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Schulte retiring from GP Woods

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — After more than four decades in municipal government, Frank Schulte is ready for the next chapter in life.

"It's time to move on," he said after submitting his official retirement notice to city council at its meeting Monday, Oct. 20.

Schulte has been with the Woods 10 years, including the last four as city administrator. His last day will be Friday, Jan. 2.

"I proposed this to the compensation and evaluation committee in February, so it's been in the works for a while," he added. "We've been working on a succession plan since then."

Council voted unanimously to appoint Sue Como as the next city administrator. She has been with the city more than 20 years and was appointed assistant city administrator in 2021.

"We're sorry to see him go, but Sue will do a very good job," Mayor Art Bryant said.

Schulte, 65, started working for the City of Grosse Pointe in 1980.



Frank Schulte

"I started off part time collecting trash," he said. "I worked on water mains, snow removal, code enforcement. I pretty much did it all."

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

A fire hydrant in the front yard of a house in the 1200 block of Bedford was a good omen for firefighters responding last week to an electrical fire at the location. A timely 911 call and quick response, however, let officers douse flames from a ready supply of water carried onboard a fire truck. The hydrant wasn't needed. Stowing gear and preparing to leave the scene are 23-year veteran PSO Thomas Taylor and, in back, rookie PSO Nicholas Benson on his second day of work.

Fire nipped

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A craftsman installing doors at a house last week flipped on a light switch. Everything went wrong until a 911 call to the fire department put things right.

"We try to show up in force," said Sgt. Kevin Remus outside the house in the 1200 block of Bedford, after an electrical fire within a wall was extinguished late morning Friday, Oct. 24. "We

got as many people here as fast as we could to knock it down."

A dispatcher logged the emergency report at 10:27 a.m.

"The first car was on scene at 10:29 a.m.," said Chief Jim Bostock, also on site.

By 12:05 p.m., officers from three Pointe departments finished draining and rolling up a hose, stowing pike poles and protective outerwear worn while dousing the three-alarm fire. They exited the area with nothing

left behind to hint they were there, except the 97-year-old brick English Colonial they saved. Not even a tan and white longhaired cat slowly crossing the road seemed ruffled by what came close to a family losing their home.

"We got a 911 call from a contractor on scene," Bostock said. "He flipped a light switch on. After a couple minutes, the lights went off."

"He smelled a burning odor," Remus said. "He called us immediately. When we arrived, there was a slight haze inside the home. We could see it

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Farms Mayor Louis Theros, right, with wife, Patti, and sons Evan and Jon.

Theros bids farewell to public service

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — It was his better half, Patti, who convinced Mayor Louis Theros to run for city council in 2001, all because she wanted an ordinance implemented that would preclude parking of commercial vehicles on public streets overnight.

The couple at that time had a neighbor who constantly parked his large

business vehicle on their street.

"We were coming back from a wedding in Cincinnati with another couple who lived in the Farms and during the four-hour drive, the discussion went from, 'Let's get the ordinance changed,' to, 'We think you should run for council,'" Theros recalled. "Any sane person would just approach the city

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City preps to hold 1st election at The Neighborhood Club

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — "It's meeting our needs and more," Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Chris Hardenbrook said, as election workers ramp up to hold the city's first election at The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"This is a permanent change in your Election Day polling location,"

Hardenbrook emphasized.

The transition comes after the Grosse Pointe Public School System informed city administrators last year that Maire Elementary School no longer would be an option, citing student safety and security concerns.

As it turns out, the change in the city's polling location is shaping up to have its advantages.

"We'll have more setup time," Hardenbrook said. "We'll have the day

before to set up instead of just at the end of the day after school gets out, so we won't have that hectic craziness."

The Neighborhood Club also is more ADA compliant than the previous polling location, given its automatic doors.

"For every election, there's an ADA compliance audit where folks come through and they rate us on our accessibility," Hardenbrook said. "The one thing we always

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Farms revamps beautification awards

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Bolstering the celebration, the Farms this year added no less than three new categories to its annual beautification awards — a nonprofit organization property award, landscape focal point award and the Dennis DeCoster Award for Personal Stewardship.

The Dennis DeCoster award was born as a tribute to the late Farms resident, gardener and craftsman who earned several beautification awards and tended his garden every day, reflecting his belief that “nature has no off days.”

The new award goes to an honoree who embodies that same spirit — “a hands-on literally every



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135 Kenwood Road, the home of Jay and Valerie Zingg, was among six resident property award winners this year.

day, around-the-clock gardener who does all the work themselves,” explained Sierra Donaven, councilwoman and chair of the beautification committee.

The first recipients of the award are Edward and Tammy DeWalls for their home at 261 Mt. Vernon, where the precise stonework and flourishing gardens reflect daily

dedication and artistry.

“This home built in 1936 stands as a living canvas of tradition, creativity and care, mirroring the values that Dennis DeCoster himself exemplified,” Donaven said. “Notable features include pineapples throughout, original Detroit street lights ornaments carefully restored and repurposed as historic assets, vibrant flower beds, front beds of impatiens and pachysandra and a perfectly pruned tree.”

The new nonprofit organization award is intended for those whose properties exhibit exceptional care, design and stewardship of natural and built environments, demonstrating



Edward and Tammy DeWalls are the first recipients of the Dennis DeCoster Award for Personal Stewardship for their home at 261 Mt. Vernon.

how thoughtful landscaping and architectural preservation can enhance civic pride and foster spaces for reflection, service and community connection.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at 16 Lakeshore was honored as the award’s first recipient, highlighting its legacy as a designated historic landmark designed by Detroit architect W. E. N. Hunter with limestone walls, stained-glass windows by the Willet Studios of Philadelphia, Pewabic tile from Detroit and wood carvings by German carver Alois Lang.

A meditation garden with engraved memorial bricks and a serene outdoor worship space are surrounded by seasonal

flowers, manicured hedges and a majestic evergreen tree.

The church was nominated by longtime church member, beautification commissioner and Councilman Lev Wood.

Accepting the honor on behalf of his congregation, the Rev. Jeff Lincicome said, “What we believe, and I think we all believe this, is that beauty itself is, in some ways, a reflection of God, but it’s also this wonderful gift that God gives us to bring us closer to God and bring us closer to each other. And so to be able to have a beautiful place that God has given us, but also to be able to

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This year’s 2025 Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Award winners, alongside beautification commissioners after the awards ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 14.

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emitting from the D-side wall.”

Firefighters designate

the four sides of a typical building as A, B, C and D, starting in front, or address side, and moving clockwise. Doing so establishes fixed points of reference — as in the

nautical world of port and starboard instead of left and right — and helps officers remain oriented in the typically chaotic setting.

The D side from which

officers spotted smoke was, therefore, a right-side wall when seen from the perspective of the road.

Dwelling fires in the Pointes automatically trigger a second alarm, answered in this instance by a squad from neighboring City of Grosse Pointe.

“Because we saw smoke, we also asked for the Farms to make it,” Bostock said.

Two Park fire engines and numerous patrol cars from the three agencies soon jammed Bedford.

“We tracked light smoke to an area downstairs,” Bostock said. “It was electrical. We turned off the electrical supply.”

“We had to go in there with some pike poles,” Remus said. “It’s a typical Grosse Pointe home with plaster walls and ceilings. We had to tear out a little wall and ceiling to expose the flames. It probably took 10 minutes to open it and expose the

source. Once it was open, our firefighters knocked them down from there with a handline off an engine.”

“We checked for extension by using several thermal imaging cameras on the basement level, the second floor and attic,” Bostock said.

“No extension to the upper floors,” Remus said. “Smoke traveled through the walls though and was pushing out through the eaves. So we opened a small opening upstairs to double-check there was no extension going up. There was not.”

No one was at the house other than the contractor when the fire started.

“It’s a good day when we can save a home,” Remus said.

“With quick response of public safety and assistance of our mutual-aid partners, the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms, we were able to keep this from getting worse than it

was,” Bostock said.

The fire was the second in two days for rookie Park PSO Nicholas Benson. The day before, he gave mutual aid at a small fire in the City of Grosse Pointe.

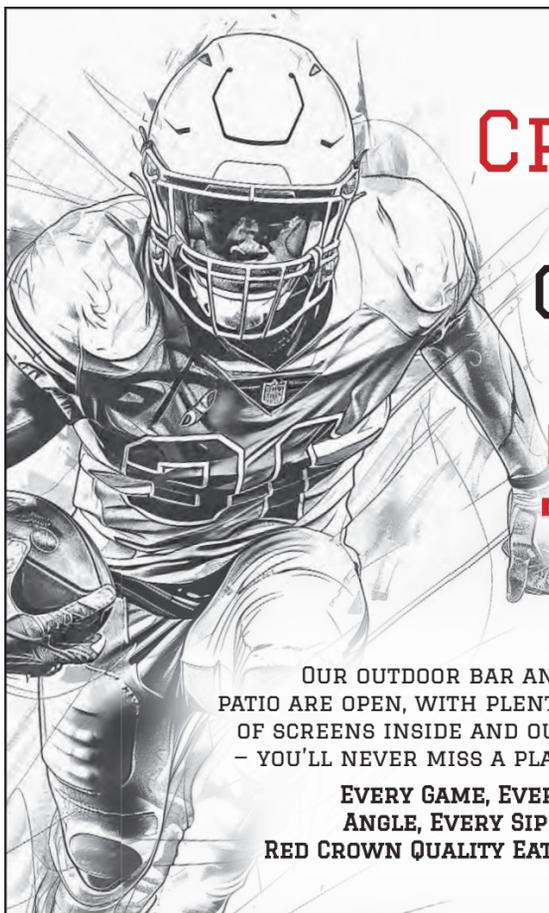
“This is my second day,” he said.

Benson is fresh from the fire academy and, like all Grosse Pointe officers, cross-trained in law enforcement.

“My stepdad was a Detroit police officer, retired after 27 years,” Benson said. “I always had a sense of service. I wanted to do fire and follow in my stepdad’s footsteps as a police officer. I figured, why not do both?”

Bostock said he met Benson at the fire academy.

“I sat down with him for an interview and almost immediately knew he would be a great fit here,” Bostock said. “We are very happy to have him and (new PSO) Chad Gump start with us.”



