages window shopping, it boosts impulse visits, it enhances the vibrancy by seeing people moving around. There's also a public safety aspect to it."

Further complicating the ordinance's application in this circumstance is Sec. 58-9 — Signs exempt from permit requirements, which states exempt from the ordinance are "integral decorative or architectural features of buildings or works of art,

historic plaques, benches and other similar devices, so long as such features or works do not contain letters, trademarks, moving parts or lights. Additionally, such elements must be included and approved in the master sign plan."

City officials determined the window display in question does not fall within these exemptions.

"According to our planners, that's an interpretation on their part, but that's not how it's interpreted by the planners and those that are administering the ordinance," Valentine said. "That's more for permanent signs, the architectural aspect."

Valentine said the city has tried to be accommodating while still recognizing it is a violation.

It is requiring the display be taken down by Friday, Oct. 10, coinciding with the end of the annual Art Takeover Project in The Village, which saw works of art displayed in Village windows for a month.

It also has elected not to slap a monetary fine on the business owner.

"It's not a billboard — you don't want to fill the whole glass with coverage," Valentine said. "You want to keep it open. You want to have community interaction. It connects indoors with outdoors."

But Biery said the fall painting has been successful in its intention — enticing people to stop

and take photos in front of it, drawing them into the store and increasing her sales.

"I think in our Village, people have just gotten so used to heads down, everybody's distracted with their phones," the small business owner said. "They go to the grocery store, they go to CVS or they might run into a specific store and then they leave."

"And as business owners, we're all struggling with how do we change people's behavior? How do we change the reputation of The Village? How do we make this a destination shopping place?"

"So the intent was to get people to look up, right? There's something new, there's something different without a big investment, without changing anything permanently and I would say it's 100 percent delivered on that. People walking by, they stop and look. All hours of the day, I see it."

Ideally, Biery would have kept the artwork up through fall and was tossing around the idea of making it a seasonal attraction, which could've soon been repainted with a winter design.

"Definitely the intention was not to cause any waves," she added. "I never thought it would be such a topic of discussion in such a dramatic way. It was meant to be happy, put a smile on people's faces and spark a little interest in The

Village, not to have who knows how many man hours now spent talking about window paint."

Biery attended the city's September council meeting and asked not only to be allowed to keep the painting through the annual Trick-or-Treat in The Village later this month, but also for the city to revisit how it defines and regulates artwork on business windows.

"Let's find ways to support creative efforts like this because when our businesses thrive, the whole city benefits," she said at the time.

Valentine implied no intention of exploring the idea further.

"There are reasons why the ordinance exists," he said. "It's not like it's some arbitrary ordinance. ... There's other ways to do events and activities and we're working with Main Street to come up with some approaches to make it easier for businesses to do things, but do them in accordance with those rules."

In the meantime, tall freezers continue to block Kroger's Kercheval-facing windows — violating a separate city ordinance, which requires transparent windows to make up 70 percent of the facade of storefronts in The Village.

The city has been in talks with the national chain to remedy the violation since the freezers were placed in 2022.

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## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, OCT. 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System policy meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Main Street Grosse Pointe Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 18

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Hazardous Waste Day for residents only, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the DPW yard, 1200 Parkway.



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# South student enjoys being immersed in art

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

Recent visitors to Red Crown may have noticed something different aside from the revamped menu.

A large mural now adorns the walls on either side of and above the bar. It would be easy to assume it was done by a professional, but it's actually the work of Finn Wallace, a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School.

"My mom found out they were looking for someone to paint a mural," Wallace said. "I met with them and showed them my art and started in May."

Wallace said he worked mostly week-ends when the restaurant was closed and put



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Finn Wallace puts the finishing touches on his mural at Red Crown. Left, Wallace sits in front of the finished product.

more than 100 hours into the mural.

"We had a lot of conversations going into it

and they wanted something with sort of a cartoon-ish feel to it," he said. "It has a bit of a vintage feel to it and shows a community connection.

"Since it's a converted gas station, I wanted to show the past and the present," Wallace added. "It shows how Red Crown used to serve the community and still does."

According to the management team at Red Crown, "We wanted something that celebrates the spirit of travel, fuel, food and Americana while tying it all back to this building's unique roots. Seeing it completed has been incredibly rewarding. It feels vibrant, welcoming and true to the Red Crown spirit. We think it turned out even better than we imagined and we love how it connects the past with what we're building

here today.

"On top of that, we can't say enough about Finn," they added. "He's an amazing young artist with tremendous talent and we can't wait to see where his art takes him. We feel lucky to have his work as part of Red Crown's story."

Wallace's passion for art doesn't stop with painting. He previously was in the choir at South, will be in the upcoming Pointe Players production of "Sense and Sensibility" and took a sculpting class at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this past summer.

"I like acting as much as I like painting," he said.

Now 17, Wallace began showing his creativity early on. In first grade, for example, an assignment marking the first 100 days of school saw him build a replica of R2D2 using 100 paper

plates around a styro-foam core.

"I was obsessed with 'Star Wars' at the time," he recalled. "And I wanted to do something different. Most kids were making a necklace with 100 pieces of pasta or gluing 100 beans to a piece of paper."

Wallace's mother, Marie Wallace, said she noticed his talent around the same time.

"He wrote a short story and drew an illustration to go with it," she said. "I could tell his drawings weren't like what other kids were doing. They had a 3D quality."

Marie Wallace also was introduced by a mutual friend to Tony Roko, the renowned Detroit artist who has had works commissioned by the likes of Jay Leno, Lady Gaga and Ford Motor Co.

"I showed him some of Finn's work and he said, 'I'll tell you when he's ready,'" she said. "I'd post things on Instagram and about three years

ago he called and said, 'He's ready.'"

Wallace has been Roko's apprentice since he was 14.

"He has a real innate ability for his age," Roko said. "You can teach kids to be creative, but he has something that goes beyond anything that can be taught. It's been intriguing to see his growth."

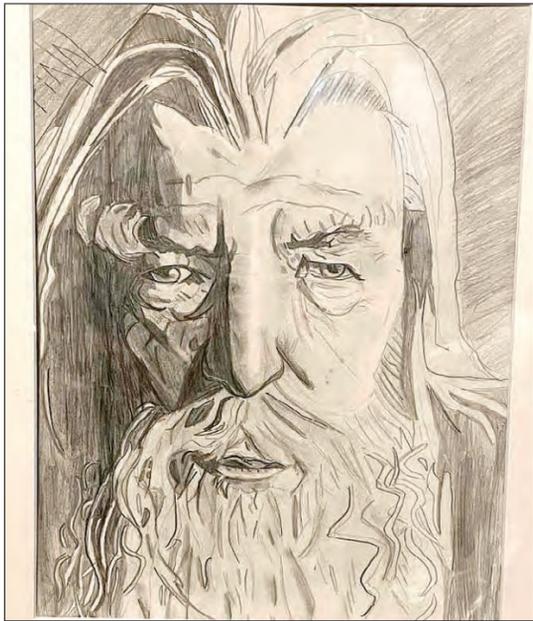
"He's got guts," Roko added. "It took courage to take on that mural. He's fearless with his creations and that's what sets him apart."

Wallace said he has expanded his skill set working with Roko.

"I've gone from drawing to watercolors to oil, which I'm really digging."

As for the future, he's taking TV production classes and wants to become a movie director.

"I'm obsessed with film culture," he said. "I've started thinking about college a little bit. Going to Juilliard would be a dream come true."



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Wallace drew this picture of Gandalf from "Lord of the Rings" when he was 10 years old.

## Can't confirm hauling gripes

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The only problem with Priority Waste's level of service is verifying accusations of poor perfor-

mance.

From one end of the Pointes to the other, municipal overseers of Priority's rubbish and recycling collection contract report the company living up to its name and

overcoming a rough start upon replacing the prior provider 15 months ago.

At the south end of town in the Park, "There have been service improvements with Priority Waste," said Nick Sizeland, Park city manager. "They have been honest and transparent. Service delays, (complaining) phone calls and questions have gone down."

At the north end in the Shores, where Priority collects recyclables, "I can tell you up front, we're very happy with the service," said Steve Poloni, Shores manager. "If they have a truck problem once in a while or are going to be late on a route, they call and let us know. Ever since the glitches at the beginning they've been very good. We're very satisfied."

And in between: ♦ "The first months were a little rough, get-

ting to learn the streets and routes and everything," said Joe Valentine, City of Grosse Pointe manager. "But, I have not received any calls or complaints relative to the service."

♦ "I agree with my colleagues from the other communities," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager, about Priority's recycling collection. The Farms, like the Shores, hauls rubbish in house. "Some initial issues with the level of service, personnel and

equipment and bumps in the road have, we feel, been worked out satisfactorily. I spoke with the frontline (city) office that usually gets those complaint calls and emails about when things were not collected or missed. Those numbers are now few and far between."

♦ "Talking with our staff and office manager, things have been better starting in the last month," said Matt Crook, Woods

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only 0.002 percent of the state's nearly \$81 billion budget, it's a big deal to

Schaap. He, with his late wife, Carol, in 2012 started planning construction of what is turning out to be a \$45

million, 435-seat performing arts center on Jefferson between Maryland and Alter Road.

"I am so thankful to the state and both (political) parties," Schaap said. "Both parties supported this, Sen. Hertel and his colleagues in the House. I gave them a tour through the building as it was being developed. They are great people and I appreciate the state doing this."

"I'd like to acknowledge the partnership that has been built with Sen. Hertel and to salute him for the participatory nature of his leadership," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "He has demonstrated acumen in threading the appropriations needle, with solid results. This also is an opportunity to leverage dollars, given the Schaap Center's \$600,000 donation for infrastructure to the city of Grosse Pointe Park."

Funds can be used for only one thing: "To implement stormwater management solutions

and upgrade infrastructure by the newly developed Schaap Center," according to the appropriations request.

"The whole idea is to capture rainwater from our site, off the roof, parking areas, and not put it in the Detroit sewer system," Schaap said. "Because you know what happens if we get a bad storm — people down the street in Detroit have sewer backups in the basement and all kinds of problems. They have enough of that without us adding to it."

"As an added benefit, this investment also helps support construction of the new Schaap Center, which is set to serve as a cultural destination where folks can come together to appreciate and celebrate arts," Hertel said.

"We thank Sen. Hertel for his tireless efforts in the district," Sizeland said. "I've had good conversations with him related to infrastructure needs of the residents of Grosse Pointe Park as well as the region."

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Counterfeit cash

Two men and a woman have been working together to pass counterfeit \$100 bills at several Lululemon stores throughout metro Detroit and Ohio. The Village location was hit Tuesday, Sept. 30.

An investigation is ongoing.

## Stolen card

Several credit cards were stolen from an employee's locker at a local hospital Thursday, Oct. 2. Two purchases then were attempted online at the TikTok Shop.

## Late night thief

A heavysset black woman stole approximately \$130 worth of various products from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2.

## Wrong way

After driving the wrong way on a one-way street near Jefferson and University at 1 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, a 52-year-old Arizona woman was found to be intoxicated and arrested.

—Laurel Kraus

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## B&amp;E

A 70-year-old Detroit man with a warrant for breaking and entering with intent in Detroit was identified and arrested at 9:25 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29, after making a scene walking out into traffic on Lakeshore.

## Kicked out

When a 33-year-old Kansas man was asked to leave a business in the 18000 block of Mack because he clearly was intoxicated, stumbled over a display case of wine on the floor and called an employee "white trash," the man caused a scene, claiming he was kicked out because he is black.

After chasing the employee through the store and screaming at other patrons, the man was arrested for disorderly conduct at 2:19 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30.

A preliminary breath test found his blood alcohol content to be 0.211 percent.

## Shortcut

A 43-year-old Farms woman was caught on surveillance footage

cutting through a Lakeshore property and running over bushes to avoid construction in the area.

When the head of security for the property followed the woman immediately after the incident, she told him her husband was having an emergency and then went into her home.

## Bad disguise

A 60-year-old Pontiac man allowed himself to be turned over to U.S. Border Patrol agents rather than admit his real name and the fact he has warrants for domestic violence, after he was pulled over on Mack for defective brake lights at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Border patrol came into play when he told officers he previously lived in Mexico for 14 years and then would not give them a U.S. home address or phone number.

## Loan fraud

A 51-year-old Farms man last week received a letter in the mail stating he owed \$21,273 to the United States Small Business Association.

The man does not have a small business,

nor has he ever applied for a loan from the organization.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Career criminal arraigned

A career criminal was arraigned last week in Park Municipal Court for enhancing his resume as a lawbreaker. Suspect David Roberts, 29, Detroit, was sent to the Wayne County Jail. He remained there at least through the early part of this week, unable to post a \$500,000 bond set by Judge Carl Jarboe.

Roberts' arrest Monday, Sept. 29, in the 1300 block of Buckingham cleared "multiple larcenies," according to police.

He was arraigned Tuesday, Sept. 30, on what police characterized as "multiple larcenies." Detective Ryan Willmer put the number at five.

Charges consisted of larceny of property valued at more than \$1,000,

fleeing and eluding, using a motor vehicle in commission of a felony and being a habitual offender.

Investigators reported tracing Roberts through a GPS tether with which he'd been outfitted.

"Suspect's tether put him at prior larceny locations in Grosse Pointe Park," according to police.

Roberts is due back in Park court 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, for a pretrial hearing.

## Recovered Mercedes

A 2021 Mercedes Benz, stolen overnight Wednesday, Oct. 1, while parked containing its key fob in the 1000 block of Berkshire, was recovered unoccupied in Detroit.

## Runs red

A red-light runner was pulled over on Jefferson at Barrington at 2:50 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, and arrested for violating a suspended operator's license.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## No Evel Knievel

A 22-year-old St. Clair Shores man is facing several charges after fleeing from officers on a motorcycle on southbound Lakeshore before crashing in Grosse Pointe Park at the intersection of Jefferson and Maryland around 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5.

He is charged with fleeing and eluding, no insurance and not having the proper endorsement on his driver license. His 2004 Yamaha was impounded.

Another motorcycle rider was able to evade officers around 1 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, by driving up and down several side streets before fleeing southbound on Lakeshore.

—Ted O'Neil

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

## Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil

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

## HAULER:

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assistant director of public services. "We still have hiccups here and there, but there's been significant improvement."

Priority's service area encompasses the metropolitan Detroit area.

"Our customer service satisfaction rate is in the 99.8 percentile," said Matt Allen, Priority's director of public relations and government affairs. "We service 1.1 million households a week, which means about 3.3 million services because we service trash, recycling and compostable materials."

Priority acquired the previous vendor, GFL Environmental, during the summer of 2024. Priority's attempt at a smooth takeover was ruined by inheriting poorly maintained equipment and, in some cases, sabotage, according to a presentation company officials made to the Park City Council in November 2024.

"Many people have a long memory from during the transition period 15 or 16 months ago," Allen said. "But, we've been running pretty regular service for months and months. The only thing worse than gossip is putting it on social media. There's little room to combat people's opinions and rantings on social media. Regretfully, people like to repeat silliness. We like to engage in facts and try to deal with problem solving."

"The last several weeks, Priority Waste has been very responsive," Sizeland said.

Late this summer officials from the Park, City, Farms and Shores extended Priority's contract for recycling, household hazardous waste drop off, electronic recycling

and paper shredding through June 30, 2026.

## Campaigning

Still, memories of the bad old days remain among community members that submitted written questions during a Park council campaign forum Sept. 23, organized by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe.

"How can you ensure residents that Priority Waste continues to deserve the contract for these services?" four candidates running for three council seats were asked.

Respondents advocated holding the service provider to higher performance standards, whether the existing contract is renewed or a new carrier is chosen.

"The onus falls on city administration and us to ensure whatever contract is signed by the city is done with the full faith of the community, because this is not something that can be sustained," said candidate Patrick Gleason, chosen at random to answer first. "It is not the service that the community deserves."

"We have an obligation to residents to try to work collaboratively with Priority Waste," said Councilman Max Wiener, running for a second term. "We also need to be realistic. It is our obligation to be up front and realistic with residents as well. We need to work with Priority until the contract comes up and then try to reach out to other vendors and see what options are there."

"We're stuck right now, so we have to work with them to get the best out of them," candidate Olga Merametdjian said. "I've heard so many horror stories. We need to get past that. However, the city administration needs to be proactive. They need to

get on the ball before it's time to approve a contract with another company."

"We need to hold the administration accountable to make sure that happens," said Councilman Tom Caulfield, also running for a second term. "They have increased their services. They have come to the table. They have discussed some of these issues. But they are doing so at a sporadic rate, whereas if I were in the administration, I would be asking that they do it more so."

Priority is a data-driven firm, according to its council presentation. Customer service calls are logged, timed and categorized.

"They also now have cameras on their trucks," Reeside said. "If a collection site is missed, they can go back and review it. There also are other features they're providing to enhance the service, such as how we report issues or missed collections. We see a response email to both the homeowner and city letting them know how and when it will be resolved."

Allen said he reviewed call logs last week to confirm or refute talk of poor service in the Park.

"I spoke with our municipal rep who works with Grosse Pointe and asked if he's heard of anything," Allen said. "He said, 'No.' I talked to our chief development officer who lives in Grosse Pointe. He said, 'I haven't heard a thing.' So, I went down to our logistics driver coordinator, responsible for coordinating service in Grosse Pointe Park, and they went to the board. There is nothing."

"There are always minor concerns, but it has dropped in the last several weeks," Sizeland said.

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### OUR VIEW

## Celebrating Nat'l Newspaper Week

**T**his week, Oct. 5 to 11, marks the 85th anniversary of National Newspaper Week. Coincidentally, next month, Nov. 7, to be exact, marks the 85th anniversary of the Grosse Pointe News. We will have more on that as the date approaches.

Local journalism is the heartbeat of informed communities. It brings stories to light that national outlets often overlook. Stories about school board decisions, city council debates, neighborhood events and local heroes. In a world increasingly shaped by global headlines and social media noise, reconnecting with local news is vital for civic engagement, accountability and community resilience.

Strong communities like the Pointes do not just happen. They rely on connection — residents knowing what is going on, businesses reaching the customers who keep them open and voters having the facts to make good decisions. Local newspapers provide that connection in ways no other source can.

When people are better informed about what is happening in their community, they feel more invested, make better decisions and are more likely to engage.

Outlets like the Grosse Pointe News serve several purposes. We act as government watchdogs, tell stories that resonate on a personal level and support economic development through advertising.

Supporting local journalism has never been more important. To that end, we are offering a special subscription deal through Thursday, Oct. 16, of three years for \$85, which includes online access. Use the code BIRTHDAY at [grossepointenews.com/subscribe/](http://grossepointenews.com/subscribe/). Not only is that a good deal, considering a one-year subscription usually runs \$49.50, but we think we are worth it.