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He eventually became a supervisor before joining the Woods as director of public services in 2015.

“I never thought I’d end up running a city, but doors kept opening,” Schulte said. “Being in the Woods has been the best 10 years of my life.”

Schulte said one of his proudest accomplishments has been building

the relationship between himself and employees.

“The atmosphere when I got here was not good between employees and the administration,” he said. “I’d like to think I made it feel more like a team.”

Bryant agreed. “The attitude at city hall has improved tremendously under Frank,” he said.

Schulte said projects that stand out to him during his tenure have been

the overall improvements to the city’s parks, especially the enhanced Chene-Trombley Park, and the new intersection at Mack and Vernier.

Schulte and his wife of 38 years, Betsy, intend to keep their house in the Farms but also travel extensively. That includes visiting a daughter and two grandchildren in Chicago and a son and grandchild in California.

Schulte said Betsy intends to retire next May from her position as director of volunteers at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

“We like summers here, spending time with friends on our boat,” Schulte said. “Then we’ll spend winters in California. Like they say, you can’t take it with you.”

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The Helm set to start receiving millage funds

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES & HARPER WOODS — Just shy of a year since the Pointes — with the exception of the Shores — and Harper Woods

passed the six-year, 0.35-mill senior services millage, an agreement with The Helm for essential senior services was ratified last week.

The Active Adult Commission — the governing body responsible

for management of the millage funds, formed by council representatives from each participating city — also solidified its first annual budget for 2025-26.

The budget anticipates millage revenues in the

first year to total \$1,225,704, split between:

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe, \$163,639
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms, \$362,110
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park, \$278,850
- ◆ Grosse Pointe

Woods, \$322,199

◆ Harper Woods, \$98,906

Of the total, \$1,100,000, equal to 89.74 percent of the budget, is allocated to the senior services agreement with The Helm.

Another \$105,704, or

8.62 percent, will go to a yet-to-be-ratified transportation agreement with the Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services.

The remainder is set aside as \$6,000 for insur-

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continue to enhance it, not just for us, but for the community, has been just a great, wonderful gift.”

The landscape focal point award was created to acknowledge a property’s focal point which greatly enhances the city’s scenic appeal through outstanding landscaping, seasonal colors and consistent design, offering moments of beauty and reflection to enrich the daily experiences of residents and visitors.

Landscape focal point awards were given to Scott Reilly and Lan-Huong Reilly at 255 Lakeshore for the serene and captivating landscaping that borders the property of the private residence, as well as to the Grosse Pointe South

Garden Club for its beautification efforts tending to the garden beds along the Fisher Road entrance to the high school.

Led by senior Harmon Meldrum, the club this year will plant 100 tulip bulbs donated by the Detroit Athletic Club, as well as add ceramic art to the courtyard with the help of the art department.

“We’re not a really big team ... but we just hope in the future we can continue to grow through literally the garden, everything we do and also through our community,” said Meldrum, alongside club member Caden Schmidt. “We hope that we can make Grosse Pointe Farms a continually more beautiful place and continue to add to everything there.”

This year’s residential property award winners are:



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The Grosse Pointe South Garden Club cares year-round for the garden beds at the Fisher Road entrance to the high school.

◆ 353 Moross Road, Patty DiVirgil, honored for hedges and soft colors kept charmingly simple, but never plain;

◆ 180 Country Club Drive, Jim and Joan Tobin, honored for a lush paccasandra across the front lawn, trimmed boxwood hedges and slender birch trunks framing the back door entry;

◆ 135 Kenwood Road, Jay and Valerie Zingg, honored for its pristine lawn and hedges against the home’s stately architecture, creating a sense of permanence and grace;

◆ 47 Oldbrook Lane, Brian and Katherine Gorski, honored for its corner lot with lush gar-

den beds, manicured lawns and mature trees, which make the property a model of curb appeal;

◆ 154 Cloverly Road, Dennis and Melinda Curtis, honored as a showcase of craftsmanship and balance, with contrasting brick inlays, window flower boxes and seasonal blooms creating a bold stroke of color against the cream and brown architecture;

◆ and 130 Lothrop Road, Tony and Martha Cimmarrusti, honored for a curving driveway bordered by well-maintained hedges, generous hydrangea and timeless horticultural design at the corner of Lothrop and Kercheval.



Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is the first recipient of the new beautification award for nonprofit organizations.

“Located in the heart of The Hill, this grand, beautiful building combines historic charm with modern energy,” Donaven said. “... The recent addition of the outdoor dining area and lush planters has enhanced the streetscape, encouraging residents and visitors alike to linger, dine and connect. Home to Flyleaf Bookstore, this literary landmark has become a cultural hub.”

A ceremony honoring the 2025 beautification winners took place Tuesday, Oct. 14.

“The awards honor those whose vision, care and creativity enrich the city’s natural and architectural landscape,” Donaven said. “Believing that beauty is both a responsibility and a reflection of community spirit, from inspired architecture to meticulous gardens, honorees elevate their properties and the character of our city. They contribute to the Farms’ legacy of a preeminent residential community, one shaped largely by the residents who live and care for it with pride.”

“I thought there were 101 reasons for marrying Martha, but this is 102nd,” Tony Cimmarrusti said. “She’s done such a fabulous job with our house and in our gardens and I’m very thankful.”

Commercial property awards were given to Ed Russell at 63 Kercheval for the well-maintained landscape at the corner of McMillan and Kercheval, as well as to Flyleaf Bookstore, owned by Lindsay Cotton, at 92 Kercheval.

The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, NOV. 4

- ◆ Election Day
- ◆ Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 6

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board meeting, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Tax Increment Finance Authority meeting, 7 p.m.

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couldn’t get over was the access and the automated doors, so this is an advantage.”

Polling will take place in both conference rooms on the second floor of The Neighborhood Club, which has both elevators and stairs.

Election Day voters should park in the lot off of St. Clair, where parking will be free for those voting.

“We’ll still probably have people go to Maire just out of habit,” Hardenbrook addressed, “but we’ll have plenty of signs at Maire directing them just to go two

blocks up the road.”

Prior to Election Day, those planning to vote absentee have until Friday, Oct. 31, to request an absentee ballot by mail.

City hall will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, for voter registration and those wishing to pick up an absentee ballot in person.

Absentee ballots also can be received the day prior to the election, Monday, Nov. 3, but they then must be submitted in the clerk’s office.

“Anyone who still has a ballot, they’re encouraged to return those ballots,” Hardenbrook said. “They can do so by several drop boxes at city hall. There’s a drive-up

drop box, a walk-up drop box and there’s a drop box inside of city hall.”

On the ballot, voters will find a mayoral race between incumbent Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, who has held the position since 2019, and former mayor Chris Boettcher, who served a single term from 2017 to 2019, when

Tomkowiak won the seat by 55 votes.

A city council race will see incumbents Dave Fries, Maureen Juip and Chris Walsh running to retain their seats, alongside newcomer David Calcaterra.

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Creating excitement one frame at a time

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

When the world stood still in 2020, Paul Therriault picked up his mom's camera. What began as a way to pass time during the COVID-19 pandemic — piecing together highlight montages of his favorite hockey players — has since grown into a full-blown business that's capturing the energy, grit and emotion of sports.

Today, under the name Paulysfilms, the Grosse Pointe native helps athletes and teams build their brands through sleek photography and

electrifying digital content shared across social media platforms. Though it started as a passion project for friends on Grosse Pointe South's athletic teams, it quickly gained traction, earning Therriault recognition outside his hometown and igniting a vision much bigger than weekend shoots at the local rink.

"I've always loved digital storytelling," Therriault said. "Growing up, I was fascinated by sports documentaries and highlight reels. Once I realized I could create that kind of content myself, I couldn't stop."



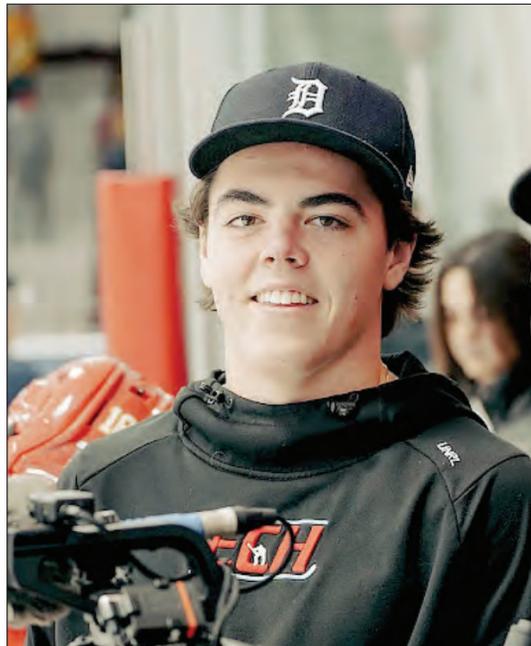
Therriault's dogs, Shooter — named after Shooter McGavin from "Happy Gilmore" — and KC.

He didn't rely on formal classes to get started. Instead, he taught himself through YouTube tutorials and by reaching out to established creators willing to share their expertise. The connections he forged during those early days remain part of his professional network today.

For Therriault, storytelling through a lens is as much about community as it is about creativity. His love of hockey and his Grosse Pointe roots fuel his ambition, but his goals reach well beyond city limits. In the near future, he hopes to collaborate with Michigan State University athletics; he's currently in his second year at MSU. Down the road, he envisions himself on the sidelines of the Stanley Cup finals or capturing the raw drama of the Super Bowl.

"Covering a major championship, or producing a sports documentary, would be a dream," he said.

Beyond the camera, Therriault remains grounded in the things that matter most: family, faith and friendship. The youngest of a large



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Paul Therriault is a self-taught storyteller, building brands for athletes and teams with his business, Paulysfilms.

extended Italian family Gilmore" — and KC, with 44 cousins, he credits his parents and older brother, Dean, who runs his own hockey development business, with inspiring him to take risks and build something from scratch. His two dogs, Shooter — named after Shooter McGavin from "Happy

Gilmore" — and KC, keep him company when he's not shooting, playing golf or strumming his guitar.

Grosse Pointe itself has been an anchor. Summers on the water and friendships dating back to elementary school, he said, have shaped his perspective.