But do not take our word for it. As many readers know, we have been named Michigan Press Association "Newspaper of the Year" four years in a row for our class. As Publisher Anne Gryzenia likes to say, "It's not a streak, it's a standard." That designation, by the way, comes via judging by newspaper professionals from around the country.

Every week on our pages, you can find vital information about a variety of topics. Our front section details how the school board and city councils are spending your tax dollars, new businesses, crime and local accomplishments.

Our Features section highlights local authors, actors, musicians, volunteers and events, in addition to church happenings, engagement, wedding and birth announcements and memorials to those who have left us.

Life & Leisure has advice from our very own Grosse Pointe Gabby, delicious recipes from Mombeau, lifestyle hacks with Anna Lyzer, movie reviews by Mark Domin and foodie insights from Nina Taormina, not to mention hilarious comics and kids' games.

Sports has the always popular "Athlete of the Week," in-depth coverage of varsity sports from our three high schools and accomplishments by athletes of all ages in a variety of competitions.

Unfortunately, many communities across the country lack that type of resource. News Media Corp. recently shuttered 23 community newspapers in Wyoming, Illinois, Arizona, South Dakota and Nebraska. Since 2005, more than one-third of the nation's newspapers have closed.

Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism reports 1,500 counties nationwide have only one local news outlet and 200 have none at all.

In today's fractured media environment, trust is



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Pure Grosse Pointe

In this part of Michigan, when the weather is unseasonably hot in October, it's described as a "zombie summer" or a "summer-like pattern," which delays the crisp, fall feeling in the air. Last weekend, boaters on Lake St. Clair near Pier Park took advantage of the warm temperature and anchored their boats, gathered with friends and family and acted like it was August. The trees along Lakeshore are showing some color change despite the warmer-than-usual conditions. However, it's expected to feel more fall later this week, with highs in the mid-60s.

GUEST VIEW By Alexandria Walz

## Recognizing Physician Assistant Week

**W**hen you see your health-care provider, there's a good chance you are being cared for by a physician assistant (PA). PAs are nationally certified and state-licensed clinicians who diagnose illness, prescribe medications, assist in surgery and provide preventive care.

Working in collaboration with physicians, they bring high-quality, team-based medicine to millions of Americans. There are currently more than 5,300 practicing in Michigan and approximately 190,000 board-certified PAs nationwide.

What makes PAs unique is their medical model training combined with flexibility. They can move between specialties — primary care, surgery, emergency medicine, cardiology and more — making them invaluable in meeting evolving community needs.

One program making a major impact here in Michigan is Grand Valley State University's

Master of Physician Assistant Studies, where I am currently in my second year. Our motto is "Two Campuses, One Mission." Students study together in Grand Rapids and Traverse City through a shared, simultaneous curriculum. The Traverse City site was created to train PAs for northern and rural Michigan, where shortages are most severe.

GVSU's PA students are not just learning in the classroom; we are out in the community. Students are celebrating National PA week Oct. 6 through 12, by:

- ◆ visiting local high schools and colleges to raise awareness about the PA profession,
- ◆ volunteering at local food banks,
- ◆ providing foot and glucose checks at Exodus (a transitional home for men in Grand Rapids) and
- ◆ providing informative pamphlets regarding the PA profession at the innovation center

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rare. Confidence in "the media" is low. Only 18 percent of Americans say they trust news on social platforms and fewer than one in four trust cable networks. But nearly two-thirds say they trust their local newspaper. In an era when anyone can post anything online, that clarity makes newspapers stand apart.

While newspapers have evolved over time — websites, email newsletters and social media apps (although many made the mistake of making all content free during the infancy of the internet) — the standards of accuracy, ethics and accountability remain constant.

Maybe you have been meaning to renew your subscription or sign up for the first time. Now is the time. With the holidays approaching, a subscription to the Grosse Pointe News also can make a nice gift, either for a student at college or friends and family who have moved away. Three years for \$85 as we mark our 85th birthday (BIRTHDAY at [grossepointenews.com/subscribe/](http://grossepointenews.com/subscribe/)).

Happy reading!

## LETTERS

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

### Disappointed

To the Editor:

Very disappointed with what was written regarding Killeen and all the other Democrat examples of terrible political rhetoric. For the GPN not to mention the current narcissistic president and how hateful he has been let alone his responsibility on 6 January tells me GPN ownership/editor is becoming like FOX (FAUX) News ... a mouthpiece of MAGA.

Charlie Kirk was an articulate white Christian Nationalist who didn't deserve to die. What he could do, like FOX, is tap into conscious or subconscious biases, under a veil of "conservative values." Progressive ideas have moved this country forward.

CHARLES GLENNIE  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### Do it or lose it

To the Editor:

Similar to his response to the Grosse Pointe News, I also did not receive any

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg



## Lions on the radio

coverage. Not that the job is easy. It must be difficult given how few announcers are good at it. Imagine having to talk intelligently and engagingly for the entirety of a three- or four-hour football game. Tough job. I'm glad others can do it.

Yet during the Lions' down decades, there was an easy way around listening to lousy TV crews. The radio. Turn off the game on television. Tune in the commentary on radio.

It became habit forming. I still do it despite the team being good and its televised games often being staffed by first-rate announcers.

Detroit sports teams always had good local radio announcers. The current team of Dan Miller and Lomas Brown

do a fine job with Lions games. Miller has a quick wit, able to describe action. Brown counters with opinions at a measured pace.

A few years ago, I started watching games on TV with the sound off and the radio on. Delayed broadcast of radio coverage sometimes was out of sync with the TV image by 30 to 40 seconds. It was tedious to keep track of the action, watching one play while listening to another. Earlier this season, the radio and TV coverage was almost simultaneous. Then it shifted back toward the other extreme and seems to have settled into a delay of about 10 seconds, which is no problem.

Until early in the last decade, Lions games

were broadcast on radio with the team of Mark Champion and Jim Brandstatter.

I regretfully remember University of Michigan football games announced by Bob Ufer. Unlike professional announcers, who understood the action listeners cared about was on the field, Ufer tried to steal the show. He made the game about himself. Yet he was popular. I never understood why.

Michigan's current football radio broadcaster is Doug Karsch, a radio show host in his day job. He also does a good job describing action and giving a good feel of the game's tone and setting. He doesn't ham it up, which seems hard for some people not to do when tempted by a

microphone in front of them.

I'm a big advocate of something that is no longer tolerated on radio sports broadcasting: silence. Especially during baseball games, when nothing happens most of the time anyway. I want announcers to keep quiet. Let the sounds of the stadium and game come through the radio speakers. Don't talk over a batter at the plate. The sound of the bat on ball sparks the imagination of being in the stands watching a long fly or pop up.

The late Stan Freberg, at various times an advertising agency creative director, actor and comedian, loved radio as a medium capable of stretching listeners' imaginations.

"You can do things on radio you couldn't possibly do on TV," he said in one of his routines.

He gave an example. "OK people, when I give the cue, I want the 700-foot mountain of whipped cream to roll into Lake Michigan, which has been drained and filled with hot chocolate.

"Then, the Royal Canadian Air Force will fly overhead towing a 10-ton maraschino cherry, which will be dropped into the whipped cream to the cheering of 25,000 extras.

"All right, cue the mountain."

Sound effects and a low rumble represent an avalanche.

"Cue the Air Force." Airplane engine noises.

"Cue the maraschino cherry." Doppler effect of a bomb falling from high altitude.

"OK, 25,000 cheering extras." Cheering sounds.

"Now, you want to try that on television?"

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1950

75 years ago this week

**POINTERS OFFERED FREE X-RAYS:** The free x-ray campaign for the discovery of present or incipient tuberculosis, or of other diseases by the x-ray process, will start in Grosse Pointe next Monday. A mobile unit will be stationed here from then until Nov. 11.

**KILLED IN KOREA:** Word was received from the War Department by George R. Grove of Hampton Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, that his son, Pfc. George R. Grove Jr., had been killed in action in Korea on September 16. This is believed to have been the first battle death of a Grosse Pointe boy in the Korean War.

### 1975

50 years ago this week

**CITY VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF STATE LAW:** The City Police Department is making several emergency hospital runs each week in a

vehicle that is in violation of Michigan Department of Public Health equipment standards. Although the vehicle was inspected on Aug. 5, and found to have all the necessary equipment, Joseph W. Hull, a licensing chief in the Emergency Medical Services Division, said he has received phone calls and anonymous letters stating that proper equipment is not kept on the vehicle at all times.

**GPW TO DEDICATE COMPLEX:** The first spadeful of dirt, marking the beginning of the Lake Front Park improvements project, was turned at dedication ceremonies on a brisk day in mid-March. Now, seven months later, the city will celebrate a big day when the entire project, featuring the swimming pool complex and eight new tennis courts, will be dedicated in ceremonies marking its completion.

**ODOR STILL PROBLEM AT FACILITY:** The offensive odor condition which emanates from the Milk River Pumping Station remains a problem for nearby residents, according to information received by the Woods Council. Last month the solons received a copy of

a letter sent to Wayne County Drain Commissioner Charles Youngblood from Rowland L. Austin of Edmundton Drive, citing the concern of citizens "over the lack of progress made in correcting the offensive odor condition."

### 2000

25 years ago this week

**G.P. NEWS WINS WEBSITE AWARDS FOR ON-LINE EDITION:** The Grosse Pointe News, which holds a number of print media awards, is now garnering praise on the World Wide Web. In September, the News was awarded the Golden Web Award by the International Association of Web Masters and Designers and the Majon Web Select Award. Both awards, given by independent webmaster associations, cited the online version of the Grosse Pointe News for its content, design and usability.

**SOUTH BOYS SHATTER RECORDS:** It was a record-breaking weekend for Grosse Pointe South's boys cross country team. "I'm really proud of the kids," said coach Tom Wise after the Blue Devils ran away with

the championship at the Schoensee Memorial Invitational meet at Center Line. The first of the records came from Pat Dantzer, who was third overall in 16:18 to tie the school record set by Dan Quinn, who is now an assistant coach at Grosse Pointe North.

**JUDGE FEIKENS: 'PEACEMAKER OF THE YEAR':** U.S. District Judge John Feikens, who helped resolve an international dilemma for church institutions in Germany, Cuba and Grosse Pointe Farms, has been named Peacemaker of the Year by Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Two years ago, while serving

as an elder and attending a meeting of Memorial's governing session, Feikens objected to a proposal for Memorial to hold an endowment from German churches with earnings going to a Cuban seminary.

### 2015

10 years ago this week

**MINI GOLF COMING TO LAKE FRONT:** With the city council giving its final approval, officials from the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation are teeing up their fundraising drive for a miniature

golf course at Lake Front Park. The course, which will be located next to the activities building, is expected to be completed by summer 2017.

**MINI PICASSOS HAVE BIG FUN:** The little ones in Katy Wereley's Mini Picasso program have big fun creating crafts. Wereley and her mother, Heather Brush, started the program, for ages 2 to 4, in May. "There was such a need for it in the Pointes and surrounding areas," Wereley said. With help from Brush, who used to teach art at Montessori Giving Tree, they came up with a plan to offer art projects to youngsters.

## GUEST:

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in Traverse City.

These activities build both clinical skills and a commitment to service, values central to the PA profession.

To become a PA, a person needs a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, including coursework in anatomy, physiology, biology, microbiology, chemistry and English; a significant number of hours in direct patient care; a master's PA degree (typically two to three years); pass a national exam and obtain state licensing.

Michigan, like much of the country, faces challenges in health care access, especially in rural regions. PAs help

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*Alexandria Walz lives in Grosse Pointe Park and is a 2019 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate. She earned a bachelor's degree in human biology from Michigan State University in 2023 and expects to complete her physician assistant program at Grand Valley State University in December 2026.*

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response to my numerous calls and emails to Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen in March 2025.

His website listed three locations for constituents to meet with him, so I appeared on the desig-

nated Monday at 9 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Park city offices.

Imagine my shock when Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Mr. Sizeland informed me that although the meeting opportunity is scheduled on his website, Mr. Killeen has not appeared for the meetings in 4 YEARS! That's correct ... 4

YEARS! Mr. Sizeland has requested the meeting notice be removed from his website; however, Mr. Killeen has not yet complied. I would prefer he appear to speak with his Wayne County taxpayers. Mr. Killeen, how about do your job or lose it?

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# Council mulls tossing out recycling

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Solons felt they had little choice this summer other than extending the municipal recycling contract with Priority Waste.

The one-year extension runs through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Terms include an inflationary price increase totaling \$2.16 per property owner annually. The annual total becomes \$75.60.

The contract isn't a one-on-one deal between the city and company.

"Grosse Pointe Park, City, Farms and Shores contracts with Priority Waste for recycling services," Park Manager Nick Sizeland informed council Aug. 11.

There's no option for any of the parties to act independently without impacting the whole.

"Our decisions impact those parties," Mayor Michele Hodges said.

"The current contract does not have an option for anything other than a one-year extension," said Dan Kelly,

Park city attorney. "The original, five-year contract provided for three one-year extensions. If one community pulls out, I don't know if Priority Waste would stop servicing, but I think under the contract they could."

Councilman Brent Dreaver said the council must be pragmatic, "not cut off our nose to spite our face."

"We have a little over a month and a half before our current contract expires," Sizeland said. "There are competitors out there. There are Waste Management and Tringali (Sanitation). But there is a risk. There is a very strong possibility that if we go out for bid, Priority Waste will be the only one that bids."

Consternation stems from Priority's collection service generating either an inordinate number of complaints or just loud complainers.

"Real or perceived, at some level there's an issue with Priority Waste," Hodges said.

"The community looks to us to manage our contracts well. It's going to be hard to make a case to our community that we just go ahead and approve this

(extension) without any kind of accountability."

Sizeland, citing statistics compiled by Priority, said the customer service department logged the following number of telephone calls from Park residents — presumably complaints — during recent months: May, 30; June, 29; and July, 35.

There was nothing said about the possibility of any calls being duplicates.

"They're getting better," Sizeland said this week. "They're doing their job."

"Where can we tighten the screws and represent our community to make sure we're getting a service?" Hodges asked Sizeland rhetorically.

Hodges proposed calling company representatives to explain the situation to council.

"The only tools we have are the governing tools and contractual negotiations," she said. "We have to somehow manage this contract well to make sure we get the results we want."

Hodges hoped to compromise with a 90-day extension while administrators found a

better alternative.

Kelly nixed that by saying the contract doesn't allow anything but a one-year extension. Ninety days isn't possible.

"So, we're going to get push-back no matter what," Hodges said. "It seems that our options are to extend for one year, to do a partial with the risks you just outlined or not approve it and go without recycling during this period when we try to figure it out."

## Cutting recycling

Councilman Max Wiener supported the one-year extension, but also proposed canceling the recycling program entirely.

"We should seriously look at the pros and cons of recycling," said Wiener, an engineer and industrialist. "From an engineering standpoint, recycling plastic and paper (requires) a huge chemical, energy and water input. The only thing that is economically viable from a recycling standpoint is aluminum."

"It (recycling) sounds good in principle, but in practice doesn't have the impact people think," Hodges said. "Mr.

Wiener's brought a number of important points to the table that require further study."

"We also can look at options of working with our Grosse Pointe partners," Sizeland said. "Down the road, we need to look at options. Are we going to go to bid? Are we going to do this as just Grosse Pointe Park? Are we going to do this as multiple communities? That discussion needs to be had as a body and with the other city managers."

"I understand we need to have those discussions as a body, but I expect administration to come to this body with a lot of those options already weeded out," Councilman Tom Caulfield told Sizeland.

"(We) expect a robust quote package a year from now," Wiener said.

Harper Woods canceled its recycling program in 2019 due to a 50 percent increase in cost.

"We did get rid of it because it cost too much," said Tom Jenny, a Harper Woods councilman and director of Park public works. "We did it as a savings."

Westland also canceled recycling.

## Charges filed in Woods shooting

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — A 39-year-old woman is facing charges in connection with a shooting at her home in the 1900 block of Roslyn the morning of Friday, Oct. 3.

Amanda Wilkins was arraigned in the Woods Municipal Court Sunday, Oct. 5, and was released

on a \$200,000 cash/surety bond, meaning she paid \$20,000. She is scheduled for a probable cause hearing at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Police are not releasing the name of the victim, a 37-year-old man who also lives in the Woods.

"They were dating but didn't live together," Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. "They were arguing and

it spilled out onto the front lawn."

The victim was shot in the right forearm and is expected to make a full recovery, Kosanke added. He was located at a business on Mack following a 911 call.

Wilkins is charged with assault causing great bodily harm less than murder, use of a dangerous weapon and felony firearm, meaning the use



Police tape surrounds a house in the 1900 block of Roslyn in Grosse Pointe Woods where an adult male was shot the morning of Friday, Oct. 3.

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TED O'NEIL

of a firearm in the commission of a felony. If convicted, she faces up to 10 years in prison, plus a mandatory two years for felony firearm.

The shooting occurred almost two years to the day that Dennis Doheny, then 19, was shot and killed in October 2023 at a home on Brys Drive in the Woods.

His brother, Edmond Doheny, is serving two years in prison for felony

firearm. He also was sentenced to three years probation after pleading no contest to that and a charge of involuntary manslaughter in April 2024.

"The judge completely honored the plea bargain agreement in this terrible tragedy," said Robert Ihrie, Doheny's defense attorney, at the time.

"Everyone recognized this was essentially an accident with zero inten-

tionality. We would have preferred no jail time, but the judge didn't have a choice."

Brys Drive also is where officers found an elderly man and woman deceased in their home in late June after being called to do a welfare check.

Kosanke said the department is awaiting the results of toxicology tests and that no weapon was used.

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## Weeders shoed from native garden

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — It doesn't say much for the aesthetics of some indigenous flowers that arbiters of a native garden twice ripped them out while weeding.

"The whole concept of what is a weed is debatable," said Kelly Konieczki, a native plant advocate on the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission. "A weed is just a plant we don't want."

Nor does it help that some natives are not only weed lookalikes. They also have the word "weed" in their common name.

"A lot of native plants with 'weed' in their name are the ones we want," Konieczki said.

An example is milkweed, among sprouts that landscapers pulled from the commission's native garden on a traffic island in the city hall parking lot.

"They pulled out all the milkweed and native plants we earned from our native plant sale and planted," said Lisa Kyle,



Message sent and received.

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commission chairwoman. "A few things started coming back up again. We started talking about getting replacement plants, but (landscapers) came back a couple weeks later and tore more stuff out. It was just an error in communications. The crew didn't know."

Landscapers replaced everything.

To thwart a three-peat, Kyle asked Konieczki, an art major in college, to make a sign designating the garden as hands off.

"It happened multiple times, so it needed to be addressed in some way," Konieczki said. "I was careful with the wording."

She also was careful to be emphatic.