"Living by the lake is a blessing not everyone gets to experience," he said. "Those memories are part of who I am."

In his field, Therriault looks up to Patrick Merluzzi, a videographer who has worked with ESPN, Under Armour, the NFL and superstars like Stephen Curry and Amon-Ra St. Brown. But ultimately, Therriault draws strength from a deeper source: his faith.

"God has kept me level-headed," he said. "Believing that everything will work out according to His plan allows me to take risks and push forward, even when things are uncertain."

For now, Paulysfilms continues to grow, one frame at a time. Whether it's capturing a hockey player's first goal or building a professional highlight reel, Therriault's work is about more than images. It's about creating excitement for athletes and teams, as well as building their brands.

To see his latest projects, check out paulysfilms.smugmug.com or follow him on Instagram and TikTok at @paulysfilms.

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council and say, 'Hey, can we change this one ordinance?' Rather, she and some, I will say, so-called good friends, convinced me to run for council at a time when there were

three open seats and 10 people running. And here I am, a quarter of a century later."

In the end, the ordinance was implemented and the Farms gained a public servant who sat on council 16 years before being elected mayor in 2017.

Monday, Oct. 13, marked his final council meeting as mayor ahead of the early November election for which he chose not to run.

"One of the reasons I ran this last time was to make sure we could get that sewer improvement project in the ground," he

said, pun intended. "My work responsibilities are becoming more substantially out of town and it's just time."

For his 24 years of helping shape and lead the city — "Which I figured out at some point was more than half my adult life," the mayor said — the council chambers at city hall will be named in Theros' honor.

"On behalf of all my council members and on behalf of the entire city," Mayor Pro Tem Beth Konrad Wilberding said at the closure of October's council meeting, "I want to let you know the next time you come into those doors, you'll have a plaque above those doors that will designate your name as the name of this council meeting."

During the years Theros spent entering and exiting those doors for every council and committee meeting, his two sons were raised, graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School.

"One is now a doctor in his residency and the other is an investment

banker in Chicago," the proud father said. "I can still remember my wife campaigning for council with them in a double stroller with T-shirts on that said, 'Vote for my dad.' Now I don't think those T-shirts would get over their feet. They were so small."

Outside the normal realm of politics and municipal leadership, few, if any, have had an ill word to say about the mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I never heard one bad comment," Konrad Wilberding pointed out. "Not one negative comment and that's so unusual for any mayor of any city."

His legacy is one of finding a way to make it work when residents would come before council with project requests, variance needs, complaints and big ideas.

It also is one of uniting diverse councils with a zero-tolerance policy for in-fighting and toward the common goal of maintaining the city's forward trajectory.

"Our job is to block and tackle for our citizens," Theros said. "It's about making sure that our taxes are at a low rate, that we provide services that they depend on to live in their day-to-day lives, that their streets are plowed, that public safety is there."

"I encourage everybody to consider serving, and particularly the younger generations, to think about coming and serving on city council, serving on a city committee."

Theros elected to spend the majority of his final remarks to the community as mayor thanking and acknowledging the hard work of others, running the gamut of past and present department heads, city administrators and council members.

"It's often said by Farms residents mainly, but not exclusively, that Grosse Pointe Farms is the best Grosse Pointe," he said. "I don't mean to

A limerick for Louis

In honor of Mayor Louis Theros' last council meeting, longtime Councilman Lev Wood penned this limerick: "There once was a mayor named Louie whose leadership never turned screwy.

He governed with care, transparent and fair, good government through and through (I didn't have a better word for that).

He ran our town, both firm and fair, now trades the gavel for clean golf course air.

For 16 years he talked the talk, then eight as mayor, quite the walk. Budgets balanced, papers signed and never a taxpayer left behind.

He preached good government, open and bright, with meetings long, but mostly right.

A family man, with humor and cheer, we'll miss Louie's calm, his voice so clear. He's led with purpose, heart and care, a steady guide throughout the year.

Now meetings and tee times are filling his days. No motions, debates or delays. With humor and heart, he's made his depart. His leadership inspired us in so many ways.

So raise a toast, both loud and hearty. Louie's off to his next well-earned party."

say that in any way to demean our neighbors — and I have first-hand knowledge because I've lived at four of the five Grosse Pointes at some time in my life — but what it does show is that the Farms is where it is because of the hard work of the administration.

"... We have a very special place here, whether it's the private or public schools, whether it's the different faiths we have here in the community, whether it's the public accommodations, whether it's just the safety, this is a special place.

"And I know whoever succeeds all of us in these chairs in the future will hopefully know that and understand that. So, it's been my privilege to serve and I want to thank the Farms citizens for giving me the honor for the past 24 years."

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Entertainment systems targeted

The rear driver's side window of a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Fisher was smashed and its entertainment system stolen between 10:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, and 6:08 a.m. the next morning.

Another vehicle parked in the 400 block of Lexington experienced identical circumstances between 1 and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22.

There have been several occurrences of smashed car windows and entertainment systems stolen throughout the Pointes the last couple weeks.

Credit card fraud

An 82-year-old Park woman last week reported her credit card fraudulently was used to purchase an Apple MacBook for \$1,758.96.

Shortcut

Someone drove across a lawn in the 300 block of

Chalfonte, striking a small tree, overnight into Sunday, Oct. 26.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— *Ted O'Neil*
Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Stolen property

Three items with a combined value of \$500 were reported stolen Tuesday, Oct. 21, from the same address in the 1400 block of Harvard.

The date and time of the thefts is unknown.

Taken were a black bicycle, purple bicycle and power washer, all of unspecified make or model.

Car break-ins

Two larcenies from autos were reported Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 22, at locations roughly one mile apart.

In the 900 block of Lakepointe, someone broke through the rear window of a parked Dodge Ram and stole a \$1,000 infotainment system. Police logged the crime at 2 p.m.

Nearly 2½ hours later in the 1300 block of Somerset, a victim reported the theft from an unlocked vehicle of Burberry perfume and Ray-Ban sunglasses, combined value \$100.

Also in the 1300 block of Somerset, a witness reported at 2:30 a.m.

seeing an unknown person casing a truck parked at the curb.

"Officers arrived, found door open to truck, glove box open and items strewn throughout the vehicle," according to investigators.

Two nights later in the 1100 block of Balfour, an unspecified amount of money was taken out of a vehicle parked in a driveway.

Three car thefts

Overnight Friday, Oct. 24, was a bad time for car owners.

Three vehicles were stolen while parked in driveways. One, a 2021 Ford Bronco taken in the 1400 block of Yorkshire, was recovered unoccupied in Detroit.

The other two, a white 2022 Jeep Grand Cherokee stolen in the 800 block of Lakepointe

and a black 2023 Lincoln Aviator in the 1100 block of Lakepointe, remain missing.

There were no indications of forceful entries. A detective said evidence gathered so far is insufficient to indicate the thefts were coordinated or committed by individual crews.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Slashed tire

An employee at a local hospital belatedly reported a tire on her vehicle had been slashed while she was working Saturday, Sept. 27.

She then began

receiving unwanted communications, but it is unknown if they are related to the damaged tire.

Expired license

A 26-year-old Detroit man was cited for an expired driver's license after he was pulled over for speeding at Mack and Lakeland at 1:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— *Ted O'Neil*
Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Put a meadow in the park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— There are concerns among higher-echelon Park officials about the idea of transforming nearly 27,000 square feet of playground area at Patterson Park into a meadow for the benefit of wildlife, mainly a species of ground-nesting bird.

Many aspects of the proposal are so unresolved they are practically unaddressed.

Unanswered questions include how the transformation of scarce open land would benefit residents and their access to the municipal park system, how a meadow would be installed and, for the long run especially, who would maintain it, at what cost and source of funding.

A couple members of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission, Jim Creighton and Kelly Konieczki, acting at the invitation and implied support of the city manager, outlined the plan during this month's meeting of the city's recreation commission.

Recreation commissioners, acting in an advisory capacity, voted 4-3 to recommend their beautification counterparts follow up with representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, from whom meadow proponents already have sought guidance, for whatever solid information is needed to evaluate the project.

The timing of the presentation chagrined some recreation commissioners trying to get up to speed with city hall administrators and an outside consultant about drafting a first-ever master plan for the parks system.

"I am surprised this hasn't come before this group," Recreation Chairman Mike Hindelang said about aspects of the meadow idea.

The status of the meadow, its lack of detail and its speculative standing on the city's approval scale is too convoluted to qualify for a cart-before-the-horse analogy. Rather, it leapfrogs into the industrial age of putting the caboose and a hodgepodge of freight cars in front of the locomotive.

"We are in the middle of a planning process to

get a feel for what the community's vision is for our parks," Hindelang told the recreation pair, alluding to the overarching master planning process. "I love the idea of a meadow and helping wildlife, but I have concerns about what we're doing right now. You're ahead of where we are in terms of ascertaining where the community is on this. How this fits into our charge to bring community engagement and come up with a comprehensive plan is a challenge for me at the moment."

The city council's liaison to the recreation commission, Councilman Tom Caufield, is wary of unexplored compliance requirements of accepting assistance from the federal Wildlife Service.

"Do they fully understand this is a private park?" he asked Creighton and Konieczki during the meeting.

Both said they informed Wildlife Service officials of the park system's residents-only access.

Hindelang said his opposition to the motion was procedural.

"I don't think the (recreation) commission should be recommending

you to do what you're doing," he told the beautification representatives.

"I hope you come back with good information."

"As far as the meadow is concerned, we are in the listen-and-learn stage," said Mayor Michele Hodges, contacted later. "I look forward to hearing more (to) determine what the future might hold. The parks master planning process will help measure its priority level as stakeholders consider what matters most."

"The city is excited to be developing its first-ever recreation plan," City Manager Nick Sizeland said. "Not only are we looking at the vision for the future of the parks, we're also

looking toward our current assets, their lifespan, the costs and what our residents want to see in the future."

Soliciting public opinion about contents and goals of the recreation master plan is forthcoming, he said.

"We have not yet had an engagement session with the public, but we will have multiple," Sizeland said. "I am pleased to see that recreation commission members want to help as much as possible. They will be involved. Everybody's going to be part of the team. We're all going to win in the end."