"Landscapers keep

out," the sign begins in capital letters.

"I wanted it to be an alert," Konieczki said. "But I also wanted to describe that we are creating habitat, it's a sensitive area and volunteers are working on it."

The sign reads, "Sensitive pollinator habitat. This bed contains milkweed and new plantings. It's currently being maintained by volunteers."

Flags mark new plantings.

"The landscapers replaced native plants they removed," Kyle said. "The sign is simply to let any landscaping company know this is a beautification commission pollinator bed; please do not come in and landscape."



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## Remembering Molly

Nicole Hosler and Colin Connaire, parents of Grosse Pointe Park resident Molly Connaire, who passed away last week at age 12, received an escort by the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department. Colin Connaire is a lieutenant with the department. The procession paused in front of the house in which Molly lived, where a memorial to her included a painted rock, flowers and her pink sparkly high-top shoes.

## Liggett awards annual Nicole Marie Shammass Memorial Scholarship

University Liggett School recently announced that Luca Coy of Grosse Pointe Park has been selected as the recipient of the Nicole Marie Shammass Memorial Scholarship for the academic year 2025-26.

The scholarship, awarded annually to a sixth-grade student for the duration of their middle school years, is designed to recognize individuals who display an interest in the arts and demonstrate exceptional academic potential.

Coy shared his excitement about being a student at ULS and said he's looking forward to what's ahead.

Hailing from Edmonson Elementary School in Detroit, Coy loves tennis, saying he started playing at age 3. He's an active participant on the middle school boys tennis team, playing both singles and doubles. Additionally, he decided to join

the middle school band, taking up the clarinet for the first time.

He said he's excited to be a member of Roosevelt House and can't wait for the first house competitions.

The Middle School House System is a way ULS cultivates community and promotes leadership among its middle school students. At the beginning of each school year, new middle school students are grouped into one of six houses that includes a cross-section of students of different ages and genders, as well as a teacher and administrator. Each house — with its own spirit, history, mascot and motto — instills a sense of pride, camaraderie and unity. Through the Middle School House System, students experience a sense of support and belonging, as well as cultivate lasting connections at a significant time in their emotional and academic development.

The Nicole Marie Shammass Memorial Scholarship, awarding \$2,000 per student, is presented to middle school students annually. The support of Robert and Elizabeth Shammass has enabled more than 40 students to benefit from this scholarship over the years.

Furthermore, the Michael Giorgio family has contributed a memorial tree in Nicole's honor, which now thrives in the middle school courtyard.

This scholarship is a testament to the school's commitment to its endowment program, made possible through the contributions of the Shammass family of Grosse Pointe Woods and those who cherished Nicole Shammass, who passed away during her time in middle school in 1986.

Along with Coy, eighth-grader Grace Dakmak of Grosse Pointe Shores received the Nicole Marie Shammass Memorial Scholarship.

## League of Women Voters to host GPPSS 2025 bond forum

The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe will host a public forum on the Grosse Pointe Public School System 2025 bond proposal at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, in the multipurpose room at Brownell Middle School.

Those attending will hear a presentation from Superintendent Andrea Tuttle and then have the opportunity to submit questions during a Q&A session. Residents also are invited to submit questions in advance. Visit [tinyurl.com/bdf7ucz4](https://tinyurl.com/bdf7ucz4) to send questions prior to Oct. 13.

The school bond will be on the Nov. 4 ballot in all five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

To learn more about the school bond, visit [gpschools.org/2025bond](https://gpschools.org/2025bond).



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Luca Coy, the 2025-26 recipient of the Nicole Marie Shammass Memorial Scholarship, stands in front of a painting of Nicole Shammass.

## BOND:

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the bonds to investors and they take orders."

Wahl suggested going with a negotiated sale because of timing, since a competitive sale can take up to two weeks to arrange, given the district's tight timeline between Election Day and Dec. 1.

Colis said the district also must take federal regulations into consideration when determining the timing and amount of each series.

"There has to be a reasonable expectation to enter into a binding contract within six months of the sale to spend at least 5 percent of the revenue," he said. "That has to be 85 percent within three years and 100 percent within four years.

"That doesn't mean you have to actually spend the money. You just need to have plans to do so," he added. "The IRS doesn't want issuers getting into the market and just sitting on the money to earn interest."

Paul Theriault of Plante Moran said that shouldn't pose an issue, given the scope of projects the district has identified.

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

put together by Plante Moran in 2022, administrators identified \$60 million in critical needs the bond would address such as HVAC systems, roofs, windows and parking lots. Tuttle said if the bond does not pass, that money would have to come out of the general fund, 86 percent of which goes to pay for personnel costs, mainly salaries and benefits. The district then appointed a Bond Advisory Committee to decide on the other \$60 million.

Meeting four times over three months, the committee favored:

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

Another \$3.7 million will go to reconfigure the closed pool at Parcels Middle School, possibly

into a technology and innovation hub, a STEM lab or an e-sports arena.

The exact ballot language, most likely already seen by absentee voters, reads:

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

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

The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed by this ballot proposal is estimated to remain at or below 3.14 mills which is an estimated -0- mill increase from the debt millage levied in 2024. The estimated millage

that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.70 mills (\$0.70 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of the bonds is 1.63 mills annually (\$1.63 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The bonds may be issued in multiple series. The maximum number of years each series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty (20) years.

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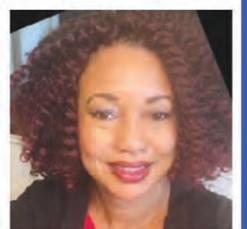


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# Orthodontist brings practice back to hometown

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Grosse Pointe native Jay Williams came up with the name for his orthodontics practice when he was 12 years old at St. Clare of Montefalco and in braces himself.

“A lot of times they put the colors on your braces in a figure-8 pattern and it kind of looks like each tooth is wearing a bow tie, or at least 12-year-old me thought so,” Williams recalled.

He succeeded in opening Bow Tie Orthodontics in 2023, at which time he started with locations in Waterford and Troy.

Aug. 1, he brought the practice back home to Grosse Pointe, picking up the baton from longtime orthodontist Dr. J.



Jay Williams, D.D.S.

Richard Dunlop at 18136 Mack.

“When I was growing up, he was the talk of the town,” Williams said. “Everyone in Grosse Pointe went to him ... so I’m hoping to build (the office) back up to its glory days when Dr. Dunlop had it back in the ‘90s.”

Though he’s pursuing the success of the ‘90s,

Williams’ practice is far from stuck in the past.

The current trend in orthodontics, he highlighted, is preventative care for young children prior to reaching the age when they may require braces.

“Back in the day, when I went through my braces, you went to the orthodontist when you had all your adult teeth and you did braces,” Williams explained. “Nowadays, there’s just a lot of things we can do actually early to prevent some of the severe crowding or impacted teeth that can happen later on.”

The American Association of Orthodontics and American Association of Pediatric Dentistry both recommend an orthodontic screening by age 7 or

8. “I don’t charge for my consultations,” Williams added. “I view myself as an educator just as much as I do a doctor, educating parents. Here’s path one: We just wait for all the adult teeth to come in. We see what Mother Nature gives us and we fix it then.

“Or, we can get a little bit more aggressive now so we can be less aggressive later. Maybe, while we still have some baby teeth, we make more space like a palate expander. And then when they’re 13 or 14 and they’re not excited about braces, we just do a quick round of Invisalign to touch up anything that didn’t go perfect with the rest of the adult teeth coming in.”

Bow Tie Orthodontics sees patients of all ages

and has extensive experience treating children with special needs, behavioral issues and high dental anxiety.

“I thank the 12-year-old version of myself every day for first of all picking a career that I think is super fun,” Williams said.

“I absolutely love my job. ... No. 2, it’s super cool to come back to your hometown and open a business and start to re-ingrain yourself in a community that just meant a lot to me growing up.”

Born at Bon Secours and raised in the Park, Williams today lives in the Farms with his wife,



BOW TIE ORTHODONTICS

Liz, and young children, Kade, Norah and Finley.

Bow Tie Orthodontics’ Grosse Pointe location can be reached by calling (313) 444-7007 or visiting bowtieorthodontics.com.

The practice currently is offering a special for \$1,000 off treatment through the end of the year.

# Woods student wins triple gold; Zanshin students bring home medals

Eliot Block of Grosse Pointe Woods led the Zanshin Karate Dojo team with three first-place finishes — in kata, kobudo and sparring — at the 20th annual Michigan Friendship Invitational Tournament, which took place Sept. 20 at Oakland University.

Block is a sixth grader at Parcels Middle School and the son of Clare Pfeiffer and Dustin Block.

Other standouts for Zanshin included Wesley Powell, who earned golds in kata and kobudo, and second in sparring. Michael Farnsworth and Morley Frahm each won two golds competing in the junior black belt division.

Hosted by Zen Bei Butoku-Kai International, under the

direction of Sensei Brian Ricci, the tournament featured more than 600 participants from across metro Detroit, the Midwest and Canada. Competitors, ages 4 to adult, competed at Oakland’s O’Rena.

“The Friendship Invitational offers a great mix of challenge and camaraderie,” said Sensei Sean Farnsworth, owner of Zanshin Karate Dojo. “It’s incredible to see our students grow, not just in skill, but in confidence and sportsmanship.”

Zanshin’s full list of competitors and medal winners includes:

Eliot Block — first kata, first kobudo, first sparring  
Wesley Powell — first kata, first kobudo, second sparring  
David Furi — second kata,

second kobudo, first sparring  
Michael Farnsworth — first kata, first kobudo

Anthony Marcolini — first kata, second kobudo  
Noah Moore — first kata, first sparring

Ryan Bunch — first kata, second sparring  
Morley Frahm — first kata, first kobudo

RJ Borawski — third team kata, third kobudo  
Jack Fanto — second kata, first sparring

Dominic Koch — third kata, third kobudo

Dustin Block — first kobudo, first sparring

Charlee Woodall — first kata, third kobudo

Kiara Kardel — first kata, second kobudo

Gates Coyro — first kata, first sparring

Sloane Childs — third kata, third sparring

Gabriel Johnson — second kata, first kobudo

Vasilios Manias — second kata, third sparring

Roosevelt Williams V — second sparring, second kobudo

Savannah Johnson — second kata, first sparring

Patrick Morris — second kata, third team kata

Kian O’Farrell — third team kata, second sparring

Warren Studstill — second sparring

Calvin Walenga — third kata  
Anthony Marano — second sparring

Eva Broughton — second kata

Sawyer Lucas — second kata  
Steve Lucas — first sparring

Addy Wood — first sparring  
Miles Kim — first kata

Edo Perrone — first sparring

Students represented every age group at Zanshin — from Little Dragons, ages 4 to 6, to teen and adult divisions. For many, this tournament was their first experience competing.

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## Power of Pink health fair is Oct. 14

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Henry Ford Health, presents the Power of Pink health fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14.

All are welcome to this free open house event, which features a host of health-related educational and wellness pieces.

"It will be bigger and better than last year," said Abigail Turnbull, the chamber's membership and events coordinator. "We're excited to be at The War Memorial on Oct. 14, for Power of Pink."

Three speakers from Henry Ford Health will share health insights, starting with Dr. Allison Jay, who will discuss genetics and breast cancer risk at 11:30 a.m. Attendees will learn the latest about genetic testing and how this knowledge can empower individuals and families to take charge of their breast health.

At noon, Dr. Carmen Stokes presents "Understanding Dense Breasts and Risk



Assessments to Reduce Your Risk for Breast Cancer." Approximately 40 to 60 percent of women have dense breast tissue, which has been associated with an increased risk for developing breast cancer.

At 12:30 p.m., certified medical hypnotherapist Cheryl Bashada will discuss the power of medical hypnotherapy, as well as how hypnosis has been well documented for alleviating pain, decreasing the need for pain medica-

tions and reducing the stress related to a diagnosis.

"There will be time between each speaker for snacks and to visit different tables," Turnbull said.

Several organizations will be on hand — including The Pink Fund, American Cancer Society, Healing Arts, Liggett Breast Center and Gilda's Club, among others — providing health information.

Additional program-

ing includes:

- ◆ Chair massages from Sirona Wellness Spa
- ◆ Complimentary cakes from event sponsor Nothing Bundt Cakes
- ◆ Complimentary beaded bracelets — and bracelet charms for cancer survivors — from Bella Bracelets
- ◆ Mary Kay
- ◆ Latcha Design Group
- ◆ Lemongrass Spa
- ◆ Davey Tree Expert Co., also an event sponsor
- ◆ The Neighborhood

Club

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  - ◆ The Spice & Tea Exchange of Grosse Pointe
- Additionally, the Mobile Mammogram Screening Center by Henry Ford Health will be available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with no appointment needed.

"They're great to work with," Turnbull noted. "It was inspiring last year. There were a lot of people coming in for their first time getting a mammo-

gram. It can quickly tell you if you need to do more."

While the fair traditionally has focused on breast health, its scope has grown.

"We're expanding it so it's not just focused on breast cancer, but on cancer and overall health," Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher said.

She said she hopes more people come to learn, but also to experience a new offering: a free yoga session on the lakefront lawn of The War Memorial. It begins at 1:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring their own mats.

"Your health is ever-changing," Turnbull said. "You never really know what's going on in your body. This helps you become aware of what to look for. It can be intimidating, but it's important to know what's going on and to know there are doctors, resources and information in our community that can help."

Registration is not required for Power of Pink.

"It's free and open to the public," Boettcher added. "Bring a friend!"

For more information, visit the Facebook event page at [fb.me/e/5raYZ8V1v](https://fb.me/e/5raYZ8V1v) or call (313) 881-4722.

## Author brings King Philip II to life in historical fiction

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Eric Pope first learned about King Philip II of Macedonia in ninth grade, when his history teacher assigned a term project.

"He suggested Philip II, who I'd obviously never heard of," Pope said.

His research was daunting and involved decades-old books with "crinkly, fold-out maps inside," he said. "I did the project and totally forgot about it."

Until about 10 years ago, when Pope found a Philip II coin on eBay.

"I said, I know that guy," he recalled. "The head was Zeus; Philip believed in ancient Greek gods while Plato and Aristotle, who was a close friend of Philip's, did not."

Pope bought the coin and was so inspired to once again write about Philip II — the father of Alexander the Great — he retired and set about doing just that.

"I saw the coin, bought the coin and said, 'I'm turning 66; I'll retire,'" he recalled. "It's fair to say I did not know what I was doing when I started, but



**Eric Pope**

I was able to stick to it."

Pope began writing "Macedonian Sun" in 2016, but wrote and published another book in the interim, his 2022 debut, "Granite Kingdom."

Through a slow and steady writing process, Pope finally released "Macedonian Sun" earlier this year.

He began his research overseas.

"In 1977, Philip's tomb was uncovered," Pope said. "It was a spectacular find, totally preserved, including his crown of oak leaves made of gold. When I started this project, (my wife) Karen and I went to Greece, to a

museum which had the contents of his tomb."

Beyond that, Pope had his work cut out for him.

"He had an arch rival in Athens — Demosthenes," Pope said. "He was the best leader of the ancient world, according to Cicero. Other than him and another guy from Athens whose speech was preserved, there are no records. Primary sources are historical writings from 300 to 400 years later."

Pope called the book "almost entirely historically accurate, as best we know," though he did take some creative liberties. He created two enslaved characters to relay the historical facts of Philip's life.

"Philip was a womanizer," he explained. "People didn't think much of him. His dad had six sons (three each with two women). The older two sons were killed, so he takes over and is spectacularly successful."

"... He has a child by his slave girl," he continued. "He had already purchased a scribe. The scribe fell in love with his slave girl. When she got pregnant, Philip was pleased at first, but knew

he couldn't bring the slave girl and bastard back to the capital. The scribe said he'd marry her and raise their son."

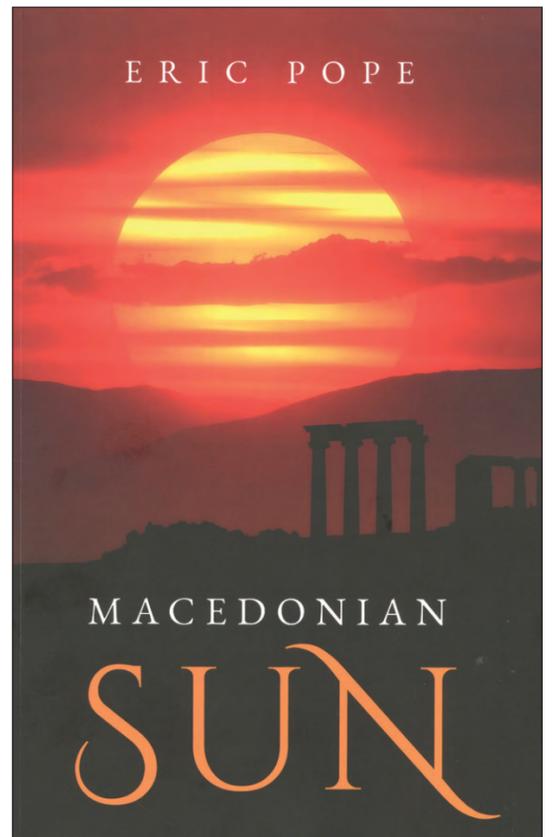
"The slave girl becomes an attendant to Philip's mother, then to Alexander's mother. This opens up, between the slave girl and the scribe, what's going on with the major people."

As the book is historical fiction, Pope said he included the "bare bones of history."

"He fought in 50 battles," he said. "I only talk about two — the first one he was in, which I made up, and his last: Philip defeated the combined armies of Athens and Thebes and all their allies. Afterward he had total control of Greece except Sparta."

As for his focus — Philip II over Alexander the Great — Pope leaned toward Philip II because he was responsible for his son's success.

Among Philip's military innovations was the phalanx formation, in which an infantry armed with sarissas, or long spears, allowed for greater reach and effectiveness in battle. He also integrated various mili-



tary units — cavalry, infantry and archers — to create a versatile and adaptable fighting force. "He set Alexander up," Pope said. "He created a war machine that was ready to go. He was planning the invasion of Persia when he was assassinated. Alexander picked up where he left off. Not to downgrade Alexander, but Philip made Alexander possible."

Pope said "Macedonian Sun" is an interesting

read for people interested in ancient Greece, people who have visited Greece and history buffs, as well as people who like a little drama.

"Philip was not straightforward," he said. "He would first try to make a deal with you, then he'd lie to you, then he'd bribe you and then he'd battle you."

"... Karen said it's like a soap opera," he added.

"Macedonian Sun" is available on amazon.com.



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## 2B | OBITUARIES

# OBITUARIES

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

## Dallas Robert Kitchen

Dallas Robert Kitchen, 91, a lifelong resident of the Grosse Pointes, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025.

Dallas was born Oct. 18, 1933, in Detroit. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend whose legacy of love, service and integrity will be cherished by all who knew him.