The meadow would occupy a 400-by-67-foot

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OUR VIEW

When should Halloween be celebrated?

Every year around this time, the discussion comes up about when Halloween should be celebrated. Or at least the trick-or-treat portion.

The push to hold trick-or-treating the last Saturday of October does make sense, for a couple reasons.

It would certainly be more convenient. Kids wouldn't be rushed after school — although we realize it is a half-day here in the Pointes — nor would parents, for the most part, be in a rush after work.

The hours could be expanded and moved up so everything would be done in the daylight, which would be far more safe. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, about 3,200 children visit emergency rooms nationwide every year on Halloween.

That is due to a combination of pumpkin carvings gone wrong, trips and falls, dog bites and pedestrians hit by vehicles. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, children are more likely to be hit by a vehicle on Halloween than any other night of the year.

Trick-or-treating on a Saturday afternoon also would allow for an extended celebration, perhaps with neighborhood or family cookouts afterward or costume parties for the grownups.

And then there is the dreaded sugar buzz. A Saturday celebration would avoid bedtime disruptions and school the next day.

The Halloween and Costume Association says it also believes retailers would benefit from a more consistent and predictable schedule.

You, our readers, appear to agree with the idea. According to our recent poll (below), 57 percent of respondents prefer the Saturday option, while 43 percent prefer sticking with the traditional Oct. 31. A change.org petition began in 2019 in support of the shift has more than 158,000 signatures.

Even with the switch, Halloween itself could still be celebrated Oct. 31. Kids could wear their costumes to school that day, thereby getting at least two uses out of them before their next growth spurt. Churches and civic organizations that hold "trunk-or-treat" gatherings may still want to do those Halloween night.

Interestingly, Milwaukee has a tradition of setting trick-or-treating hours for the preceding Sunday afternoon if Oct. 31 falls Monday through Thursday.

Of course, given the heavily Catholic influence in the Pointes, there are those who certainly would want to stick with tradition, since Halloween means All Hallows' Eve, the evening before All Hallows' Day, or All Saints' Day.

Some Halloween traditions stem from the Celtic festival of Samhain, marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. Activities included bobbing for apples and lighting bonfires. By the 16th century, it included people going from house to house in costume, reciting verses or songs in exchange for food and carrying jack-o'-lanterns to ward off evil spirits.



GUEST VIEW By Lisa Brown

What the leaves reveal

I pushed my father in a wheelchair for the first time last month. As I fast approach 60 years of age, I am solidly situated in the sandwich generation with three young adult daughters and four parents who are struggling to age gracefully.

So many of us are working hard to be present to our children while also clumsily adapting into caretakers for our parents who are entering the late autumn of their lives.

There is a unique kind of grief we carry as we accompany an aging parent, to which the science behind the beautiful autumn leaves all around us this time of year offers an unexpectedly consoling metaphor.

All those brilliant reds, golds and ambers we admire in October are actually the leaves' true colors. The green of spring and summer is actually the mask. Chlorophyll is so dominant, so overpowering, it hides every other hue beneath it. Only when the growing season ends and the chlorophyll fades do the leaves finally reveal what they were all along: their most authentic colors.

This insight shifts the way I view the gentleness and eagerness to listen in my dad's "old man eyes" and the way my mom — who could juggle and perfectly arrange the complex

logistics of meals, transportation, calendaring, costumes, vacations and family gatherings as efficiently as the most gifted air traffic controller — asks me to help her up from our low couch with an awkward giggle and revels in teaching my daughters how to make her famous Italian cookies as her stiff hands tremble with the weight of eight decades.

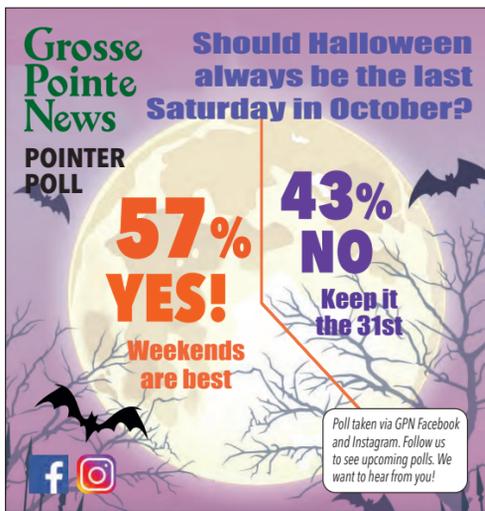
There is rich beauty in the vulnerability that aging brings, an awareness and openness to receiving love that our youthful competence never quite allows.

Just as we can't shield or save our children from all the turbulence and fumbles that are so necessary for their growth in their teens and 20s, so too we can't navigate all the uncertainties and complexities our parents

face as they move into the challenging landscape of old age.

The hardest moments come in the small losses: the stories that now have gaps, the grandchildren's names that slip away. Each forgotten detail is a tiny death, a small goodbye to the people they were. Just as the last time I chanted "this little piggy" on my daughter's toes in the tub or held her on my hip as I did the "momma-sway" passed without fan-

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These traditions spread to America via Irish and Scottish immigrants in the 19th century.

As for any potential change, others scoff at the notion, asking if Halloween can be changed, what happens if people want to change the date of Christmas? We would remind them that plenty of families celebrate Christmas, at least the secular aspect of gathering together to share a meal and exchange presents, on other days around Dec. 25, due to travel, multi-family obligations and general convenience. Setting trick-or-treating on a day other than Oct. 31 is no different.

Of course, given how the weather has turned recently, maybe the first Saturday in October would be an even better idea?

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In support of Chris Boettcher

To the Editor:
I am writing to endorse Chris Boettcher for mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Chris served on the Grosse Pointe City Council from 2009-2017 and as our mayor from 2017-2019. During his tenure in city government, he demonstrated strong fiscal responsibility — delivering 10 consecutive years of balanced budgets, even through the challenges of the Great Recession beginning in 2008. He also ensured that the Department of Public Works building remained within the City of Grosse Pointe, preserving an important city asset.

As a longtime community member, Chris has a deep understanding of the issues we face and the improvements needed to keep our city vibrant and thriving.

A quick look around The Village and Neff Park makes it clear that we have fallen behind our neighboring Grosse Pointe communities in maintaining and enhancing our shared spaces. The broken clock and lights on The Village arch serve as visible reminders of the neglect under the current administration.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

Travel hacks, airport churches edition



In September, I was traveling solo and found myself with a four-hour layover at Chicago Midway International Airport.

After purchasing a book at inflated airport prices — “The Second Chance Convenience Store” by Kim Ho-yeon, which I whole-heartedly recommend — I was perusing the food court options when a curious and non-descript announcement came over the intercom.

“The Christian church service will start in five minutes in the airport chapel in Concourse C.”

Still having more than three hours to kill at that point before boarding my connecting flight, I figured it couldn’t hurt to track down this chapel and find out what on earth a church service was doing in the middle of a bustling airport on a Thursday afternoon.

At the entrance to Concourse C, I took an elevator to a second level and, with my luggage in tow, entered a small room overlooking the terminal. Inside were four other travelers and a welcoming chaplain who directed us to pull out hymn books stored beneath the seats.

Together, a middle-aged woman struggling to identify God’s direction in her life, a mom and daughter from Ethiopia, a

young man dealing with a death in his family and myself sang the hymn, “How Great Thou Art,” as we each waited to get on flights going who knows where.

The chaplain then asked each of us for individual prayer requests and we prayed together, before he delivered a short sermon on Proverbs 3:5-6:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Within the condensed sermon that must have only been about 10 minutes long, airport chaplain the Rev. Dave Pearson explained God’s guidance in a way I had never heard before — likening it to GPS.

When you miss your freeway exit because you got distracted, does the GPS say you went the wrong way and there’s nothing it can do for you now?

No. It simply says, “recalculating route.”

It is the same with God’s will for our lives.

As earnest Christians, it can be a common struggle to agonize over which choice God would have us make and to fear that if we make the wrong one, we will miss out on His right plan for our lives.

Instead, we can trust as we seek His guidance and follow His word, should we step off the path, He will redirect us.

No matter how many wrong turns you make during a drive, the GPS never says it’s too many to

reach your destination.

The entire service lasted less than a half hour and left me feeling incredibly renewed and uplifted — and not just because we were offered pieces of chocolate on our way out.

I’d come to find out, the service is a ministry of Chicago’s Moody Bible Church, which offers 30-minute services three times a day at both of Chicago’s major airports — two of only 18 airports in the country to hold Protestant church services.

Unfortunately, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport is not among them.

“Many airports in the Bible Belt can’t even conduct religious services,” Senior Protestant Chicago Chaplain Dr. Hutz Hertzberg said in a past interview for Wheaton College Magazine. “But here in Chicago, we can conduct gospel-centered services 18 times a week in these mega-mission fields where the world comes through. We have full freedom to preach the gospel, pass out Bibles and pray with people — and we do.”

Next time you have a layover scheduled, look ahead to see if the airport might offer a similar ministry during that time period.

Midway holds Protestant services at 10 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. weekdays, as well as at 10 a.m. and noon Sundays.

The chaplain joked it may be the only church service you ever attend where you’re more than welcome to get up and leave in the middle.

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fare, so too there will be a last Christmas hosted by Mom ... a last wrench held by Dad. Little endings that pass without our awareness.

In her work “Praying our Goodbyes,” Joyce Rupp uses the butterfly’s metamorphosis as a metaphor for the spiritual transformation of aging: The caterpillar represents our youthful false self, the chrysalis symbolizes the dark periods of struggle and loss where transformation occurs and the butterfly embodies our liberated, authentic self that emerges from this process. Just as a butterfly must fight to break free from its chrysalis to develop strong wings capable of flight, we must fully experience our pain and grief to achieve genu-

ine spiritual growth.

Attempting to spare our loved ones from suffering, though compassionate in intent, actually robs them of the transformative power of the experience that will eventually enable them to fly.

Accompanying our children and our parents through all the mighty upheavals of aging is sacred work. Loving accompaniment is often all we can offer and in this accompaniment, we too experience transformative pain and loss. A little of our green fades and our own true colors begin their reveal. It is such a beautiful mystery how love protects us from nothing, even as it sustains us in all things.

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portion of Patterson's southeast section between a portion of hill and the forested fence line bordering Bedford Lane.