He was the beloved husband of the late Joan Kitchen (nee Anton), with whom he shared 57 years of marriage. Together, they built a strong and loving family rooted in faith and generosity. He is survived by their children, Robert Kitchen, Matthew Kitchen (Jennifer) and Stephanie Listman (Bill); and eight grandchildren, Caroline, Thomas, Patrick, Samantha and Madeline Kitchen, and Jacqueline, Katherine and Stephen Listman.

He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Augusta (nee Timreck); sister, Muriel; and children, Thomas and Gloria.

Dallas followed his father in the family business and was a respected general contractor for more than 60 years. He began as a custom homebuilder in the Grosse Pointes and later expanded into commercial and industrial construction throughout metro Detroit.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Dallas was deeply committed to his community. He was a beloved and longtime leader in the Grosse Pointe Lions Club, through which he participated in countless Goodfellows paper sales and community initiatives. He founded the club's annual golf outing, an event that continues to thrive and has since been renamed in his honor. In recognition of his extraordinary service, he was awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions Clubs International. He also was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Crisis Club and was known for his quiet generosity, always stepping up to help friends, family and neighbors in need.

Dallas loved the outdoors and found great joy in golf, tennis, skiing and time spent at the Viking Lodge in Lewiston with family and friends. A man of adventure, he circumnavigated the globe in 1998, as a member of the Nomads, taking his entire family along for the journey — an unforgettable experience that reflected his deep love for life and those closest to him.

A man of unwavering Christian faith, Dallas was a longtime member of St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms and later Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit. His faith was a constant source of strength and guided him in all aspects of his

life.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. He will lie in state at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m., at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. More details may be found at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Lions Club, P.O. Box 36160, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, bit.ly/473LcJr; or the Gloria and Thomas Kitchen Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 361163, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, bit.ly/3KuMDbb, in honor of Dallas's lifelong dedication to service, family and community.

Dallas will be remembered by his loved ones as a man of faith, generosity and strength, and an example to all who knew him. His legacy lives on in the family he loved, the lives he touched and the community he helped shape. Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Theodore "Ted" R. Mushenski

Theodore "Ted" R. Mushenski, 102, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully in his sleep Sunday, June 22, 2025.

Ted was born June 7, 1923, in Detroit, to Peter and Helen (nee Ladach) Mushenski. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 61 years, Virginia; brother, Thomas (Rosemary); and sister, Theresa Manning (Lawrence). He is survived by his only daughter, Suzi Kole (Dr. Edward Sarrine); grandchildren, Nicole Sarrine and Eddie Sarrine (Alexandra); two great-grandchildren, Trip and Charlie; and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ted graduated from St. Joseph Catholic High School in 1941. He then was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in World War II. Upon completion of his service, he returned to Detroit and married the love of his life, Virginia. They moved to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1955, where the family lived their entire lives. The home still is in the family after more than 70 years.

Ted attended night school at the University of Detroit while working at Ford Motor Co., in the accounting payroll division. He graduated with a degree in accounting and was a dedicated employee at Ford until he retired in 1985.

He loved spending time traveling extensively with Virginia to foreign countries and visiting his family in Florida. Ted was deeply religious and was a founding member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. He was on the church's board, Star Seniors

Group, for two years. He also was a member of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity, Knights of Columbus, Fraternal Order of Police, the Elks, Grosse Pointe Men's Club, Fairlane Club, Grosse Pointe Investment Club and Disabled American Veterans.

He will be remembered by those who knew him for his sharp mind, joke telling, kind heart, deep faith and unwavering dedication to his family, friends and neighbors. His kindness, patience and giving spirit will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial Mass will be held at noon Saturday, Oct. 18, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. He will be interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, [cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food](http://cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food); or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, bit.ly/3K6FsFQ.

## Molly Shea Connaire

Molly Shea Connaire, 12, is survived by her father and mother, Colin Connaire and Nicole Hosler; sisters and brother, Gillian Connaire and Meaghan Connaire; her "Poppa," Lanny Hosler; aunts and uncles, Charles Hosler (Andrea), Brian Hosler (Jamie), Celia Connaire (John Buddhist) and Susan Condrick; along with many cousins whom she loved dearly. She was predeceased by her "Nana," Deborah Hosler; grandmother, Christine Connaire; and grandfather, Joseph Connaire.

Molly passed away Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, during her sleep, from a complication with a seizure. Molly ferociously battled Dravet Syndrome, a debilitating disorder she battled bravely with every ounce of her tiny body. And she did it with sass, love and humor.

Molly was born Nov. 23, 2012, and lived life on her terms, which taught her family patience and reserve. She fought an invisible beast that couldn't be scared away with a magic parent potion. Somehow, through it all, Molly showed up and showed out and never let the diagnosis define her. She made a mark in this world far greater than her family could have imagined. The outpouring of love from the community has been overwhelmingly inspiring.

Molly loved fiercely, not just her family, but her friends and teachers, too. Those who had the opportunity to be in the same room with Molly and watched her share herself with oth-



Dallas Robert Kitchen



Theodore R. Mushenski



Molly Shea Connaire

ers often walked away in awe. She was a powerful presence in any room and bent the world to suit her at every opportunity. She touched and inspired many people in her short life.

Molly will be loved and her memory cherished by everyone who remembers her and thinks about how impactful their interaction with her was. Molly loved everyone and made it her mission to make sure no one felt left out, as she used to say, "Not on my watch!" Molly was one of the best and her time will not be forgotten.

The family invites people to share their memories and, above all, to live like Molly: with grit, determination, strength, love and kindness.

Molly will be celebrated at a later date. There will be a memorial/birthday party for her in November for what should have been her 13th birthday.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to any charity that assists families with disabled children or to the Dravet Syndrome Foundation, [dravetfoundation.org](http://dravetfoundation.org), to help fund research.

## Elizabeth Joann Binkowski

Elizabeth Joann Binkowski, 86, known as Joann to her family and Liz to her friends, passed away Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025.

Liz was born Sept. 4, 1939, to Joseph J. and Anna (nee Robinson) Riley. She was the middle "Riley Girl" and was predeceased by her beloved sisters, Beverly Leinweber and Sharon Wiltsie.

A lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe, Liz attended Grosse Pointe High School and Western Michigan University, where she met her husband, Dr. Theodore A. Binkowski, Jr. They had four children, Mary Anne Truesdell (David), Theodore III, Todd (Carole) and Joseph (Amy). She was blessed with 11 grandchildren, Kathryn, John (Samantha), Jeanette, Theodore IV (Nina), Andrew, Jason, Laura, Robert, Michael, Oliver and Mark; and three great-grandchildren, Abbott, Dominic and Leia.

Liz spent many years in retail and was a familiar face in Grosse Pointe's Village. She enjoyed traveling, volunteering, wintering in Florida and holiday gatherings with extended family. But one of Liz's greatest joys in life was sharing a glass of wine with friends and family at the end of the day. Front stoops, backyard patios and screened porches all served as the settings for these simple but cherished get-togethers.



Elizabeth J. Binkowski



Edna C. McFarlane

Liz's family would like to thank the many caretakers who contributed to her care over the last few years. Their kindness and professionalism had a tremendous impact on Liz and her family and will always be appreciated.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, [cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food](http://cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food); or CurePSP, 325 Hudson, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10013, bit.ly/46HShOp.

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

## Edna Clara Skobo McFarlane

Edna Clara Skobo McFarlane was born April 30, 1934, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Ingvard and Mathilde Jacobsen Skobo. Her parents were engaged in farming in nearby Laurel, Neb. Her siblings, Mary Christine, May Elizabeth and Edith Margreth, shared a loving home with their parents. All of them have preceded Edna in death.

Ingvard and Mathilde were immigrants from Denmark and lived near brothers and sisters. There were nearly 50 cousins living in the area, along with others of Danish background. When Edna was 11, the family moved to Blair, Neb., where they became a very successful farming family. They were very active in the leadership of the Danish Lutheran Church and many other community activities. Edna graduated from Dana College, which was created by Danish Lutheran immigrants and was well supported by the Skobo family.

Edna became a teacher and initially taught in Omaha. She then moved to Ann Arbor, where she lived for two weeks before she met her husband-to-be, Garnet Resseguie "Rees" McFarlane. They were married Dec. 27, 1959, at First Lutheran Church in Blair. Rees preceded Edna in death.

Edna leaves behind three children: Michelle Lee MacGriff (Scott), Elizabeth Ann McFarlane and Michael Rees McFarlane (Shannon), all of whom were born at Henry

Ford Hospital in Detroit, which also was the birthplace of their father. Edna, aka "Nana," also leaves behind her grandchildren, Christopher MacGriff (Devin), Spencer MacGriff (Emily), Chelsea MacGriff, Hannah McFarlane and Rebecca McFarlane; and five great-grandchildren, Blaise MacGriff, Somerset MacGriff, Thomas MacGriff, Theodore MacGriff and Iris Reynaud.

Rees and Edna were heavily involved with St. Paul Lutheran Church and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe, and were strong supporters of Kerby Elementary, Brownell Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools, as well as Grosse Pointe youth sports. Rees and Edna were avid University of Michigan football fans and Edna mastered the art of tailgating. Edna served 30 years as a substitute teacher at every grade level in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. She and Rees enjoyed traveling and playing golf at Red Run Country Club.

In 1997, they moved to Skidaway Island in Savannah, Ga., and played golf daily at the Landings Club. They enjoyed relationships with many people from all over the country. Five years later they moved to Houston to see their youngest grandchildren grow up. They continued to play golf and enjoyed activities with friends and neighbors at the Bay Oaks Country Club, where Edna once shot a 90.

Edna enjoyed completing New York Times crossword puzzles (in pen) in the early morning hours and was a voracious reader — Agatha Christie mysteries were among her favorites — and an exuberant singer in church. She was a talented artist who unleashed her creativity through myriad home improvement projects, gardening, crafting on a dime and making elaborate deserts. She had the ability to talk with everyone she met and developed instantaneous friendships. Edna was well loved and will be missed by many.

The family will hold a private memorial service in the future.

## OBITS:

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**Madelynn Carol Wiszowaty**

Madelynn Carol (nee Kerby) Wiszowaty — lovingly known as Lynn, Mom and Nanny — passed away peacefully Friday, Oct. 3, 2025, at age 73.

Born Dec. 21, 1951, to Paul Kerby, now deceased, and Madeline Kerby, Lynn was a woman of faith. She lived her life rooted in Christ and the teachings of the Bible, and openly shared the Gospel and ministered to others with prayer, encouragement and love.

Lynn found joy in life's simple pleasures: swimming, ice cream, baking, dancing, playing games, art and taking walks. Her laughter was contagious, her hugs healing and her smile could light up any room. Above all, family was her greatest joy and she poured her heart into every moment with them.

Lynn was a longtime Grosse Pointe resident. She attended St. Joan of Arc School, then went to high school at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School. She ran an in-home preschool while she raised her family and later earned a teaching degree and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. Lynn taught Head Start preschool for more than 20 years in the Detroit Public Schools. She nurtured her students with love and joy.

Lynn first was married to Joseph Jamerino. Together, they raised four children: Cheryl Jamerino Colt (Jonathan), Christine Hafner (Kevin), Michael Jamerino (the late Jennifer) and Melissa Jamerino (Beau).

She is survived by her beloved husband, Gerald Wiszowaty. With him, she helped raise Sara Lanni (Paul) and Philip Wiszowaty. She also is survived by her beloved grandchildren, Olivia

**Madelynn C. Wiszowaty**

and Noah Colt, Clare, Gabriella and Liam Hafner, A.J. Jamerino, and Milania and Maddox Lanni; her siblings, Paul Kerby (Antoinette), Brian Kerby (Diane), Steven Kerby (Candice), Cheryl Owsen and Kenneth Kerby (Andrea); and in-laws, Richard Wiszowaty (Margherita) and Janis Hauff (Dennis).

A celebration of life takes place 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at Wujek Calcaterra & Sons Funeral Home, 36900 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. A memorial service takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by a luncheon at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

**Camille Borowicz Zelenock**

Camille Borowicz Zelenock, 71, passed away Friday, May 9, 2025.

Camille was born Oct. 9, 1953, to Zenon and Carmen Jakubiszyn-Borowicz. She was the sister of Daniel Borowicz; mother of Julia Zelenock-Ochoa, Katherine Zelenock-Garcia and Laura Zelenock-Wheeler; grandmother of Justin, Morgan, Shelby, Avery and Hannah; and great-grandmother of Austin.

As a child, Camille grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. She modeled, took part in the Grosse Pointe Youth on Stage theater program and often performed at

**Camille Zelenock**

The War Memorial.

Camille was very proud of her Polish heritage and often spent summers at the Grosse Pointe Woods city pool with family and friends.

While married and raising her three children in Longview, Texas, Camille made lifelong friends through the St. Mary's Catholic Church community, where she was an avid member.

She was proud of earning her degree in business technology from The University of Texas at Tyler. She even spent time living in Alaska, working as a civil servant for the state.

Camille made her way back home to Grosse Pointe Woods, where she spent time with and helped care for her brother, Danny; mother, Carmen; and stepfather, John Bucek. She enjoyed boating on Lake St. Clair and worked for the state of Michigan as a census and election official. She also enjoyed reconnecting with cousins and friends from her childhood.

Camille loved to send notes and gifts to her family. Any given day, they could check their mail and find a "thinking of you" package from Camille. She never forgot a birthday or special occasion.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A reception will follow at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Private burial will occur at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

# Moehring Woods to 'Petal it Forward' Oct. 15

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

A July survey by Wakefield Research showed that 68 percent of Americans experience stress weekly and 32 percent report feeling stressed daily. Women are even more affected, with 25 percent reporting feeling stress multiple times a day.

Hoping to spread joy and positivity, Moehring Woods Flowers is joining florists around the country by participating in the Petal it Forward campaign.

Petal It Forward, organized nationally by the Society of American Florists, is designed to help people start their day with more smiles and less stress.

"We have 200 bouquets we'll be getting from our suppliers," Moehring Woods owner Bruce Anderson said. "The idea is we'll go out along Mack Avenue, between the flower shop and up by Starbucks, and give two bouquets to individuals unbeknownst. The premise is to take one bouquet for themselves and give the other one to somebody else — to pay it forward by sharing

flowers to make others happy."

Statistics that showed while 80 percent of people reported receiving flowers makes them happy, even more — 88 percent — said giving flowers makes them happy.

"We want to give people the chance to experience both," Anderson said.

The gifting begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, when Anderson and his staff will take to Mack Avenue to surprise passers-by. They'll keep up the act of goodwill until they run out of flowers, he said.

"We'll be spreading happiness to people not expecting it," Anderson said. "People say, 'Oh, how much?' But no, there's no cost involved. It's an ongoing effort to spread love and joy. Who doesn't need that in this day and age?"

Anderson has had some success with Petal it Forward in years past. A note within each bouquet encourages recipients to post photos of their florals on the Moehring Woods Instagram page.

"It has come back to us fourfold," he said of the

campaign.

"We haven't done it the last couple years, but this will be our fifth time," he added. "We decided to get back into it."

Watching people's smiles when they received flowers is the reason Anderson got into the floral business 50 years ago. He was a flower delivery driver at the time, but was going to school to become a civil engineer.

"I would see how many people were impacted, the smiles on their faces, by getting flowers," he said. "The impact was so much so that it changed the path I was on."

"... We're just excited to be involved with it," he added. "A flower shop has been at our location since 1948. We're happy to spread joy and spread a positive message in a world that's so divided in so many ways."

"... Through the positive effects of flowers, we hope to make someone's day brighter and provide a much-needed moment of calm amidst the hectic pace of life."

*Moehring Woods Flowers is located at 20923 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.*



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## Hard at work

Members of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club took part in a food drive Sept. 13, at the Second Mile Center in Detroit. Pictured, from left, are Second Mile's Roy Dismukes and Rotary members Holly Cory, Mark Cory, Sandy MacMechan and Bob Lucas.

## New games at The Helm

Just in time for cooler weather, The Helm has added a few new games to its repertoire.

A pool table, dart board and air hockey table have joined its existing pingpong, Jenga, corn hole and board games.

Games are available 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Helm offers the variety of

activities, in addition to its wealth of programming, as a way for seniors to get out of the house, socialize and have fun. Games are free for members and \$3 per guest. Registration is required.

New and substitute players also are needed for bridge, canasta and euchre. And, there's always room for pinochle players.

Call (313) 882-9600 for more information and to register.

## CHURCH EVENTS

**St. Paul on the Lake**

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a Kids Coalition Against Hunger food-packing event 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. Volunteers are needed for set-up, food-packing and clean-up duties. For information, call (313) 885-4816.

St. Paul also hosts a clothing drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, and Sunday, Nov. 2, for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul. New

and gently worn adult and children's clothing items will be accepted. For information, call (313) 885-4816.

**St. Michael's**

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its next Lunch, Laugh and Learn program at noon Thursday, Oct. 16. Members of Grosse Pointe Theatre's Act 2 senior theater program will perform a series of short skits after lunch. The public is wel-

come; a free-will donation is appreciated. Deadline to reserve a seat is Tuesday, Oct. 14. Call (313) 884-4820.

**United Methodist**

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a trunk-or-treat event 5:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. The evening includes trick-or-treating, a pumpkin patch, crafts, hot dogs, popcorn and sweets. Email ebianchi@gpumc.org for more information.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

**GPAAS**

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 20542 Harper, Harper Woods, will host at special open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 11, to feature medium-sized dogs available for adoption. For more information, call (313) 884-1551.

**The Helm**

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

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

per class for members, \$10 per class for guests.

◆ Beginner Line Dancing, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 9, 16 and 30, and Nov. 6, 13 and 20, with instructor Sandy Dickson. Cost is \$42 for members, \$46 for guests, and covers the series.

◆ The movie "Instant Family" is shown at noon Friday, Oct. 10. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests, and includes snacks.

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## 4B | FEATURES

## Moross Greenway fall clean-up is Oct. 11

The Moross Greenway Project is seeking volunteers to help with its fall clean-up efforts from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.

Volunteers will be focused on three main tasks:

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

- ◆ **Light gardening:** Volunteers should bring a shovel to divide perennials.

- ◆ **Daffodil planting:** Volunteers should bring a

shovel to plant daffodils.

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

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

The team will meet in the parking lot of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 21150 Moross.

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



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## Goodwill in Ghana

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Mark Heppner, left, stands with Trenton Rotary member Bill Jasman at Sunrise Rotary's meeting Aug. 5.

A 19-year Rotary member, Jasman has traveled to 13 countries on Rotary mission trips to help the less fortunate. He spoke to attendees about his recent Ghana mission trip associated with Rotary District 6400, which includes Michigan and Ontario. The trip celebrated Rotary's sponsorship of improvements in several Ghana villages, donating drinking water wells, school buildings, reading glasses, children's backpacks and sewing machines.

## Optimists visit Full Circle's new home

Members of the Lakeshore Optimist Club held their meeting at the new Full Circle Foundation A. A. VanElslander Campus in Grosse Pointe Park. Stephanie DiVirgil, director of operations, provided an update on the programs and services of Full Circle, as well as a tour of the new facility, scheduled to open this month.

Founded in 2009 by Mary Fodell, a retired art teacher, Full Circle began by selling gently used prom dresses and blazers out of Grosse Pointe North High School. Proceeds supported children with special needs. Full Circle grew when Fodell and her daughter, who has special needs, opened a resale shop in Grosse Pointe Park.

Two locations later, with support from the A. A. VanElslander Foundation, Full Circle will soon move into its new space at 15401 and 15415 E. Jefferson. The new location allows Full

Circle to expand programming, which includes micro-enterprise services, such as shredding, laundry service, an edible garden and Team 26 for those who have graduated or aged out of the school system but still need support to enhance their skills.

Steve Licari, Lakeshore Optimist Club, presented Full Circle with a Community Appreciation Award, for its service to the community for the past 14 years. For more information about this program, go to [fullcirclefdn.org/](http://fullcirclefdn.org/).

Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome to attend, listen to interesting speakers and learn what the club is about. Visit [gpoptimists.com/](http://gpoptimists.com/) for locations, dates and times each month.

Follow the club on Facebook at [facebook.com/lakeshoreoptimists](http://facebook.com/lakeshoreoptimists).



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Lakeshore Optimist Club President Steve Licari and Full Circle Operations Director Stephanie DiVirgil.

## Therapy Ranch hosts screening of 'Rescued Hearts'

Therapy Ranch, a 501(c)3 organization that provides mental health services through equine-assisted psychotherapy, hosts a screening event of the documentary, "Rescued Hearts (Part 1)," at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Stillwater Stables and Stays, 2370 Granger, Ortonville.

The documentary explores the profound and often miraculous connection between humans and horses. After witnessing a 7-year-

old child diagnosed with autism speak their first words while working with a horse, filmmakers wanted to understand how such healing happens. Through moving stories, expert insights and heart-based research, the film reveals how horses create a space where true healing and transformation can unfold — a space where healing is never one-sided.

While "Rescued Hearts" carries no official

rating, it does portray sensitive moments from real healing journeys, which should be considered when deciding if it's right for younger viewers.

Following the 60-minute screening, Therapy Ranch hosts a conversation with local facilitators who bring this work to life.

"Our clients report feeling deeply grounded, an increase in confidence and boundaries within their lives after just a few

sessions," said Therapy Ranch Executive Director Lindsay Pennington, of Grosse Pointe Park. "Clients come to us with anxiety, depression, survivors of trauma, ADHD, autism and more. We see youth and adult clients."

Space at the screening event is limited. Guests should bring a chair or blanket. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

Cost is \$20 per ticket. Visit [tinyurl.com/jc5aef5c](http://tinyurl.com/jc5aef5c).

## EVENTS:

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- ◆ Medicare Open Enrollment, Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Schedule an appointment by calling Tony Altovilla at (313) 649-2110.

- ◆ Free Flu Clinic, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

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

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

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

- ◆ Walking Club, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

- ◆ Grief Work Support Group, 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and 2 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, with psychotherapist Frank Wilberding.

### Ford House

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

- ◆ Trivia Night, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9. Cost is \$10 for Friends of Ford House, \$12 for the public.

- ◆ Botany & Brews, 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Cost is \$35 for Friends of Ford House adults.

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

### The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers programs and activities for the community. For information on the following, visit [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org)

- ◆ Searching for Spirits — A Paranormal Investigation, 6 to 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9. Cost is \$45.
- ◆ Second Saturdays at

TWM: Princess & Superhero Party, 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. Tickets are \$10.

- ◆ Barktober Fest, 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Cost is \$10 and includes a pet costume contest, dog-friendly vendors and beer tasting for dog parents.

- ◆ Silent Book Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14.

- ◆ Impact Through Social Media: An Interactive Workshop with @ColinDetroit, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Cost is \$30.

- ◆ Middle School Dance: Night of the Living Dance, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16. Tickets are \$22 in advance, \$25 starting Oct. 13.

- ◆ Gemstone Ring Workshop with Twistful Thinking, 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. Cost is \$160.

### Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres will meet at noon Thursday, Oct. 9, at Village Grille in The Village. Tina Olofsson is the hostess. Following lunch, member Sandy Magreta will present about cloning trees, meeting Archangel Ancient Tree Archive founder David Milarch and her experience attending the Earth Day sequoia-planting event at Arboretum Detroit with fellow garden club member Kathie Smith.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, Henry Ford St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

- ◆ 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe presents its Chorister for a Day program from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, for boys and girls ages 8 to 10, regardless of prior musical training. New choristers are sought for the choir, one of only a few remaining parish choirs in the U.S. structured in the traditional English cathedral model. The choir will spend a week in residence at Westminster Abbey in July 2027. Email Assistant Director of Music Jackson Merrill at [jmerrill@christchurchgp.org](mailto:jmerrill@christchurchgp.org).

### POST Detroit

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

- ◆ Drop-in Bag Charms Workshop, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. Cost is \$40.

- ◆ Sewing Machine Essentials Workshop: Market Tote Bags, 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. Cost is \$75.

- ◆ Custom Paw Print Tile Workshop, appointments available 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Cost is \$65.

- ◆ Pajaki Workshop: Polish Folk Art, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Cost is \$125.

- ◆ Mending Workshop: Mini Loom Darning, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Cost is \$75.

- ◆ Ceramics Workshop: Puff Pipes, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17. Cost is \$75.

### Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

- ◆ Library Bigs & Littles, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Sensory Friendly Movie, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Joel's Spooktacular Comedy Show, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ The Art of Tarot for Teens with Chet Clover, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Creepy Crafting, 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Erica Peplin's "Work Nights," 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe

Farms.

- ◆ Crafternoon @ the Library, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Drop Ship Like a Pro, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Non-Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ General Motors and the Golden Age of Design, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ So You Want to be a Comedian? 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 18, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Reader Dog, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 18, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Reader Dog, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

### Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Power of Pink event takes place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The chamber's Building Your Business Boot Camp takes place 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. The following programs take

place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, unless otherwise noted. Learn more at [familycenterhelps.org](http://familycenterhelps.org) or RSVP to [maryjo@familycenterhelps.org](mailto:maryjo@familycenterhelps.org).

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

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

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Andrea Tuttle speaks. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### GPAA

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

- ◆ Nuno Felting with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.

- ◆ Portraits in the Style of John Singer Sargent with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6 and 13.

- ◆ Christmas Card Workshop: Japanese Woodblock Printing with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 1, 8 and 15. Deadline to register is Wednesday, Oct. 22.

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## Spooky Skate returns to McCann Oct. 12

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor



Costumes are encouraged at the fourth annual Spooky Skate, presented by the Audrey Eckert Foundation. The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at University Liggett School's McCann Ice Arena.

"We're super excited," said Madison Dettlinger, the foundation's marketing director. "It's been getting bigger every year. It started with friends and family and now people from in and around Grosse Pointe are coming."

There's a lot in store for this spooky-not-scary fundraiser. In addition to open skating — ice time was donated by University Liggett School — skaters of all ages are welcome to partake in

crafts, pumpkin decorating, a photo booth, coloring pages and more.

Pizza, candy, cider and doughnuts are among the snack options.

Doughnuts and pumpkins were donated by Randazzo.

"We're amping up the glow aspect, too," Dettlinger said. "We'll have the lights down low and kids will get free glow sticks and we'll have glow-in-the-dark temporary tattoos."

Adding to the fun is the chance to break out

Halloween costumes a few weeks early.

"We love to see costumed skaters and it gives the kids another opportunity besides trick-or-treating to pull their costumes out," Dettlinger said. "My family and I do a group costume every year."

This year's theme for Dettlinger's family is "Sesame Street." Her nephew, Albert, wanted to be Cookie Monster, "so we're building off of that," she said. "I'm going to be Oscar the Grouch."

It costs just \$10 per person to strap on a pair of skates and enjoy the fun. Proceeds benefit families receiving care at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

"That's where my niece, Audrey, was cared for," Dettlinger said.

Audrey Eckert was born in May 2020, and underwent three open-heart surgeries before she was three weeks old. She died in June 2020, but during her short life was cared for by the team at C.S. Mott. Her parents,

Raleigh and Robert, as well as Dettlinger, are passionate about carrying on her legacy by helping families who receive care at the children's hospital.

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

"As we've grown this fundraiser, we've grown

our connection to Mott and to other families in Grosse Pointe whose children are receiving care," Dettlinger said. "There's real community behind it."

New to the event this year, children will have a chance to create get-well cards for youngsters at C.S. Mott.

Spooky Skate tickets are available at the door. Guests should bring their own skates.

"We really appreciate, year after year, seeing the community come through," Dettlinger added. "With Liggett donating ice time, Randazzo donating snacks, the Grosse Pointe community really shows up for each other."

To learn more about the Audrey Eckert Foundation, visit [audreyeckertfoundation.org](http://audreyeckertfoundation.org).

## Zoo Boo runs weekends in October

For many metro Detroit families, October isn't complete without a trip to the Detroit Zoo. Zoo Boo, presented by Corewell Health Children's, returns with four weekends of trick-or-treating, live entertainment and illuminated fall displays.

Running 4 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 10 to 12, 17 to 19 and 24 to 26, Zoo Boo transforms the front half of the zoo into a "merry-not-scary" Halloween celebration. Children arrive in costumes, candy bags in hand, while families wander between treat

stations, themed photo stops and glowing decor that lights up the pathways as dusk settles in.

Entertainment is woven throughout the night. Pumpkin carvers set up shop at Rackham Fountain, fire performers and aerialists draw crowds outside the Holden Reptile Conservation Center and Zoo Boo Revue takes the stage in the events pavilion. Wandering stilt walkers, magicians and jugglers keep guests engaged as they move between stops.

Each evening also fea-

tures character meet-and-greets — from superheroes and princesses to video game and cartoon favorites. Families also may add extras such as carousel rides, a 4D theater showing or a dinner buffet to enhance the outing.

Blake's Cider Mill Market and Bar, a collaboration between the Detroit Zoo and Blake's, also will be on site with a seasonal market experience featuring fresh cider and doughnuts and other seasonal favorites. A portion of proceeds will benefit

conservation programs.

"Zoo Boo has grown into a tradition families return to year after year," said Brittany Gardner, public events manager for the Detroit Zoological Society. "It's that mix of costumes,

candy and the magic of the zoo at night that creates memories families carry with them."

Zoo Boo tickets start at \$21 and may be purchased in advance online at [dzoo.org/zoo-boo](http://dzoo.org/zoo-boo). Members receive a 10 percent discount on general admission. All guests age 2 and older require a ticket. Parking

is \$8 per vehicle, with free parking for zoo members.

Every Zoo Boo ticket supports the Detroit Zoological Society's mission to connect people, animals and the natural world so all can thrive while funding conservation work at home and around the world.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Christine Hilton, LMSW

## Wearables: Are they helping or hurting our mental health?

As a therapist, many clients I support are working to change unhealthy habits to find more moments of peace. Through Dialectical Behavior Therapy, or DBT, I empower individuals to change daily habits that can help regulate or manage emotions by teaching them life balance skills: accumulating positive emotions by doing things that are pleasant; building mastery by doing things they enjoy; coping ahead for stressful events; and focusing on self-care — treating physical illness, eating a balanced diet, avoiding substances, maintaining good sleep habits, getting exercise and focusing on small goals. We now have the convenience of tracking many of these positive life habits with wearables.

Oura Rings, Fitbits and Apple Watches are wearables that promise improved health awareness. They can track physical activity, monitor heart rate, provide sleep insights and even detect potential health issues. They can be motivating by encouraging healthy habits through goal setting and fitness challenges. But could the same device that provides insight into health habits actually become detrimental to our health?

For some people, constant monitoring of steps, heart rate, calories or sleep can lead to a preoccupation with data and instead of motivating healthy behavior, wearables can create anxiety and a hyper-focus on optimization. They also can cause fear of missing goals, which can lead to feelings of

frustration, guilt or failure. For instance, a preoccupation with achieving the perfect night's sleep can create anxiety that keeps you up all night. Joining an exercise leaderboard could cause unhealthy comparisons, feelings of inadequacy or overexercising.

Mindfulness can be an anecdote to a preoccupation with wearables data. Cultivating internal awareness regardless of external tools can improve our quality of life, focus, relationships, physical health and even sleep. As with many things, having a balance is key to managing our emotions and daily habits.

### Tips for healthy wearable use

- ◆ Focus on trends, not single numbers.
- ◆ Set realistic goals.
- ◆ Limit notifications.
- ◆ Don't ignore your body! Listen to how you feel, don't rely just on the data.
- ◆ Take breaks from tracking if needed.
- ◆ Use as a guide, not a judge. Wearables should support healthy habits, not control them.

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## Feeling obligated to match other parents' birthday celebrations

**Dear Gabby:** My son's friend just rented out an entire bowling alley for a 7th birthday party and another flew in a magician from New York.

My budget calls for a Costco cake and jumping on the trampoline in the backyard. Am I

going to be judged for my lackluster party?

How can I compete? — Party Pooper in the Park

**Dear Party Pooper:** Compete? Absolutely not.

Do you really want to continue the suburban arms race of petting

zoos, fire breathers and Cirque du Soleil clowns?

Keep it simple: Some of the best parties are the simplest parties. Kids just want some sugar and the chance to run around with their friends. The rest is really just an Instagram

flex. All parties are good parties!

— Gabby

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## Sisters, secrets and starting over

**DEAR ANNIE:** A few months ago, my younger sister, "Kate," announced during dinner that she and her boyfriend were moving to Nashville to "start fresh." Everyone wished her well, but I was blindsided. What she didn't share was that she'd already told me she was leaving our family business — the bakery our parents started 30 years ago and that she and I have been running together since Mom retired.

I manage the finances and supply orders, and Kate runs the front and does most of the decorating. We've had our share of arguments, but

we always figured it out. When she told me privately she was leaving, she brushed off my questions and said she didn't want to deal with "drama." Then she dropped the news in front of the whole family without once mentioning how her decision affects the bakery — or me.

I don't want to chase after someone who's already out the door, but I can't help feeling used. I'm now handling holiday orders by myself with part-time help, and the customers keep asking for her. I haven't told our parents everything because I'm not trying to start a

family fight. How do I let go of the resentment when she clearly had no problem letting go of me? — Left Holding the Apron.

**DEAR LEFT HOLDING THE APRON:** It's hard not to feel abandoned after someone walks out without warning. Since she's already made up her mind, there isn't much sense in guilted her. But sharing your feelings could prevent your relationship from being taken over by resentment.

Instead of focusing on what you've lost, focus on what you've gained — full control

over the business. That's no small thing. If it excites you, run with it. If not, maybe it's time for you to move on to something new, too.

**DEAR ANNIE:** Earlier this year, I asked my best friend, "Macy," to be my maid of honor. We've been close since college — over a decade — and I never imagined anyone else in that role. At first, she seemed excited, but since then, she's been dodging every responsibility. Macy skipped the dress appointment, ignored my texts about the bachelorette weekend and hasn't offered help with anything. I ended up asking my cousin to handle the shower just so it would actually happen.

What's worse is that when I finally asked her if something was wrong, she said she's just "not into the whole wedding thing" and thinks I'm making too big a deal out of it. That stung. This wedding isn't extravagant — we're doing it in a park and keeping the guest list small — but it's still important to me. I never asked for anything over-the-top, just for her to show up and be present. Now I'm wondering if I chose the wrong person to stand beside me.

Do I let it slide and lower my expectations, or is it fair to ask her to step down? — Bride, Not a Boss

**DEAR BRIDE, NOT A BOSS:** If she's not interested in being a maid of honor, let her off the hook and give the role to someone who is. You deserve someone who will share your excitement and, most importantly, show up.

**DEAR ANNIE:** I've recently been diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer. The prognosis isn't good, but right now I feel OK and haven't changed my daily life. My husband is here for me, and we are considering possible treatment plans.

I haven't told my daughter yet. Truthfully, I don't know how. She has newborn twins and a 6-year-old daughter. Since her first husband's suicide four years ago, I've dedicated my life to her well-being. Her new husband is a great guy, and I am sure of his strength and support. But she's already very

overwhelmed with the demands of having three young children.

How can I share my news without adding to her stress? Thank you for your advice. — Balancing Burdens

**DEAR BALANCING:** There's never a good time to deliver bad news, but keeping this from your daughter won't protect her. If anything, the longer you wait, the more blindsided she'll feel.

Be honest and keep it simple. Tell her your diagnosis, your treatment plan and about the support you have from your husband. The most important thing right now is letting her know your cancer is back. Other details and bigger conversations can happen later down the line.

You've spent so much of your life being there for your daughter. Now it's time to let her be there for you.

**DEAR ANNIE:** My daughter-in-law never forgives or forgets anything that's happened in her 13 years of marriage to my son. As a result, she punishes us by keeping us from our grandchildren, who love us dearly. Sometimes my son FaceTimes with us when she's not home, but otherwise, we can go three to four months without seeing our grandkids if we say even one word or make one expression she doesn't like.

To avoid fights, my son just goes along with it. This year, I wasn't even allowed to see my granddaughter for her birthday. I cry all the time because at my age, I may not have many years left with them.

It feels like our daughter-in-law doesn't have a heart. We may not be perfect, but why can't she understand that the kids are the ones who suffer most by the distance she creates? — Locked-Out Grandma

**DEAR LOCKED OUT:** Your daughter-in-law is steering the ship here, and your son has chosen to follow her lead. As much as you'd love to be more active in your grandkids' lives, you risk being shut out

entirely if you push too hard. Your best bet is to be gracious and diplomatic, even if you don't think she deserves it.

At the same time, keep a close, strong bond with your son. Tell him how much you value time with the grandkids, but don't put him in the middle with ultimatums. Respecting their boundaries may buy you more of those FaceTime calls.

This isn't forever. One day your grandchildren will be old enough to decide what their relationship with you looks like. Until then, stay patient, loving and steadfast — that's what they'll remember.

**DEAR ANNIE:** My husband and I have been married for 11 years, and we've always kept separate finances. It worked well until about a year ago, when he got laid off and started dipping into our joint emergency savings without telling me. I only found out when I went to pay our property taxes and the account was almost empty.

When I confronted him, he said he didn't want to worry me and that he planned to "put it all back." He's since picked up freelance work but hasn't replaced what he used.