"I think of a farmer's meadow with grain growing three to four feet tall," Commissioner Larry Haggart told beautification representatives. "Is that what you're envisioning?"

"It kind of feels that way," Konieczki said. "It's a mix of native blooming species. You'll see lots of flowers as well as native grasses. Once established, you don't have to water them as often. They're very hardy."

She said impacts on wildlife would be positive.

"One of the best examples is the killdeer, a ground-nesting shorebird

that calls Patterson Park home," Konieczki said. "In the past couple years, they've had a lot of difficulty. They tend to want to nest on that hill, but because there's so much activity, they haven't been very successful with their nests. I see it as a great opportunity to educate residents about this amazing shorebird that are ground-nesting. Their eggs completely blend in. You wouldn't see them on the hill. This would give them a place to nest."

Haggart: "How about snakes and rodents?"

Konieczki: "That's a good question. I don't know."

Haggart: "Coyotes?"

Konieczki: "They are all connected. Coyotes take care of the bunny population and things like that."

"Have you looked at other areas of the park?" Hindelang asked.

"This is the only suitable area for something

like this," Creighton said. "Ground-nesting birds, the killdeer, are having trouble because you said there was so much activity there?" Hindelang said.

"It's not protected," Konieczki said.

"The top of the hill — they lay their eggs there," Creighton said. "It's exposed. Last year, they didn't survive."

"The year before, they didn't either," Konieczki said.

"I'm concerned about ticks," Commissioner James Ceuninck said. "My kids migrate to that side of that park. Having three-foot grass — we've got tick problems. They seem to be getting worse every year. With tall grass, I have additional concerns."

"The meadow doesn't create an environment for ticks," Konieczki said. "Ticks like to live on the edges of forested areas."

Farms to elect new mayor next week

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Farms will elect a new mayor Tuesday, Nov. 4, as residents choose between two well-established councilmen: John Gillooly and Joe Ricci.

Judge Charles Berschback is running unopposed, as are incumbent councilmembers Sierra Donaven and Beth Konrad Wilberding. Former public safety director Dan Jensen is running unopposed for the third council seat, which is being vacated by Gillooly in his run for mayor.

Residents also will

vote whether to approve a 20-year, \$120-million GPPSS bond request.

"Election Day preparation is going great," Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki said this week. "We have all of our election inspectors appointed and we are ready to process absentee voters and in-person voters for the November election."

The city is expecting a total turnout of 40 percent, based on previous election data, and about half of which will be absentee voters.

"If you're planning on voting in person on

Election Day, I recommend that if you can, to avoid long lines, don't go at the start of the day or the end of the day," Kozicki noted. "Try to go in the off times."

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, which is the designated polling location for all precincts in the Farms.

"The War Memorial location is really beneficial to the voter because there's only one location for people to remember," Kozicki

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ance, \$3,000 for administrative services, \$8,000 for audit services and \$3,000 for legal services.

"If we add those up, as a commission, we're being cautious and we're putting aside \$20,000 for any expenditures which could come our way," commission chair and Woods Councilwoman Vicki Granger said. "There are costs associated with being a separate entity. We're required to do a separate audit. We've been getting some legal advice looking at these contracts and at a point we will receive a bill for those.

"Insurance, it may be a high number, but I think it's a 'better to be safe than sorry' type of approach. We don't own any buildings. We don't have any employees, so we're not paying workers' comp, etc. Our insurance is essentially (because) we have a fiduciary responsibility."

In future years, The Helm's senior services allocation is subject to a 5 percent adjustment, should commissioners need to adjust the budget based on variations that could take place within its operating costs.

"For example, if your insurance costs went up or down or your auditor costs went up or down, you would have the abil-

ity within that 5 percent to make those adjustments to your operating expenses," City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Joe Valentine said to commissioners. "... Because a lot of it is unknown being the first year, going into the second year and also the following years from there, this 5 percent contingency allows you that flexibility to manage those uncertainties."

Senior services agreement

The senior services agreement contracts The Helm for the length of the millage, through June 30, 2031. Funds will be transferred in equal semi-annual payments due Nov. 1, and May 1,

each year.

"We're just super excited and we're thankful to the Active Adult Commission for all the work they put into getting this done, because this is new for all of us," said Krista Siddall, executive director of The Helm. "And we're super thankful to the community, because they all felt the need to support us with the millage and place their trust in us. We're going to step up and do the best we can for our generation coming to make sure that we increase their longevity and increase their quality of living."

Essentially doubling The Helm's budget from last year, the majority of millage funding is set to go toward expansion programming — a significant focus of which is the implementation of an adult day program.

Siddall reported the organization is close to securing a leased space to house a senior day center with programming for physical health, cognitive stimulation, creativity, social connection, therapeutic activities and well-balanced meals. The offering will require an additional fee to partake.

Expanded programming also encapsulates the organization's desire to make its programming more accessible by bringing it to other locations within the five member communities.

"Seeing us in Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Woods, the Park or seeing us throughout the

community offering programming at different locations will not be unusual within this next year," Siddall said. "I can say that for sure."

Helm-goers also will see the nonprofit dipping its toes further into nutritional food access programming, comprehensive cultural programming and intergenerational programming, where kids are paired with seniors for special projects or events.

"There's been a lot of research to show that intergenerational programming can have a really big impact on seniors feeling socially isolated or a little bit of depression," Siddall said, "whereas the kids, they also feel nurtured and they feel valued. So we see both sides of that coin; both their buckets are getting filled."

The scope of service outlined in the senior services agreement also includes areas in which The Helm already is active, such as Meals on Wheels; senior outreach and assistance with medical equipment lending, Medicare and case coordination; health and wellness services like vaccine clinics, fitness programs and support groups; and education and enrichment.

"I think we're going to look at volunteer services a little differently in the next year, too," Siddall said. "This is just a little teaser, but I know we're going to be offering some other opportunities and doing some matching with volun-

teers and such to keep our seniors engaged, to keep them finding something that they're passionate about and finding something that serves them as far as their skill set.

"... Luckily, these millage funds are making it possible to make all of these dreams we have come to reality."

Ratification of the senior services agreement came just two weeks after Jim and Patti Anderson committed to funding the beginning stages of an endowment at The Helm, to the tune of \$1 million a year for five years beginning in 2026.

Just as The Helm worked toward the passage of a senior services millage to secure its future in the community, the organization also has been aiming toward the goal of implementing an endowment.

"(The donation) will really get our endowment jump started, which is something we wanted to do because eventually someday we would like to not have to rely on a millage," Siddall said. "I know we have the millage for six years and more than likely we'll be asking for a second millage — most places always continue their millage — but someday if we can get \$10 million or \$15 million in an endowment and we keep investing, we don't touch the principal and then we have the investments and we have the interest, there's a possibility that we might not need that."

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Cook to welcome second graders this spring

Donations needed to sustain program

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Second graders throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School System will get a feel for old-fashioned learning next spring when their classes visit Cook Schoolhouse.

The effort, led by Maire Elementary School teacher Sarah Neely, will bring history to life for nearly 500 second graders. It's reminiscent of a now-defunct program of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

"Twenty years ago, kids went to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provencal-Weir House," Neely said. "They'd tour the house and on the third floor was a replica of a one-room schoolhouse."

There, the society's former education director, Izzy Donnelly, would lead students through a curriculum written by its former executive director, Suzy Berschback.

"When Izzy left, I recruited a couple of retired teachers to take over the role of docent teacher," Neely said. "Last year ... the program closed to kids."

"My Plan B was, I love the Provencal-Weir House, but we have an authentic one-room schoolhouse down the street," she continued. "How about we partner with the community to use this awesome artifact?"

Working with Grosse Pointe Woods, Neely began to put her plan in place. Councilwoman Vicki Granger, she said, has been instrumental in its development.

"In September, Grosse Pointe Woods waived the fee on Cook so all the second-grade teachers could go and get the one-room experience their kids would have," Neely said. "They fell in love with Cook, which was our goal."

Neely wrote an updated



A handful of desks are available, but Eagle Scout candidate Hayden Senter will build benches for the room.

curriculum for the project, which aligns with the district's newly updated social studies curriculum and focuses on how schooling and transportation have changed over time.

"We got a grant through the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for slates and McGuffey's Readers and old-fashioned games," Neely said.

Next spring, students will set aside their Chromebooks while Donnelly and Barb Davis portray 1900s schoolmarm, leading students through half-day lessons.

"At the core of the program, we are introducing our youngest citizens to civic engagement," Neely said.

Students will connect with local businesses, government and community organizations to share what they've learned by writing historical postcards, she explained.

"We're learning about community and we want to educate other people in the community about what we're learning," Neely said. "It's a social studies project based on civic engagement."

There's more work to be done before the project is

student-ready. For example, there are desks inside the schoolhouse, but not enough seating for an entire classroom, so Neely reached out to Eagle Scout candidate Hayden Senter, a student at Grosse Pointe North High School. Senter agreed to build benches for the project.

Additionally, while the GPFPE will act as the fiduciary steward, more funding is needed.

"We want it be a sustainable, annual event, so people can depend on their second grader having this chance," Neely said. "We want to make it 100 percent sponsored by the community. If it's a supported community effort, it makes it a realizable, expected part of tradition."

Donating is easy, she said.

"When you donate to the foundation, there's a description for Cook Schoolhouse. The donation will go directly to our project so they can sponsor this for our kids. I'm going to reach out to organizations to see if we can get more support from the community and from individuals. I think it would be a great thing most people can get behind."

Cook Schoolhouse was built in 1890, and educated students from the Grosse Pointes and Gratiot Township until it closed in 1922. Grosse Pointe Woods acquired the building in 2006, to save it from demolition.

"We hope to foster a partnership with the Woods where they feel really happy for having kids there," Neely said. "We're grateful they're sharing this tremendous asset with the rest of the Pointes."

The Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission has intended to get students back inside

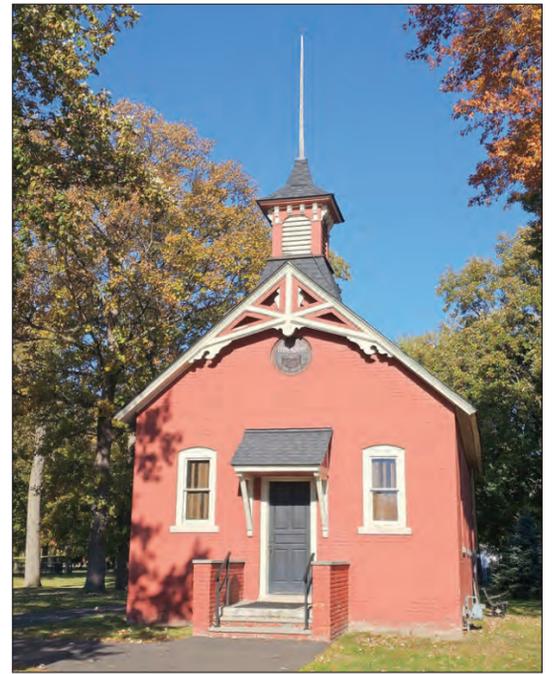
Cook, Neely said.

"Over 100 years later, having Grosse Pointe kids educated in a place where early Grosse Pointe residents were schooled is a pretty exciting thing to happen," Neely said. "There will be a lot of ideas and dreams coming true when we get the kids back into Cook."

Second graders are getting excited about their impending visit. They've been encouraged to dress in old-fashioned garb for the day. With the option of having lunch onsite, they've also been told plastic lunchboxes are a no-no; food — perhaps a chunk of cornbread wrapped in paper or a whole tomato — should be carried in a pail or basket.

"I feel it's the kind of program that kids will remember," Neely said. "It's place-based and hands-on. Second graders learn best when they are doing things like this. It puts them in the role of students in the 1900s. When kids are doing and acting like students did over 100 years ago, that's when they understand at a much deeper level."

"I think this is an oppor-



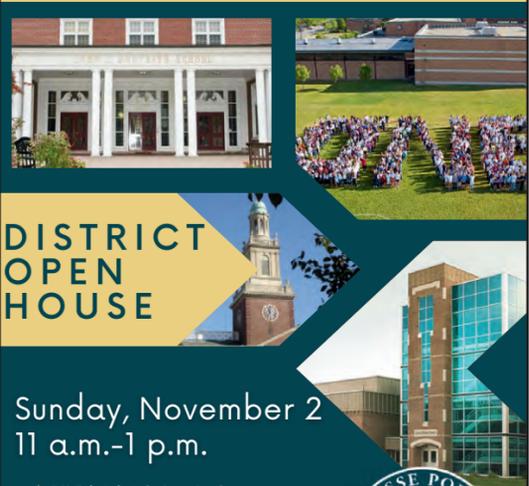
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The Cook Schoolhouse will open to second graders next spring.

tunity for our community to come together and really support our youngest citizens and get them excited about civic engagement," she added, "but it's also a way to preserve our own history. These kids want to share what they've learned."



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said. "If they show up and they're in the wrong line, instead of having to drive across town, they simply walk across the ballroom and go to a different line, which really helps prevent voters from just giving up and going home. We

don't experience that." Additionally, city hall will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, for absentee voting and voter registration. Absentee ballots may be returned by mail or placed in the white drop box located in the parking lot behind city hall at 90 Kerby.

— Laurel Kraus



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Halloween in the Park

It was hard to tell trickers from most of the treaters during last weekend's Halloween in the Park. Participation on both sides of the candy give-and-take dressed in costumes Saturday afternoon, Oct. 25, at Windmill Pointe Park. Director of Parks and Recreation Chad Craig said around 550 people registered for the annual event, so popular it is held in three, 30-minute sections. Candy-givers Mina Pohlman, Madison Ridgeway and Claire Williams, all in eighth grade at Pierce Middle School, dressed as witches while manning one of 22 stations spread through the park's lakeside picnic area. Another presenter, Andrew Sigman, left, hosts a recreation workshop this week teaching youth of all ages how to draw comics on iPads. He said students receive sufficient foundation to publish their own web-comics.

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LETTERS:

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It's time for leadership that values accountability, community pride and progress. Please join me in voting for Chris Boettcher for mayor and Dave Calcaterra for city council — and help restore the City of Grosse Pointe.

LISA PAPAS
City of Grosse Pointe

Take meaningful action

To the Editor:

In our family, I'm known as "Safety Grammie." Extremely cautious, I ask that in lieu of birthday gifts, they follow safe practices — two hands on the wheel, no texting while driving or biking, helmet when riding, call if you need a ride, etc.

The local social media pages are full of close calls and even accidents several times a week: drivers blowing stop signs and traffic lights, near misses, driving while high and ignoring speed limits, kids flying around at the speed of cars on e-bikes, very few helmets worn, texting while biking, children who are too young riding in the street.

It used to be a child had to be 12 years old to ride in the street. It used to be many more kids wore helmets. Though strongly, strongly advised by the medical community and

public safety, that is no longer the case.

Parents: You and your family wear seat belts, have airbags and lock your car doors in the comparative safety of your car. Why ever would you feel comfortable, or be so careless, as to allow your child these dangerous practices? Why would you risk a closed-head injury or worse?

My letter is strongly worded, but I've been witnessing this for too long. How bad does it need to get before parents take meaningful action?

KAROLE STEEN
Grosse Pointe Park

Not newsworthy?

To the Editor:

Last Saturday, Oct. 18, a demonstration took place on Mack Avenue and Cadieux in Grosse Pointe and across the street in Detroit. Some people referred to this gathering as a "hate America" pro-

test. The opposite was true as people of all ages, including families with their children, gathered to express their concern for the state of democracy in our beloved country.

I searched yesterday's current issue of the Grosse Pointe News and could not find an article related to the demonstration. I did find a front-page article in the Grosse Pointe Times estimating a crowd of 1,000 people who protested in a non-violent manner.

The masthead of the Grosse Pointe News states it offers "Complete News Coverage of all the Pointes." Is a peaceful gathering of 1,000 people expressing concern for our democracy not newsworthy in Grosse Pointe? MARY KAY DOMZALSKI
Grosse Pointe Park

Editor's Note: Photos and a recap of the event were made available online at grossepointe.news.com.

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Coming Full Circle Resale store officially open

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A line of eager customers didn't mind the chill in the air as they awaited the official opening of the Full Circle Resale Shop the morning of Friday, Oct. 24.

The small crowd — also including Full Circle administrators, volunteers and TEAM 26 members — cheered when a ceremonial ribbon was cut to mark the occasion.

Just before opening, those same administrators, volunteers and TEAM 26 members stood inside the spacious shop in a hushed huddle, as Evie Ansell, store manager, shared a few words.

"There's a lot I could say, but I want to make sure, since we're all together, to say thank you," she told the group in advance of the opening. "Our volunteers, we could not operate without you. You give and give and give every week. Thank you for all the days you're here.

"This is an incredible opportunity," she continued. "I'm grateful for all of you who are here today. It's not going to be perfect and that's OK; we'll fix it. We want people to have a fun time

today and enjoy their shopping experience."

Once the doors officially opened, TEAM 26 members greeted shoppers with hugs, high-fives and thank-you gifts. Shoppers scattered to check out the store's vast inventory — clothing for men, women and children, plus jewelry, handbags and other accessories — spread throughout 5,600 square feet of floor space.

"It's overwhelming and perfect," said Stephanie DiVirgil, Full Circle's director of operations. "The store is perfect. The morning is perfect. It's amazing."

"I'm so grateful for this new adventure for us," Ansell added. "I'm grateful to the Van Elslanders; they made this possible. I'm grateful for our incredible staff and volunteers. We count on our volunteers and they do not disappoint. And we love our customers."

"This is a whole new experience for them," she continued. "When I was a young mother, Jacobson's was my go-to spot because I could push a stroller through the aisles and shop and be with my kids. This space reminds me of that."

"... This is a new shop-

ping experience for people. It will change every day. Donations come in continuously, so if you come on a Tuesday and come back Wednesday, you'll see things that are totally different. That's part of the draw. Also, all the proceeds go to the Full Circle Foundation, which is another incentive."

The Full Circle Foundation helps individuals with special needs by providing training and opportunities for increased independence. Among those opportunities is employment at its resale shop.

"Every stage of this has been overwhelming," Full Circle founder Mary Fodell said. "Look at where we came from 16 years ago — (selling formal dresses) in the lobby at North (High School). All along, everybody's helping us, everybody's believing in us. There's such a team spirit here. It's never just one person; it's all of us working together."

"This is just something really good happening," she continued. "I'm always believing in the kids first. ... They feel the love. We've been trying hard for so long. You just don't give up. It's all about the kids."



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

Full Circle staff flank board President Sue Banner and founder Mary Fodell as they cut a ceremonial ribbon ahead of the shop's grand opening Friday, Oct. 24. Documenting the moment around them are supporters eager to step through the newly opened doors.



Shoppers began browsing the selection moments after the doors officially opened.

Full Circle Board President Sue Banner expressed gratitude for the A.A. Van Elslander Foundation and Jim and Patti Anderson for their help acquiring the property.

"I cannot believe we're here after so many years of trying to get this done," Banner said. "This is our forever home; welcome home."

The construction project was helmed by lifelong Grosse Pointe Dan Connell of Connell Building Co., who was on hand for the grand opening.

"Dan's team has been here every second for us, answering our calls, being available to us — for the little stuff and the huge stuff," Ansell said. "They made this beautiful space possible."

"It's very exciting to be here for this great organization," Connell said.

"It's great for the community and great for everyone involved. ... These are great people and a great organization and, seeing it come together, I'm proud to be a part of it."

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges also was on hand to celebrate the store's first day. She said the project was a community effort.

"It's important that we surround ourselves with goodness," Hodges said. "This was a community working together — working in solidarity, not charity."

The Full Circle Resale Shop is located at 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

It shares a driveway with a second Full Circle building, which currently is under construction. Connell said he anticipates completion in late June 2026.



The new resale store features clothing for men, women and children, as well as an assortment of handbags, jewelry, shoes and other accessories, displayed in a spacious and wide-open floor plan.