The problem is, I don't trust him anymore. I'm still working full-time, paying most of our bills, and handling all the insurance and retirement stuff. I feel like I'm being asked to hand over the keys to the car he already crashed. He says I'm being dramatic and that couples shouldn't be so "transactional."

Is it wrong to want to keep our finances separate going forward? — Guarding My Wallet.

**DEAR GUARDING MY WALLET:** Of course not, and a breach of trust like that is all the more reason to stay separate. A couples therapist can help rebuild what's broken. Until then, protect yourself and your future.

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

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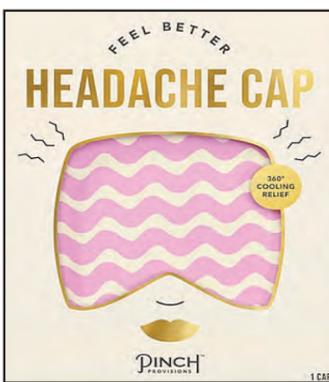
# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



In my family, headaches are unfortunately common. Between migraines, allergies and sinus pressure, there is always someone searching for relief.

Over the years we have tried the usual remedies: a wet cloth on the forehead, over-the-counter pain relievers and quiet rest in a dark room. While those



methods sometimes help, nothing has worked quite as well as the Headache Cap by Pinch Provisions.

This innovative cap is both functional and stylish. Made with a gel interior and wrapped in soft lycra, it provides gentle but firm 360-degree cold pressure. The outcome is calming and effective, easing discomfort

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I discovered the Headache Cap at Pointelle, the new beauty destination in Grosse Pointe. The store itself is stunning, filled with an array of carefully curated products that make

it nearly impossible to leave empty-handed.

The orchid rickrack design of the cap makes it feel less like a medical solution and more like a beauty accessory, blending wellness and style.

The Headache Cap by Pinch Provisions earns a perfect rating of 5 out of 5 alligators. It not only helps you feel better, but also makes self-care feel elevated, which is exactly

what Pointelle is all about.

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# The best meal I've ever had

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

My daughter recently asked me what the best meal I've ever had was. I immediately knew the answer but hesitated to answer because it was not what she expected. In my opinion, the best meal ever has to fulfill every sense and one that I can vividly recall. Mine happened to be at Mass General Hospital and was served in a brown paper bag. It was a chicken salad sandwich with a little bag of Cape Cod potato chips and a can of Diet Coke. It was my first meal in two days after giving birth to my twin girls. I can still picture my husband asleep in the chair in the hospital room while I quietly savored every single bite. It was everything I wanted and needed. It was simply perfect. My daughter's jaw dropped but I think I convinced her after I explained the reasoning.

If I based this decision solely on taste, I'd be at a complete loss. There have been so many amazing meals where I actually had to stop mid-chew and lean back as I melted in my chair with pure joy.

This past weekend I went for an eight-mile hike up the Oyster Dome in Washington state. As we descended I felt that same hunger only exhaustion can bring. We

were lucky that the trail head was very close to an incredible restaurant overlooking Samish Bay. I had oysters and a beet and burrata salad that once again hit every single note. Though I can't get the freshly harvested oysters out of the bay, I could come home and recreate the salad.

The salad had roasted beets with a herby and bright basil dressing served over peppery greens and warm, spiced pecans. The piece de resistance was the creamy burrata cheese oozing out onto the plate. There are a lot of fall spices happening here. The pecans are roasted with cinnamon and nutmeg and the dressing has just a hint of sweetness from maple syrup. It all works so nicely with the beets.

I've given instructions to make the spiced pecans and roasted beets. But you can buy all of this already done. Cooked beets are available at Fresh Farms Market in the produce case. Candied or spiced pecans can be found anywhere as well. This can be a very hands off salad but I will say it's always better homemade.

What's the best meal that you've ever had? The question is definitely a thinker.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Beet and Burrata Salad

2 large beets, washed

4 cups watercress or arugula

8 oz burrata cheese

1 tbsp olive oil

Pinch of salt

1 cup spiced pecans (recipe below)

Basil vinaigrette (recipe below)

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Trim the top and bottom off each washed beet. Wrap in aluminum foil and place on a baking sheet. Bake for one hour. Remove from the oven and let them cool enough so you can handle them.

Unwrap the beets and gently peel the skin off with your fingers. Cut them in half, then slice into 1/2-inch wedges.

To assemble the salad, lay the greens in the center of a platter. Drizzle with one tablespoon of olive oil and a pinch of salt. Gently toss with your fingers.

Arrange the beet slices around the perimeter. Place the burrata in the center and slice the top with a knife to open the cheese up. Spoon the dressing around the edges and

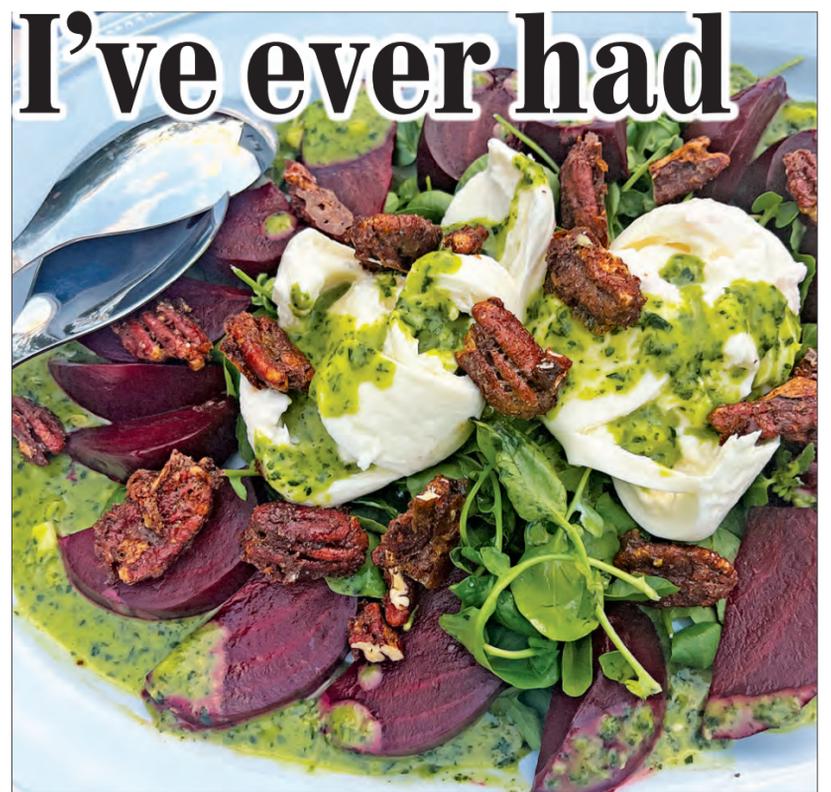


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up over top of the cheese. Finish with sprinkling over the spiced pecans.

### Basil Vinaigrette

1/2 cup packed basil leaves

1 garlic clove

Juice of half a lemon

1 tbsp maple syrup

1 tsp dijon mustard

1/4 cup olive oil

Pinch of salt and pepper

In a blender, add all

ingredients except for the olive oil. Blend together until smooth. Slowly drizzle in the olive oil, while the motor is running, until the dressing is bright green and thickened. Taste for seasoning and adjust accordingly.

### Spiced Pecans

1 egg white

1 tbsp water

1/2 cup sugar

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp kosher salt

1/2 tsp cloves

1/4 tsp cayenne pepper

1/2 tsp nutmeg

3 cups pecan halves

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, mix the egg white and water until frothy. Whisk in the sugar and spices until they are fully incorporated. Fold in the pecan halves and stir until fully coated with the egg whites. Spread onto a baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes, stirring once halfway through. Let cool completely.

## Older white wines

One of the greatest charms of white and rosé wines is that they taste fresh and fruity when they are young. The same is true of many young red wines, including Beaujolais, the delicate red from Burgundy, which we wrote about here recently.

Some red wines do, of course, improve with time in the bottle. Classic European red wines like red Bordeaux and rich reds from the Rhone Valley often are best with additional aging. However, the charms that white wines show when they are young do not always mean that some of them do not age well. Many whites develop such an amazing depth of character after a few extra years in a cellar that wine lovers cherish them.

Unfortunately, there are almost no rules that consumers can rely on to determine which white wines will improve in the bottle and which will deteriorate rapidly. And attempting to age them

without the proper storage conditions usually fails.

Constant cool or even cold temperatures are generally best when aging any wine. Variable temperature conditions frequently are disastrous. But which white wines are best to age?

The answer to this question depends on the taster. People who appreciate mature white wines usually have lots of experience with such unusual items. And to appreciate them calls for understanding that some can be a little odd after a long-aging experience.

For instance, some superior chardonnays can be utterly delightful after several years in a cellar, but only those wines specifically designed for aging will deliver the complexities of age. Many such wines will die an ugly death.

The same is true of dry rieslings. A few that were made with sufficient acidity can develop fascinating aromas that riesling lovers adore — but

which may be off-putting to those who are unfamiliar with them.

One of my favorite white wines that develops fascinating characteristics over time is sauvignon blanc. Those that do best with age are SBs that grew in areas in which substantial acid helps the wine's fruit evolve.

Such wines frequently develop aromas similar to grass, wet hay or dried tea leaves.

Domestic pinot gris is usually a wine that is best consumed young, but carefully made wines from this grape occasionally develop nicely with three to four years of additional age.

The same seems to be true of blends of white wine grapes from the Rhone Valley (like grenache blanc, viognier, rousanne and marsanne).

Semillon is another variety that seems to do extremely well after years in the bottle. My favorite of these comes from the Hunter Valley in Australia, many of which are exceptional at age 10 or even 20!

However, one crucial aspect of attempts to age

white wines for added complexity is that any such effort is likely to fail if the wine is not made with proper acidity and other structural elements that are permitted to develop.

### Wine of the Week:

2023 Dry Creek Vineyards Chenin Blanc, Clarksburg (\$18) — The gorgeous aroma of fresh melons and peaches and a hint of Mandarin tangerines mark this youthful and vibrant white

wine. It is relatively dry but has a trace of succulence that makes it a delight to sip on a picnic or a patio. Although it is probably best to consume as young as possible, it also takes on attractive elements with a few more

years in the bottle.

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

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Family fun rules the day at Ford House's Little Goblins event. Dress up, bring the kids and prepare for a day of haunt-free hayrides, lawn games, cider and donuts and trick or treating on the beautifully decorated historic grounds. It's a great way to create lasting family memories.

## Spooky and exciting seasonal neighborhood activities

By Olivia Monette  
Special Writer

Fall in Grosse Pointe isn't just about pumpkins and cider—it's also about celebrating the season with community traditions that bring a little magic (and a few chills) to the neighborhood. From family-friendly outings to elegant masquerade balls, there are plenty of ways to get into the Halloween spirit right here at home. Here are just a few of the local Halloween events and attractions:

### Little Goblins at Ford House

A family-friendly, daytime Halloween event featuring a trick-or-treat trail, hayrides, straw maze, games, and fall treats. Perfect for little ones (and parents who prefer sweet over spooky), this daytime Halloween celebration at Ford House features a trick-or-treat trail, hayrides, a straw maze, games, and plenty of fall treats. It's a charming way to enjoy Halloween traditions in a beautiful historic setting. [fordhouse.org/events/little-goblins](http://fordhouse.org/events/little-goblins).

### The Haunted Garage

A local haunted attraction in Grosse Pointe Farms with a reputation for being one of the top haunts in Metro Detroit. This legendary haunted attraction in Grosse Pointe Farms is known across Metro Detroit as one of the area's best. With eerie sets, professional actors, and a reputation for spine-tingling scares, it's the go-to spot for thrill seekers looking for a night of fright. [hauntedgarageproductions.org](http://hauntedgarageproductions.org).

### Hallows' Eve Masquerade at the War Memorial

A more elegant Halloween evening: three-course dinner + dancing with a live string quartet in a ballroom setting. For those who want a more refined Halloween experience, the War Memorial hosts an enchanting masquerade complete with a three-course dinner, live string quartet, and ballroom dancing. It's the perfect blend of elegance and seasonal festivity. [warmemorial.org/events/hallowseve](http://warmemorial.org/events/hallowseve).

### "Must-see" Halloween display house

A local home in Grosse Pointe Farms goes all out with thousands of LED lights and elaborate prop. Every October, a home at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Moross Road in Grosse Pointe Farms transforms into a dazzling Halloween spectacle. With thousands of LED lights, elaborate props, and larger-than-life displays, it's a local tradition that draws crowds eager to see the magic of Halloween come alive.

### Halloween shopping

From Small Favors, with its toys and games and unique gifts — to The League Shop for elegant theme entertaining — to Trader Joe's for seasonal taste treats, Grosse Pointe offers something festive for everyone. Whether you're putting together a goodie bag, hosting a Halloween get-together, or just surprising the kids with some Halloween fun, our neighborhood shops continue to amaze!



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The Little Goblins at Ford House straw maze delights costumed kids, above.



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For those who love frights, The Haunted Garage Productions delivers a truly engaging Halloween experience.

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# FUN IS IN THE BAG

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**Jellycat skeleton plush**  
Soft Jellycat plushies like the skeleton, right, are cuddly companions that make perfect gifts for little ones. *From Small Favors.*



**Jellycat mummy plush**  
Too cute to spook! Add a playful twist to your Halloween décor with a little wrapped mummy, left. *From Small Favors.*



**Mud Pie spooky stuffed basket**  
Overflowing with mini plush pumpkins, ghosts, bats, and spiders, this "spooky" embroidered basket, below, is equal parts decoration and playtime fun. *From Small Favors.*

**Ghosts & Bats Fruit Leather Chains**  
This chewy, kid-friendly spooky-season snack, below, is kade of strawberry ghosts and blueberry bats. Make Halloween lunchboxes instantly festive! *From Trader Joe's.*



**Haunted House chocolate cookie kit**  
A DIY project and dessert all in one. This kit above, lets you build (and eat) a haunted chocolate cookie house decorated with candy and icing. *From Trader Joe's.*



**Pete the Pumpkin and Gus the Ghost Books**  
These squeaky plush board books, above, bring storytime to life. Perfect for toddlers, they combine playful characters with interactive fun, making them a seasonal favorite. *From Small Favors.*



**Halloween treat bags**  
From jack-o'-lantern marshmallows to themed cookies and candy, these pre-packaged goodies, above, are ready for parties, classrooms or trick-or-treat swaps. *From Small Favors.*

**Scout Halloween tote**  
A reusable tote, right, with a bold Halloween print, perfect for trick-or-treating or hauling party supplies. Durable, festive, and fun—you'll want to use it all season long. *From Small Favors.*

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**Mud Pie ghost bucket**  
The sweetest way to collect treats. This felt bucket, above, with a ghostly face design is lightweight, durable, and just the right size for trick-or-treating adventures. *From Small Favors.*

**Spooky bracelets set**  
A festive accessory kids will love wearing all October long. With Halloween colors, a pumpkin charm, and glow-in-the-dark beads, these bracelets, left (in tote) are both stylish and spooky. *From Small Favors.*



A

It's a flavor, it's a scent, it's a vibe! The League Shop is brimming with pumpkin season treasures that bring warmth, color, and style into your home entertaining. And Trader Joe's is joining in the celebration with tasty fall food sensations that will delight family and friends.

**A) Orange GurglePot pitcher**

A true conversation piece, this ceramic pitcher makes a cheerful gurgling sound when pouring. In festive orange, it's both playful and practical. *From The League Shop.*



B

**B) Herend decorative plate**

With its intricate floral and geometric designs, this gorgeous plate is an heirloom-quality piece that elevates any table setting. It blends timeless craftsmanship with bold seasonal color. *From The League Shop.*



C

**C) Caspari autumn napkins**

Featuring rich fall hues and vibrant leaves, they're the perfect finishing touch for autumn tablescapes. *From The League Shop.*



D

**D) Nambe cheese block with knife spreader**

Crafted from acacia wood with sleek metal handles, it comes with a matching knife, making it ideal for entertaining in style. *From The League Shop.*



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**Trader Joe's fall favorites**

**E) Apple pie spread**

Like apple pie in a jar, this sweet spread is perfect on toast, swirled into oatmeal, or dolloped on a cheese board. It brings that warm, cinnamon-spiced flavor of fall to anything you put it on.

**F) Pumpkin butter**

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**G) Pumpkin spice cold brew coffee concentrate**

Just add milk or water for a quick seasonal coffee fix that feels like a coffee shop treat at home.

**H) Pumpkin bisque**

This creamy and comforting soup blends pumpkin and fall spices into a velvety bisque.

**I) Harvest Apple salad kit**

This mix of spring greens, cheddar cheese, apple chips, pecans, and apple vinaigrette makes autumn salads feel special.



J

**J) Blue and white porcelain pumpkins**

A chic twist on fall décor, they look stunning mixed with traditional gourds or as a centerpiece. *From The League Shop.*



K

**K) Pumpkin and vanilla scented candle**

Nothing sets the fall mood like the warm, cozy aroma of pumpkin and vanilla. This soy candle has a clean burn and comes in a cute tin. *From Trader Joe's.*

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# Pre-Halloween activities help kids with the wait

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

The anticipation of Halloween is half the fun — but it also can be a long wait for little ones. Your children will be excited for weeks leading up to the day of trick or treating. One way to keep them focused before Halloween is to let them get involved in pre-Halloween activities and decorating.

There are great kits and games available to occupy little hands and get them in the Halloween spirit. Check out these great ideas for Halloween fun, from board games to creative kits that provide spooky crafts — and great decor the whole family will love.

Find them at Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy and Small Favors. Whistle Stop is located at 21714 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores. Visit [whistle-stop.com](http://whistle-stop.com) or call (586) 771-6770. Small Favors is at 17112 Kercheval Ave. in Grosse Pointe. They can be reached online at [shopsmallfavors.com](http://shopsmallfavors.com) or by phone at (313) 887-1774.



### Sparkle Scratch Art

Creative fun for kids ages 5 and up. Each kit includes 15 sheets that reveal sparkling Halloween scenes when scratched, making it an easy and mess-free craft project. **From Small Favors.**



### Ghosts in the Graveyard Game

An active indoor/outdoor game that lights up the night with spooky fun. With glowing pieces an plenty of energy, it's a perfect way to get kids moving during Halloween parties or family nights. **From Small Favors.**



### Easy Sparkle Window Art

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### Hide & Seek Halloween Rocks

The kit includes everything you need to create pretty painted Halloween rock decor. Kids can hide them, give them to friends or use them as home decor for a more colorful halloween. **From Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy.**

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# THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND



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Above, Tom Basden as Herb McGwyer, Tim Key as Charles Heath and Carey Mulligan as Nell Mortimer in the 2025 movie "The Ballad of Wallis Island," written by Tom Basden and Tim Key and directed by James Griffiths.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
 "The Ballad of Wallis Island"  
 2025 - Rated PG-13  
 1 hr 39 min  
 ★★★★★

While flying back from vacation recently, I was looking for something entertaining to watch to pass the time. There was no shortage of TV shows offered, but I'd seen most of the decent ones and the rest were pretty ho-hum. Then my better half suggested I check out "The Ballad of Wallis Island." I'd never heard of it and it's obviously one that flew under the radar. What a pleasant surprise it turned out to be. In my opinion, it's one of the best films of 2025.