Inaugural Warrior Run benefits JT Mestdagh Foundation

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Competitors supporting one another through shouts of encouragement was one of the highlights of the first Warrior Run and Endurance Challenge, which took place Sunday, Oct. 12, in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Hosted by the JT Mestdagh Foundation, in partnership with Fusion Integrated Training, the event welcomed 100 participants to race against the clock to complete as many laps around Vernier Hill as possible in one hour.

“So basically, it’s the perimeter of the park,” Grosse Pointe Farms resident JT Mestdagh said. “There were two ascents and two descents per lap, all within a 0.65-mile loop.”

In planning the event, Mestdagh — an author, philanthropist and thrill-seeker — enlisted the help of his friends, PJ and Nick Vlahantones, owners of Fusion Integrated Training. The trio came up with the idea after brainstorming about locally hosting something different than a 5K run or walk.

“PJ and I, and Nick, too, have done different things across the country,” Mestdagh said. “We did the 29,029 climb and the Broken Arrow Skyrace, which are running and hiking events. We learned a lot from them.”

Though there are no mountains to scale in Grosse Pointe, the organizers thought they could create a challenging event at Vernier Hill. Participants could manage the route however they wanted — “running, walking, skipping, jumping,” Mestdagh laughed.

“Some people were discouraged; it sounds hard,” he added. “Some



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The inaugural Warrior Run and Endurance Challenge welcomed 100 participants.

people did one or two laps. The most someone did was 13 laps.

“We capped it at 100 participants,” he continued. “We felt comfortable with that number. From the start, people with different paces spread out, so it was manageable.”

Enthusiastic participants, sunny weather and community support worked together to make the event a success.

“Grosse Pointe Shores was so helpful,” Mestdagh said. “(City Manager) Steve Poloni was a huge advocate for this. The staff was receptive, too, and provided cones and handled parking. It went off perfectly.”

Another measure of success was the way competitors cheered for each other.

“People were supporting each other,” Mestdagh said. “There’d be people going up one side of the hill where other people were coming down, and they’d be encouraging them to keep going. There were a lot of familiar faces out there, too.”

While participation was capped, plenty of spectators milled around “Basecamp,” which featured music and a series of vendors.



Left, event organizers, from left, PJ Vlahantones, Nick Vlahantones and JT Mestdagh. Above, from left, Brett Bear, Marzena Tomasiak and Danielly Noecker take a lap.

“Basecamp was where people came to hang out and cheer on the people at the start line,” Mestdagh said. “Our vendors were Lululemon Grosse Pointe, Hansons Running Shop, Subway Grosse Pointe and Rhythm & Blue, so there were things for people to do on the sidelines.”

Mestdagh said funds

raised for the inaugural event, which still were being tallied at press time, surpassed his expectations.

Proceeds benefitted the JT Mestdagh Foundation, which stands on two pillars: medical and educational.

“We help with medical supplies for children with colorectal issues,” said Mestdagh, who was born with VACTERL syndrome, for which he had 16 major surgeries before age 16. “We provide supplies to patients and their families through my doctors. We also support Ronald McDonald House Detroit and other Ronald McDonald Houses, through the night-stay program, where families and children stay as they undergo medical treatment.”

Under the educational pillar, the foundation works with Beyond Basics tutors, training them in the Tattum program, which helped

Mestdagh tremendously after his severe dyslexia diagnosis as a child.

“And altogether through my life, the good Lord has blessed me in a lot of ways,” he added, noting his strong faith in God, “so the foundation also supports Young Life Grosse Pointe.”

Having endured challenges his entire life, Mestdagh values the motivation he feels when someone tells him he can’t do something.

“One thing I love, with the different things in my life, medically and educationally, individuals were saying, ‘JT won’t be able to do that or accomplish that,’” he said. “Some of those things could be true, but I love to push myself, to challenge myself to overcome those obstacles. At a young age ... I learned how to put my best foot forward to accomplish things. This was not just a fundraiser. It was for people to push themselves and challenge themselves physically.”

The Warrior Run wasn’t the first fundraiser for the foundation this year. Mestdagh put himself to the test during the Benedict 100, which involved “skinning,” or uphill skiing, from Aspen

to Vail, Colo., 100 miles over seven days.

“We reached our goal of \$100,000 for the foundation,” he said.

He was joined on that challenge by childhood friends and Grosse Pointers, John Herbert and Greg Nelson, both of whom supported him at the Warrior Run, which he hopes to host again next year.

“I would love to do it again and would love to see if other vendors will participate,” he said. “It’s a great addition to the foundation and, working with PJ and Nick, I’m thankful Fusion is a partner in this. And thanks to Grosse Pointe Shores and the vendors.”

Up next for the foundation is next month’s donor thank-you event at Ford House. Those who’ve shown support will hear from patients who have benefitted from the foundation, organizations who have been impacted by donations and others.

“As for fundraising, there’s more on the horizon for next year,” Mestdagh said. “Next year hopefully we’ll do another run and also some other fun challenges, too.”



Left, from left, Beth Cunnane, Danielly Noecker and JT Mestdagh are all smiles after the event. Right, from left, William Malouf, Nick Vlahantones and Jessica Vlahantones.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

Farms, offers programs and activities for the community. For informa-

tion on the following, visit warmemorial.org.

◆ Hallows’ Eve Masquerade, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Tickets are \$85.

◆ “The AC-119 Gunships: From Cargo to Combat,” 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, with author Barry Levine.

◆ Opera Soiree: Prosecco, Pasta & Puccini, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. Tickets are \$80 per person and sold by table.

◆ Second Saturdays at TWM: Wild Wildlife, 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. Tickets are \$10 per child.

◆ Veterans’ Day Breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11. Breakfast is free for veterans, \$20 per guest.

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Kids on the Go Executive Director Kristy Schena and Lakeshore Optimist Club President Steve Licari.

Kids on the Go ED speaks to Lakeshore Optimist Club

Kristy Schena, executive director of Kids on the Go, gave an update about the nonprofit's programs and services during a recent visit to the Lakeshore Optimist Club.

Kids on the Go provides children with special needs, ages 3 to 17, with physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies during the summer and school year. The program offerings go beyond traditional therapy, integrating therapy goals into engaging and fun activities that foster development, build confidence and promote independence. Among its programs are adaptive bowling, Exploring Foods with Friends,

Build Up Robotics, flag football, bike riding, multidisciplinary camp and more.

Schena started Kids on the Go in 1999, and with her team has built a wide range of programming that keeps evolving and growing. For more information, visit kidsonthegocamp.com.

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

Gearing up for Thanksgiving food drive

Community invited to contribute

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Students at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School are gearing up for some friendly competition as they launch their annual Thanksgiving food drive.

"This year's theme is 'Tackling Hunger,' so it's sports themed," said Tricia Kesteloot, St. Paul's coordinator of evangelical charity and service. "Everything is related to sports — so we're tackling hunger on the field and we're all part of the team to fight food insecurity."

Classrooms will compete against each other during the drive, which runs Nov. 1 to 20, and the community is invited to help as well.

"The parish and community are welcome to drop off items in the pantry box in our gathering space," Kesteloot said. "An Eagle Scout candidate, Lucas Curtis,

has built and stained a pantry box three times bigger than our old one. People drop off nonperishables all year round in the gathering space. We welcome anyone to donate items if they wish."

The collection culminates with an all-school pep assembly Nov. 21, during which staff will compete in a series of football-related challenges. Though Kesteloot was mum about the details, one certainty is the creation of two 10-foot goal posts made from cases of Velvet Peanut Butter.

Velvet is owned by St. Paul parishioner Mark Reith.

"He's donating all the peanut butter for every pantry," Kesteloot said. "So now we have to make sure we have enough jam and jelly."

Items being collected include breakfast bars, cereal and oatmeal; boxed meals, milk and

rice; canned beans, fruit, tuna and vegetables; sauces, soups and stews; macaroni and cheese, pasta, proteins and potatoes; and plastic jars only of jam and jelly.

"Our goal is 15,000 items," Kesteloot said.

Donations will be divided between four ministries: Nativity of the Lord Parish and Pantry, St. Veronica Parish, Deo Gratias Ministries (St. Jude Parish) and St. Raymond Parish.

Following the Nov. 21 assembly, junior high students will load food donations into 15 vehicles, which will deliver the goods.

"There's such a need for food that has only increased since last year," Kesteloot said.

"We're getting calls regularly, twice as much per week, or letters from different organizations that provide food assistance, asking for us to consider donating or

advertising that their pantry or soup kitchen is in need of food or volunteers."

Those looking for a more hands-on way to assist the drive or participate in the church's charitable activities can find multiple service opportunities online at stpaulonthelake.org/charity-and-service.

For more information about the drive, call Kesteloot at (313) 885-4816 or email tkesteloot@stpaulonthelake.org.

"Myself and the team working on this, it's such a joy to plan this with this group of people," Kesteloot said. "They have such enthusiasm. Carla Schultz, one of our fifth-grade teachers, she and I think about and talk about this from summer on. ... I love how we can show people that we can care for others."

"... And we need the help," she added. "It's our desire to work as a team with everyone in our community, because everyone is our neighbor."

WEDDING



Mrs. and Mr. Maxwell David Warren

Warren—Sarandrea

Maxwell David Warren and Jaclyn Paige Sarandrea were married Aug. 29, 2025, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, in a ceremony co-officiated by the Rev. Jeff Lincicome and the Rev. Dan Quagliata. A reception followed at the Detroit Athletic Club's outdoor pavilion.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Jeanne Sarandrea of Pinckney. The groom is the son of Dave and Christy Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The bride wore an elegant A-line gown featuring a delicate silk belt and hand-sewn, three-dimensional floral elements, designed by Harmony by Gabrielle Atelier. She also wore a matching cathedral-length veil and carried a bouquet of dahlias, English roses, foxglove and ranunculus in shades of pink, burgundy, white and green.

The bride's sister, Payton Sarandrea, served as maid of honor. Her sister-in-law, Allie Giorgio, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's sister-in-law, Abigail Warren; cousin, Lauren Mestdagh; and eight other close friends.

They wore a variety of long gowns in shades of pink, green and brown, and carried matching floral bouquets.

The groom's brother, Jack Warren, served as best man. Groomsmen were the groom's brother-in-law, Frank Giorgio; his cousins, Billy Mestdagh and Mike Oliver; and 10 of his close friends.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising and public relations from Grand Valley State University. She is an event director for corporate luxury events.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising from Grand Valley State University. He is a financial advisor with Primerica.