The film is based on a 2007 short titled "The One and Only Herb McGwyer Plays Wallis Island," which was directed by James Griffiths and starred and was written by Tom Basden ("After Life," "Quacks") and Tim Key ("Alan Partridge"). It's a heartfelt indie movie that strikes the ideal balance of comedy and drama, done to perfection as the British do so well. What I especially enjoy about films like this is, due to the small cast, it really allows you to get to appreciate the subtleties of the characters. And there certainly are a few characters here.

Charles Heath is a happy-go-lucky widower who lives on a beautiful yet remote island off the coast of Wales. He's had a lifelong obsession with a defunct folk duo from the early 2000's called McGwyer Mortimer. One day he contacts Herb McGwyer and offers to pay him an exorbitant amount of money, (500,000 pounds, to be exact), to perform for



Sian Clifford as Amanda.

him. Herb has no idea that Charles has also hired Nell Mortimer (Carey Mulligan) to accompany him, with the hopes that the duo will be reunited.

We get a bit of Charles' backstory. Several years before, he won the lottery and spent his time and fortune traveling around the world. After returning to Wallis Island, he amazingly won the lottery a second time. What better way to spend the money than to sponsor a dream performance of his idols? His wife passed away six years ago and it was a devastating blow to him, but he's carried on in spite of his loss. Charles is one of those unforgettable characters. He constantly babbles, and spews out just about every thought that runs through his head. He simply can't help himself, and it borders on irritating.

There are times you just shake your head and want him to shut up. But his yapping also includes some chuckle-inducing puns that one could easily miss. For example, when Herb ends up in the water when he's delivered to the island by rowboat, Charles comments that he's been "Dame Judi Drenched." Or the line "let me fire up the Condoleeza Rice" is

another of his witticisms. The barrage never stops.

Herbs personality is the opposite of Charles'. He's a serious, introverted soul who seems obsessed with the direction his life and career has taken. He really hasn't accomplished much since the duo broke up, a dozen or so years ago. He's working on a new album and is frustrated trying to communicate with his agent, since his cellphone was knocked out of commission by getting drenched. The way Herb and Charles interact is one of the high points of the movie. You get the sense that the leads had a blast working together.

Then to Herb's surprise, Nell arrives on the island. As expected, things are a bit tense between the two of them. They were not only musical partners, but were lovers as well. Nell brings her husband Michael (Akeemji Ndiforanye) with her. He's a nerdy birdwatcher who quickly departs on a foray to the nether regions of the island to add some exotic species to his life-list. This leaves the couple plenty of alone time to get reacquainted while rehearsing their old material.

## Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



Charles welcomes Nell and Michael.

perfectly told and engaging film, give this one a shot.

Currently streaming on Peacock and Prime, and to rent on Apple TV, Fandango, YouTube, and other services.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

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It's at this point that things get a bit awkward. The two have obvious chemistry since they were bandmates and lovers for several years. There's still some magic between them and in a way you hope they can rekindle their relationship. On the other hand, you don't want the film to fall into one of those Hollywood scenarios where they all live happily ever after. Especially since Nell has a new life, even though it involves mundane activities like selling her homemade chutney in Portland, Oregon. Time marches on, in spite of our hopes and dreams. That's just life.

The movie is filled with a generous dose of humor. One of my favorite scenes is when Herb and Charles decide to play tennis. Charles has a wicked serve since he's had years to work on it living by himself. Unfortunately, he's never had anyone to return the ball and the

rest of his game is embarrassingly awful.

Another character who adds to the charm of the film is the ditsy shopkeeper Amanda played by Sian Clifford ("Fleabag"). She minds the island's small grocery store, which doesn't seem to carry anything anyone needs. There's a comical exchange when Herb asks her if she sells peanut butter cups. You'll have to check out the movie to see where that one goes. It's just one of the many offbeat bits in the movie.

"The Ballad of Wallis Island" is simply one of the sweetest, most endearing movies I've seen this year. Every aspect is pure perfection — there isn't a single thing that could be improved upon. The writing, acting, and soundtrack are remarkable. I should also add that the fine camerawork of G Magni Agustsson paints a lovely portrait of the picturesque island. If you're in the mood for a



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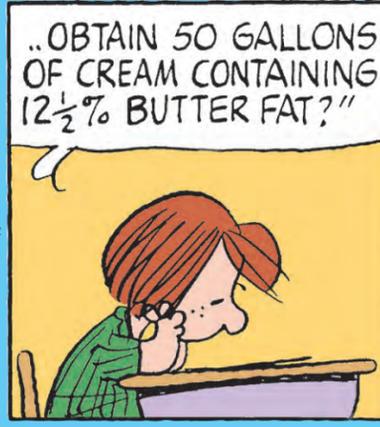
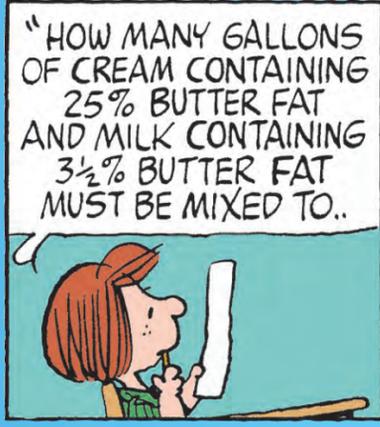
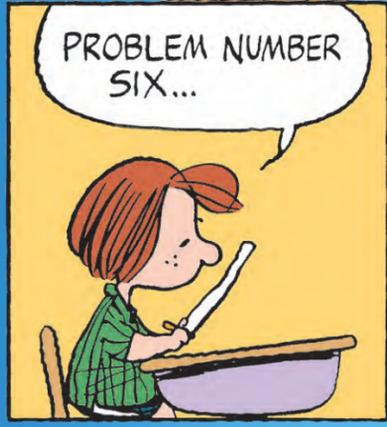
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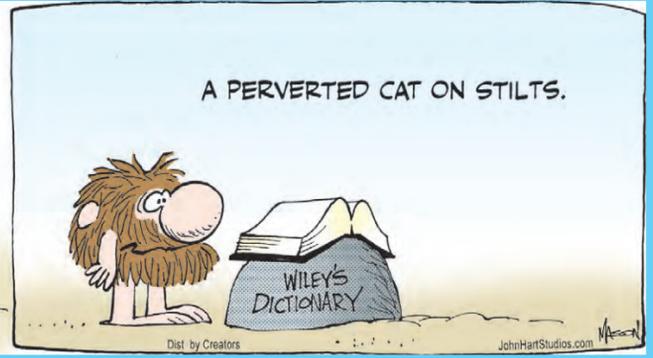
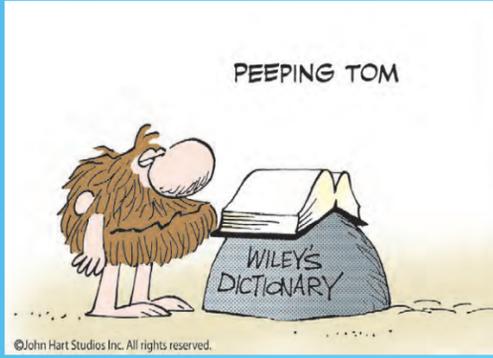
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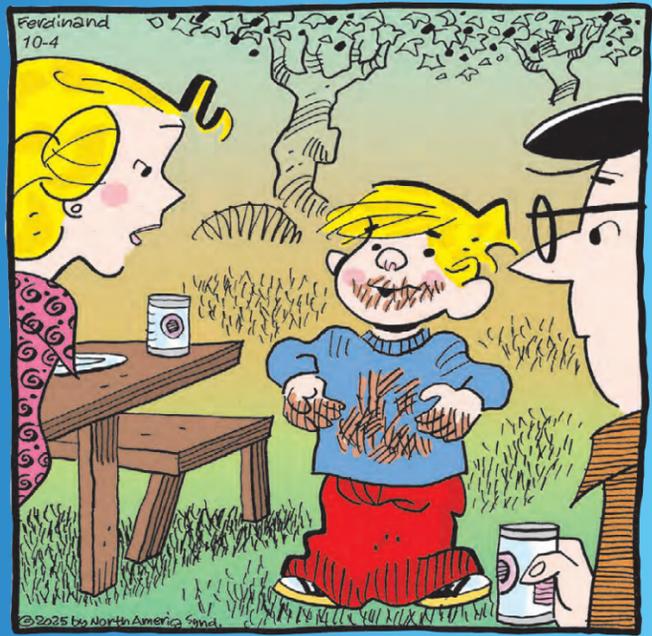
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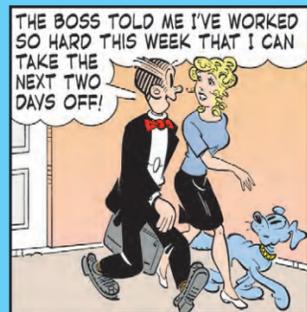


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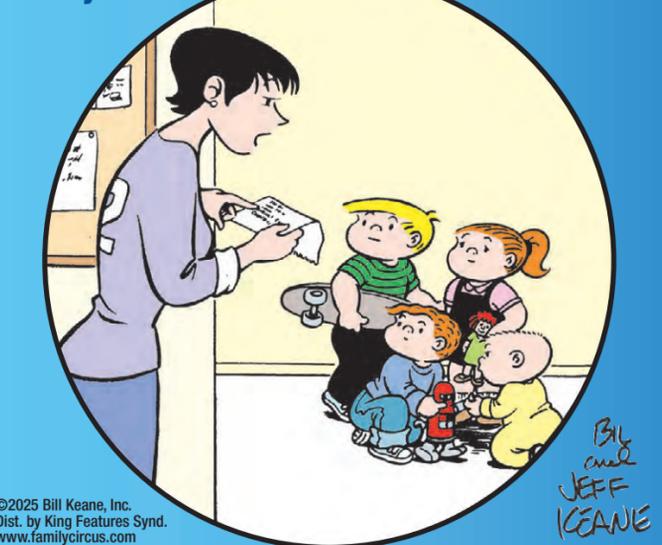


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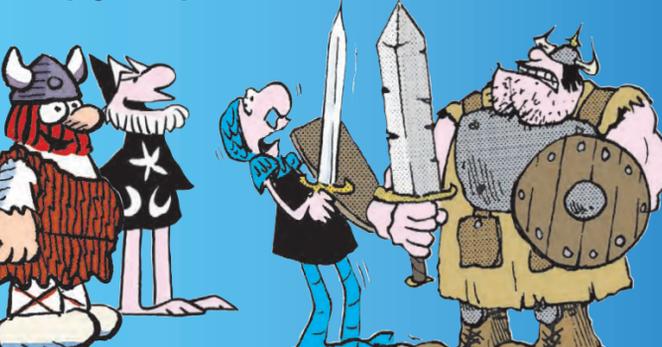
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## Liggett field hockey retains CHSL crown

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

For a second consecutive year, the CHSL field hockey championship came down to a game between University Liggett School and Marian. After Liggett won last year's championship, the teams met again for the title Saturday, Oct. 4, with the Knights reigning supreme once again and celebrating another season as Catholic League champions after a 2-1 victory.

"Winning the Catholic League championship was our main goal of the season and I couldn't be more proud of the girls for accomplishing it," Liggett field hockey head coach Amanda Amine said. "Our league is made up of five very strong teams and to come out on top is a big accomplishment, especially back to back. It was a true team effort and the girls really wanted this win."

The first meeting between Liggett and



COURTESY PHOTO

The University Liggett School field hockey team celebrates a second consecutive Catholic League title victory after defeating Marian 2-1 in the league championship game Saturday, Oct. 4.

Marian this season Sept. 9 ended in a 1-1 tie, so a low-scoring matchup in last Saturday's CHSL title game was no surprise. The Knights got on

the board first as Ally Orlick scored to give Liggett a first-quarter 1-0 lead that ended up remaining through half-time.

Marian evened the score in the third quarter, but it was the Knights' standout senior Olivia Marcero who helped propel the team

to victory. Marcero scored what would be the game-winning goal early in the fourth quarter to put Liggett in front again.

The Knights were then tasked with defending the lead for the remainder of the game and received some major help from goalie Madeline Hexter. Hexter stopped a Marian penalty shot late in the fourth quarter to keep the Knights in front. It was one of her 10 saves in the game.

"Once Hexter stopped them on the penalty stroke, I knew that was the extra boost the girls needed to finish off the game strong," Amine said. "Behind the scenes, no one sees the incredibly hard work that the girls put in because they wanted this game so bad."

The Knights hope this victory in the Catholic League championship game can build momentum as the postseason arrives. Liggett began the playoffs after pre time Wednesday, Oct. 8, taking on Mercy in the first round of the regional tournament. The regional quarterfinal is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 13, at Liggett.

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Michelotti sparks South football on both offense and defense

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

The name Michelotti likely has become familiar to anyone who has been around Grosse Pointe South sports in recent years. It started with James and Joey Michelotti becoming standouts in football, basketball and baseball for the Blue Devils, and now their younger brother, Charlie Michelotti, is making a name for himself as one of the school's top athletes.

Michelotti has been making plays all over the field as a running back and linebacker to start his junior season with South football. When fall is over, he will lace up his sneakers and hit the court with the Blue Devils' boys basketball team before eventually making it back to the diamond with South baseball in the spring. While his older brothers have graduated and he is the only one of his family making plays for South in all three sports, being able to learn from his family and create memories together on the field and court is what has inspired Michelotti to

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**Charlie Michelotti**  
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While his older family members had their share of big moments and recognition, Michelotti already is continuing the legacy in a big way with South football this fall. He has

continue working toward greatness.

"Sharing the field and court with them is an amazing experience," he said. "Not everyone gets to experience playing multiple sports with their two older brothers. There's also my older cousin, Matthew Agnone, who's also still a great leader in my life. It's a surreal feeling to make a play and come back and your brothers are right there with you."

rushed for 493 yards and eight touchdowns on offense for the Blue Devils, while also tallying three sacks, two interceptions and two forced fumbles on defense.

"He can really carry a heavy workload with a lot of carries on offense and also as a starting linebacker on defense," South football head coach Chad Hepner said about Michelotti's ability to play on both sides of the ball. "He's got great,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Michelotti carries the ball for South in the team's win over L'Anse Creuse North last Friday, Oct. 3. He finished the game with 66 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

natural ability combined with good size and speed. He's a guy who has really seen his vision improve as a ball carrier and understands what we're trying to do with our offense. We're lucky to have a guy like him."

Michelotti's biggest performance of the sea-

son to date came Sept. 26, in a key game for South against Roseville, which the Blue Devils won 47-25. He rushed for 155 yards and two touchdowns while also getting an interception on defense that he nearly returned to the end zone as well. In an impressive

and important win for South, Michelotti was a dominant force and he owes it all to hard work and preparation by himself and his teammates.

"It all starts with the preparation at practice and watching film,"

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# Handwork brings the heat!

## Blue Devil ties pool record at county championship

By Meg Leonard  
Guest Writer

Two hundred twenty athletes from 21 varsity girls swim and dive teams combined to create an electric atmosphere and clock lightning-fast races — including tying a pool record in the 50 freestyle — to the delight of an energized, packed house inside Grosse Pointe South's Boll Natatorium for the Wayne County championship meet Saturday, Oct. 4.

While Division 1's Northville High School repeated as county champions, scoring 578 points, South, a Division 2 program, finished a close second overall with 537 points. Division 3's Grosse Pointe North

stormed into fifth place with 151 points.

In one of the day's most exciting races, Blue Devils senior co-captain Whitney Handwork tied the pool record in the 50 freestyle with a time of 23.67. She now shares that record from 2014 with former University Liggett School and Grosse Pointe Gator standout Sophie Housey, with Handwork holding several more shots to set a new pool record before season's end.

At press time, Handwork's time ranks as tops in the state across all divisions. She currently holds the event's 11th fastest time in the nation.

"She had a nice start and got after it right

away," South head coach John Fodell said of Handwork's race Saturday. "She's going to go faster (before the season ends) and she should be able to break the school record."

Overall, South won eight of the meet's 12 events and took second place in two other events, with multiple Blue Devils reaching personal records and state-qualifying swims. South also won all three relay events.

An exceptional area of Blue Devil dominance Saturday came in the 100 backstroke. Sophomore Caroline Bryan, senior Mischa Eng and sophomore Quinn Ryan took first, second and third, respectively, in the event, with times that rank them in the state's top three spots for that race in Division 2.

Bryan's fast day didn't stop there. She also took first in the 100 butterfly in 55.14, which places her as the state's fastest flyer in all divisions and fifth in the country. Her latest time earned her All-American consideration in the event.

Other standout swims for South came from freshman Corinne Stencil. She placed second behind Bryan in the 100 fly in 57.55, a season-best time that now ranks third fastest in Division 2.

South added two new state qualifiers last weekend, including senior Lorelei Carr, who earned a spot in 100 backstroke in 1:02.39 and in the 200 IM in 2:16.27. Her lead-off leg of the 400 free relay also earned her a 100 freestyle cut (56.52.)

Junior Mia MacGillis also reached her state cuts in the 50 freestyle (25.63) and the 100 freestyle (55.64.)

South's divers com-



From left, three members of Grosse Pointe South's 400 freestyle relay team, including senior Whitney Handwork, and sophomores Quinn Ryan and Caroline Bryan, cheer on teammate Mischa Eng as she approaches the wall on the Blue Devils' final swim at the Oct. 4 Wayne county championship.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JESSICA BRYAN

Blue Devil senior co-captain Whitney Handwork ties a 2019 Grosse Pointe South pool record in the 50 freestyle, swimming it in 23.67 at the Oct. 4 Wayne County Championship. She is a fingernail away from the school record, set in 2014 by U.S. Olympic bronze medalist Catie DeLoof in 23.58.

peted ahead of Saturday's swim meet Wednesday, Oct. 1, scoring in the top eight.

Sophomore Ava Gerhard took second overall, while freshman Sonia Gehring took seventh.

Northville won the top spot, with seven divers earning points for the Mustangs, making it difficult for the Blue Devils to push for the overall crown against such a deep bench.

South's state team roster now totals 10 athletes with 47 individual time cuts, with all three relays qualifying for November's state championship.

"We love swimming well in our own pool," Fodell said. "I love how much the girls are all stepping up and competing between themselves."

"It's pretty exciting," he added. "We're seeing a lot of people going really fast at this point in the season."

With 16 swimmers from its roster of 22 qualifying for Saturday's meet, the Norsemen continued the team's upward

trajectory by ending the day with a gritty, top-five finish.

Best performances came from senior co-captain Cailey Hard, who finished eighth in the 200 and seventh in the 500 free; freshman Ava VanBecelaere, who took eighth in the 100 back; and North's 400 free relay of Hadley Beal, Kennedy Hasting, Liliana Ivanaj and Hard, which finished fourth overall.

North swimmers also added new state cuts, including Hasting in the 200 IM, Ivanaj in the 100 free and Eliana Orlando and Hard, each in the 500 free.

North swimmers have collectively earned 17 state-qualifying times to date, with several others on the cusp of adding to that total.

Norsemen head coach Chris Trepanowski said he likes what he is seeing from the team at the season's midpoint.

"I think we are at a good spot," he said. "This was the most girls we've had qualify for counties in a long time."

"We already have more state cuts this year than we have in the last several years," he added. "We're hoping to put in some good, intense weeks of training this month to continue to drop time so that we can be successful in November."

While Trepanowski commended Saturday's total team effort, he said he has been especially impressed this season with the performance of VanBecelaere.

"As a freshman, she has come in and quietly works hard and she already has two state cuts (100 back and 200 IM). Our sophomore class has also shown great improvement since last year," he said.

The Norsemen hit the water next in a dual meet at Eisenhower High School at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The Blue Devils traveled to face Dakota after press time Tuesday, Oct. 7. They will host Senior Night against Anchor Bay at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21.

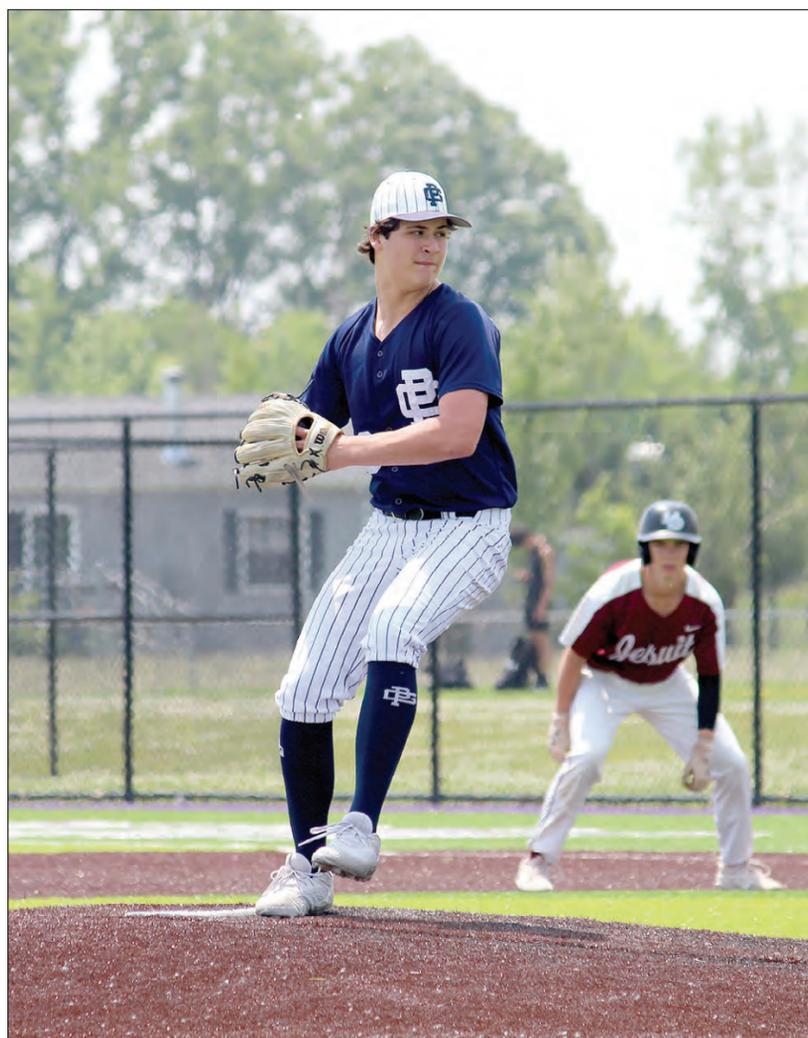


PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Michelotti pitches for South varsity baseball in the Division 1 regional championship game in June.

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Michelotti said. "... We really had so much confidence from our preparation and were able to showcase our skills. It felt great, but we always keep that mentality that every game is a battle."

Michelotti prides himself on preparation in every sport he plays. Football just happens to be the one for which he gets the longest offseason and he put it to good use by working throughout the summer to make sure he was ready for the fall.

"When the fall started, I was coming off a loss in the final four for baseball and that was kind of in

the back of my mind,"

Michelotti said. "Grosse Pointe South has a very good culture and winning mentality, so you kind of just bring that into the next sport. I knew I would have to play both offense and defense and go through all of these workouts to get myself in shape and conditioned for the fall. ... Looking back at them, they were so important to get conditioned and get to know the team."

The stats Michelotti already has piled up this season for South football show the results of all that offseason work. The work never ends, however, with a few more weeks remaining in the regular season for South and the playoffs after

that.

Just like in the summer, Michelotti still is focused on constant improvement. Every week of the season brings the opportunity to work on new things and get better. He knows the areas he can work on to help his team the most if the Blue Devils want to make a deep run in the fall.

"I want to be able to break that long run," Michelotti said. "I've been having a lot of 20- or 30-yard runs, but want to work on breaking those even longer and scoring. On defense, I want to work more on tackling and just filling the holes and being a fundamentally sound linebacker."

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# Butler's late TD helps North secure 14-13 win over Lake Shore

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Every football season is filled with peaks and valleys. The Grosse Pointe North varsity football team feels like it is climbing out of a deep valley, finally toward one of those peaks. The Norsemen now have turned four consecutive losses to begin the season into back-to-back wins over the last two weeks, earning a thrilling 14-13 comeback victory over Lake Shore Friday, Oct. 3.

"It shows the resilience of some of our young guys and what they learned from last year's team," North football head coach Joe Drouin said following the win. "We've been telling them about toughness and enthusiasm and we go through it every day. We tell them to be tough and enthusiastic and play hard. That's the culture we have and that was a culture win today. They had a great strategy for us, but culture eats strategy for breakfast."

Last Friday's game was a tale of two halves. Lake Shore dominated much of the first half,



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Senior running back Caleb Butler bursts through the line against Lake Shore. Butler had 123 rushing yards and scored both of North's touchdowns in the Norsemen's 14-13 win last Friday, Oct. 3.

while North's offense had trouble gaining momentum. The Shorians took the lead in the first quarter on a quarterback sneak by Zach Senter to go up 7-0.

The Norsemen defense was able to force a Lake Shore fumble near the goal line in the second quarter that ended up playing a cru-

cial role in the game. The Shorians did not reach the end zone on that trip, but did just before the end of the half with another rushing touchdown by Senter. That moved the scoreboard to 13-0 in favor of Lake Shore going into halftime.

After a slow first half, the offense woke up for North coming out of the

locker room for the second half. Caleb Butler broke a big run for a touchdown early in the third quarter to put North's first points on the board and make it a 13-7 game.

That score held until there were just under three minutes left on the clock in the fourth quarter. The Norsemen needed to put a drive

together to have any hope of tying the game or taking the lead — and they did so on the back of Butler. North kept feeding its senior running back to move the ball down the field and capped off the game-winning drive with Butler finding the end zone again and giving the Norsemen a 14-13 lead late in the game.

"Last year, there was some back and forth trying to find a position for (Butler), but he's finally emerged as the back," Drouin said about Butler's recent performance in North's backfield. "He took it on and he's the running back. It's been a while since we've had a good running back and he's showing shades of a lot of the guys who have worn No. 4 before him."

Lake Shore had the chance to come back in the final minutes. However, North's defense stepped up and stopped the Shorians on fourth down with less than a minute remaining, securing a comeback win for the Norsemen.

The win moves North's record this season to 2-4 and was the second straight MAC Gold Division victory for the team. The Norsemen finish division play in Week 7, taking on the current division leader, Warren Fitzgerald, Friday, Oct. 10. Fitzgerald comes to North with a 5-1 record after handling Warren Woods-Tower 61-0 in its last game. Kickoff this Friday is scheduled for 7 p.m. at North.

# Knights soccer topples Shrine for CHSL title

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Things have gone as well as anyone could have asked for the University Liggett School varsity boys soccer team so far this fall. The Knights stacked up wins throughout the season and played well enough to earn a spot in the CHSL Cardinal Division championship game Wednesday, Oct. 1. Liggett continued its run of success in that game against Shrine Catholic, coming away with a 4-2 win for the league title.

"I thought it was arguably our best performance of the season," Liggett boys soccer head coach David Dwaihy said. "Everyone was up for it and we struck a good balance of intensity and control. Shrine has a fantastic team. They play the right way and it definitely brought out the best in us."

On a high-scoring night, it was Liggett that struck first. Brady Ancona made a run into the box and was able to put a well-placed shot past the Shrine keeper to give the Knights a 1-0 lead 20 minutes into the first half.

That one-goal lead for Liggett carried over into the second half, but the Knights were able to extend the advantage shortly after the halftime break. Liam Gady scored just two minutes into the second half to make it 2-0 Liggett. Later in the half, Caden Martin launched a long free kick for Liggett that headed into the net on an impressive leap by Brenden Logan to extend Liggett's lead to three.

However, Shrine was not going down without a fight. With 18 minutes left in the game, Shrine got on the board for the first time to cut the Knights' lead down to 3-1. Liggett was not content to fully sit back and defend its lead, attacking on offense a bit until it broke through again. Logan scored his second goal of the game with just over five minutes remaining on the clock to put Liggett up by three once again. A final goal by Shrine in the closing minutes made it a two-goal game instead of three, but it was not enough to keep the Knights from celebrating.

"I'm thrilled for the boys to have achieved a title this fall, and I'm sure it'll only fuel their desire to compete for another one when the state tournament begins next week," Dwaihy said. "No matter how that all goes, it's been a



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Liggett boys soccer defeated Shrine Catholic 4-2 last Wednesday, Oct. 8, to win the CHSL Cardinal Division championship.

very special and rewarding season with a wonderful group of kids."

Liggett had to make a quick turnaround to face Notre Dame Prep on the road Thursday, Oct. 2, after celebrating a league title win. Last Thursday's game ended

up being the Knights' first loss of the season, with Liggett falling 2-0.

The Knights, who currently hold the No. 1

ranking in the state for Division 4 by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association, began the

Division 4 playoffs after press time Wednesday, Oct. 8, hosting Hope of Detroit Academy in the district quarterfinals.

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# South football keeps rolling with win over L'Anse Creuse North

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe South varsity football has looked unstoppable through much of the season and it did not stop Friday night, Oct. 3. A week after earning a key win over Roseville, the Blue Devils were back on the road to take on L'Anse Creuse North. South put together another dominant performance to improve to 6-0 this fall with a 42-6 victory against the Crusaders.

"We were concerned about this being sort of like a trap game," South football head coach Chad Hepner said. "We had a pretty good week of practice and were able to have a nice game where we executed well in all three phases: offense, defense and special teams."

Charlie Michelotti opened the scoring with a rushing touchdown to put South in front 7-0 early on. More rushing touchdowns by Brody Vinyard and quarterback Sam Rouleau made it 20-0 Blue Devils before the end of the first quarter.

Backup quarterback Andrew Wilson threw a touchdown to Trey Grabowski to extend the lead in the second quarter. Michelotti's second rushing touchdown of the game in the

second quarter made it 35-0 South before half-time. Wilson added a rushing score in the second half as South cruised to the dominant win.

Michelotti rushed for 66 yards on eight carries along with his two touchdowns. Rouleau also rushed for 66 yards while completing 12 of 15 passing attempts for 134 yards.

The Blue Devils' defense had a strong night in a game where it only allowed six points. The unit had 10 tackles for loss and five sacks, with two by Throop Linnell.

"This is a defense that seems to be improving every week and that's what we need," Hepner said. "... We always want to be a great defensive team. It's a point of pride for us. We probably spend more time on a weekly basis on defense than a typical high school team and I'm proud of the way these guys are coming along."

After back-to-back games on the road, South returns home for Week 7 and its homecoming game. The Blue Devils are set to host Lakeview, who comes in with a 4-2 record after a win against L'Anse Creuse last Friday.

South hosts Lakeview Friday, Oct. 10, with kickoff at 7 p.m.



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South junior QB Sam Rouleau runs past L'Anse Creuse North defenders. Rouleau rushed for 66 yards and had 134 yards passing in the Blue Devils' win last Friday, Oct. 3.



South's Ben Kocik tackles L'Anse Creuse North running back Isaac Gattine.

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6D | SPORTS

# South boys tennis stands atop MAC Red

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

A year after its cross-town rival Grosse Pointe North claimed the top spot in the MAC Red Division, the Grosse Pointe South varsity tennis team is keeping the league title in the Pointes and bringing it back to the boulevard. With the postseason about to begin, the Blue Devils closed out the regular season on a high note last week by clinching the MAC Red title for the eighth time in nine seasons.

“It’s one of the toughest divisions in Michigan, so to come out on top speaks to how connected and competitive our guys have been all year,” South boys tennis coach Brian Kean said. “From day one, they’ve bought into the team culture, held each other account-

able and worked for every point. Seeing that pay off with a division title by sweeping the MAC Red was a proud moment for everyone.”

The Blue Devils were unbeaten in MAC Red play this year with a 4-0 record against division foes. South clinched the title and its perfect league record with an 8-1 win over Eisenhower Wednesday, Oct. 1.

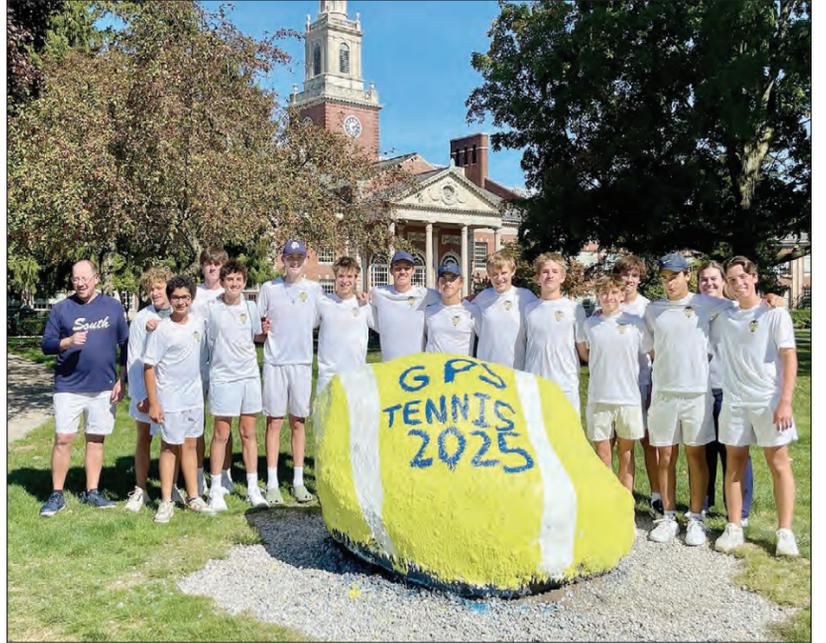
Matthew Holowinski, Matthew Bartoszewicz, Brendan Stafford and Oscar DeLuca had singles wins for the Blue Devils in last week’s victory over Eisenhower. David Sutts and Nate Yeamans, Joseph Guthat and Matthew Hamilton, and Davis Gryzenia and Weston Jerabek were the doubles teams that also took home wins in the final MAC Red contest of the fall.

After securing the division title, the Blue

Devils’ focus now shifts to the postseason. Regionals took place at South after press time Wednesday, Oct. 8, and the Blue Devils hope their performance can earn them a spot at the Division 2 state finals.

To get there, Kean knows his team will need to trust the process the players have followed all year and continue the steady improvements they have been making every day throughout the fall.

“The biggest improvement has been our depth and consistency,” Kean said. “Early in the season, we had a few close matches that exposed areas we needed to tighten up, doubles communication, singles shot selection under pressure and mental toughness in third sets. The team really took that to heart. Over time, our practices became more competi-



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Grosse Pointe South boys tennis paints the rock to commemorate clinching the MAC Red Division title.

tive, challenge matches more intense and players started trusting their

training.” The Division 2 state finals are scheduled to

begin Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Midland Tennis Center.



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Grosse Pointe North boys cross-country finished first among Division 2 teams at the Wayne County Championships last Saturday, Oct. 4.

# Norsemen and Blue Devils impress at county XC meet

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The boys and girls cross-country squads from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South were part of the large group of teams that gathered at Willow Metropark Saturday, Oct. 4, for the Wayne County Championships. In a stacked field, the Norsemen and Blue Devils put together some solid performances, with North finishing among the top schools in Division 2.

### North

Both the boys and girls teams for the Norsemen ended up at the top of the Division 2 team standings at the meet. North’s boys team finished at the top of Division 2 and 13th overall in the field, while the girls were 16th overall.

Leading the boys team for North was Dylan Phillips, who finished 45th in a field of nearly 200 runners with a time of 17:33. Sam Parish was 53rd and Paul Stephens crossed the finish line 62nd.

Senior Avery Boutell led North’s girls squad by finishing 63rd at 22:31. Maylin Parish was 70th, while Erin Doolittle made it into the top 100 by finishing 99th.

The boys and girls teams for North are set to race again Saturday, Oct. 11, in the Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark.

### South

South’s girls team finished third overall in the field. The group’s top finisher once again was freshman Eleanor Pilsner, who came in ninth place out of more

than 130 runners with a time of 20:17.

Calisse Budek also cracked the top 20 by finishing 19th at 20:58. Morgan Costello finished 23rd and Rylee Piornack was 27th to give the Blue Devils four runners finishing in the top 30 of the large field. Lydia Thomason-Redus crossed the finish line 31st and Viviana Ostrowski finished just outside the top 50 in 51st.

The boys team for the Blue Devils was 12th overall in the standings. Freshman Oscar Resnick had the team’s best finish, coming in 52nd with a time of 17:46. Lualhati Verzosa was just a few spots behind in 57th. Logan Garbo crossed the finish line 83rd, while Everett Wood was 85th.

The boys and girls teams for South host Warren Mott in a dual meet Tuesday, Oct. 14.

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# North blanks Falcons

Kathryn Schaden, above, serves for Grosse Pointe North volleyball during its match against Henry Ford II Thursday, Oct. 2. The Norsemen won the match in three sets with scores of 25-21, 25-19 and 25-14. North hosted Fraser after press time Wednesday, Oct. 8, and takes the court again on the road Wednesday, Oct. 15, against Stevenson.