The couple will honeymoon in the British Virgin Islands in 2026. They live in Grosse Pointe.

BIRTH



Olivia Capri Oliver

Olivia Capri Oliver

Lindsey and Michael Oliver of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Capri Oliver, who was born Sept. 10, 2025.

Her maternal grandparents are Cathy and William Mestdagh Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park. Her paternal grandparents are Peter and Kelly Oliver of Grosse Pointe Park.

Her great-grandparents are William Mestdagh Sr., Beverly Coats and Sharon Burke, all of Grosse Pointe.

ENGAGEMENT



Jack Warren and Morgan McCarroll

Warren—McCarroll

Dave and Christy Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their son, Jack Christopher Warren, to Morgan Taite McCarroll, the daughter of Dave and Karlee McCarroll of Hermosa Beach, Calif.

An August 2026 wedding is planned.

Miss McCarroll earned a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising with a minor in retail management from Michigan State University. She is an executive with The RealReal, a luxury consignment business.

Mr. Warren earned a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising from Michigan State University. He is a national sales director for Elmhurst 1925.

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OBITUARIES

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

Dr. Stelios "Steve" S. Tsangalias

Dr. Stelios "Steve" S. Tsangalias, 89, passed away peacefully Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

Corewell (previously Bon Secours) was the main hospital at which Dr. Tsangalias performed surgery for more than 40 years — where he became chief of surgery and then chief of staff. He was a member of numerous professional medical societies and thoroughly enjoyed his career as a plastic surgeon and advocate for doctors and nurses.

Steve grew up in a Greek community in Alexandria, Egypt, and accepted a residency program in Detroit after completing medical school. Before leaving for America he toured Europe, sparking his lifelong love of travel and appreciation of different cultures and ideas. He continued his world travels throughout his life, bringing his wife and daughters with him to share in the adventures.

Upon arriving in Detroit, he connected with Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and, through that community, met his lovely wife of 61 years, Joann Georgeades. Together they supported and sponsored their beloved church and many Greek cultural organizations. They had a warm and cheerful home life with three daughters and, eventually, eight grandchildren.

A true embodiment of the American dream, he came to this country with \$6 in his pocket and created a beautiful life for himself and his family through his intelligence, determination and clever wit. Steve was a skillful surgeon, but also was an inventor, creator, explorer and philanthropist. He was a loyal and loving husband, brilliant and patient father and generous and warmhearted friend. He enjoyed a good laugh and clever anecdote and always made time to help anybody who needed assistance.

Steve always had great curiosity and passion for learning. He was fond of

researching complex topics and mastering new skills. He enjoyed explaining things in detail and his patience was unlimited. His knowledge also was seemingly unlimited. He built homes, repaired cars, dabbled in photography and made sure he always was on the cutting edge of technology. Steve singlehandedly escorted Assumption Church into the digital age and continued to maintain its computer system for decades.

Always the individual, he steadfastly did things his own way. He invented gadgets and surgical instruments that did not yet exist. He modified his homes and cars to suit his needs. And occasionally, he happily chose to ignore rules and regulations in favor of a better, safer or simply more pleasing end result.

Steve's belief in kindness and charity was exemplified in the many ways he donated his time, talents and resources. He was a very active member and past president of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe. Its motto of "Service Above Self" was his personal philosophy. He performed much-needed surgical procedures on disadvantaged children from other countries, was a founder of Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center, founder and continued supporter of the Hellenic Museum of Michigan and a generous and often anonymous benefactor to many people and organizations who were in need of financial resources.

His life was well-lived and he was well-loved by all who knew him.

Steve was predeceased by his wife, Joann (nee Georgeades) Tsangalias. He is survived by his daughters, Cynthia Portwood (Richard), Penelope Mulch (Theodore) and Stacy Jurgiel (Robert); sister, Mina Coletsos (Michael); and grandchildren, Max Portwood, Ally Portwood, Cooper Mulch, Chloe Mulch, Olivia Jurgiel, Joanna Jurgiel, George Jurgiel and Ruby Jurgiel.

Funeral services were held at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hellenic Museum of Michigan, 67 E. Kirby, Detroit, MI 48202, givebutter.com/THMM; or Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 480480, go assumption.org/stewardship.

Elizabeth "Beth" Moran

Elizabeth "Beth" (née Pankhurst) Moran, 77, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, surrounded by her loving family and following a recurrence of breast cancer, a disease she fought bravely after 23 years in remission.

Beth was born in 1948, at Cottage Hospital, to William and Margaret (nee Roadstrum) Pankhurst. She was married to Joe, the love of her life, for 52 years, after having dated him for 10 years, starting in junior high. Together, they raised four children, Megan of Harbor Springs, Matthew of Winnetka, Ill., Elizabeth Lowe of Jupiter, Fla., and William of Wilmette, Ill. They were blessed with seven cherished grandchildren, David, Andrew and Charlotte Lowe, Michael and James Moran and Henry and Molly Moran.

Beth's life revolved around three central themes: family, kids and community.

Family always was Beth's greatest joy and purpose. She loved, nurtured, taught, advocated for, supported and cheered each of her four children in ways uniquely suited to their individual personalities. Beth spent time at football, hockey, soccer, swim meets, lacrosse games, recitals and musicals, always with her trademark love, enthusiasm and encouragement. As her children married and grandchildren arrived, family continued to come first — "always, always, always." It was her mission, her passion and her favorite pastime all rolled into one.

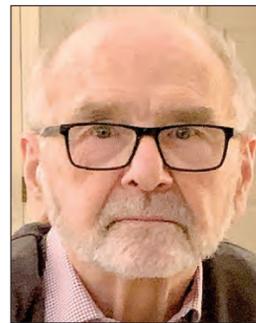
Beth married into a large family of seven siblings, with 24 children among them. Each of the Joe's siblings loved her as a sister and she embraced them all as her own. She



Dr. Stelios S. Tsangalias



Elizabeth Moran



Patrick K. Ryan, Ph.D.

found in the Morans the big, lively family she always dreamed of, despite growing up with one brother and no cousins. She is survived by her brother, William Pankhurst, of Asheville, N.C.

Beth's second lifelong passion was children. After graduating from Wayne State University with a degree in elementary education, her first teaching job was in Highland Park, where she taught third grade in a challenging, underprivileged community. Despite difficult and sometimes dangerous circumstances, she approached her students with conviction, compassion and boundless empathy. She often brought meals and clothing to children in need. She became a trusted figure in their lives — gestures that reflected her extraordinary heart and cemented her lifelong commitment to helping kids.

After the birth of her first child, Beth left teaching for a few years, but soon returned as a part-time pre-kindergarten teacher and later, director, for more than 20 years. Early on, she and two friends creatively swapped childcare duties so each could pursue part-time work, a testament to her organizational skills, determination and energy.

Beth went on to earn an advanced degree in special education and, in 1999, became a full-time pre-kindergarten special-needs teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Her compassion for children and their families shone brightly in this role; she considered her work a true calling and a gift. She retired in 2012, leaving a lasting legacy of love and learning.

Beth's third great passion was community. She brought energy, creativity and leadership to countless organizations over the years, including the Assistance League, Northeast Guidance Center, where she served as president, and The Family Center. She helped organize Richard Fest, co-chaired Art on the Pointe, led auto show charity preview ticket sales, co-founded the Grosse Pointe South High School girls' hockey team (which she helped elevate to varsity status) and was instrumental in creating the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League.

Her involvement extended to the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South, where she served as president, the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, Full Circle Foundation and Detroit Institute of Arts, among others. Whatever she touched, she improved with enthusiasm, creativity and love.

Beth also was a sailor in her younger years; a golfer, volleyball and pickleball player; and a dedicated member of a

beloved bridge group that played together for more than 40 years. Many of her happiest summers were spent at L'Arbre Croche in northern Michigan, where the family gathered to create memories that will endure for generations.

At the heart of everything was Beth's exceptional character — her generosity, thoughtfulness, empathy and quiet courage. She was known for her legendary birthday memory, kindness toward fellow breast cancer survivors, vast and wonderful circle of friends and grace in facing life's challenges without ever succumbing to self-pity.

In the full circle of life, as her illness progressed, her four children came together, united in love and devotion, to care for her with the same tenderness and strength she had given them throughout her life.

Visitation will occur from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A reception will begin at 9:30 a.m. She will be interred in the columbarium following the service. Beth requested that guests wear bright colors — not black — and don't forget the lipstick.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Full Circle Foundation, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, fullcircledn.org/donate/; or the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, 20601 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, gpfpe.org/donate/.

Patrick K. Ryan, Ph.D.

Patrick Kelaher Ryan, Ph.D., 78, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died peacefully Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, at Henry Ford St. John Hospital, after several extended illnesses.

Patrick was born Aug. 19, 1947, in Ontario, Canada, to Kathleen "Kay" Ryan and James Ryan, both now deceased. He is survived by his loving wife, Jane Ryan (nee Koch Bond); son, Liam Patrick Ryan, M.D. (Emily); stepchildren, Susan Venditto, Andrew Bond (Ann) and Patrick Bond (Stephanie); and three younger siblings, Danny Ryan (Marg), Colleen Kehoe (the late Don) and Maureen Curtis. He thoroughly enjoyed interacting with his seven grandchildren, Noah Venditto, Joshua Venditto, Brady Bond, Charlotte Bond, Blanche Kaine-Ryan, Wilma Kaine-Ryan and Collette Bond. Patrick also enjoyed family gatherings with his niece, Kelly Russell (Pierre); great-niece, Chloe Russell; and nephew, Ryan Kehoe (Jess).

Following his marriage to Jane in 1994, some of Patrick's most treasured memories were of their many international travels and visits to their lake house up north. He also was fond of frequent visits to the dog park with Jane and their goofy and lovable dog, Ginsburg.

Patrick came from a modest, loving background in Ontario. He was born with a hole in his heart the size of a quarter. At that time, there was no lifesaving treatment for his medical condition. Doctors believed he would not survive to adulthood. At 10 years old, he became the first child to receive a groundbreaking heart surgery, from which he not only survived, but thrived.

Due to this childhood medical trauma, he committed to living his life fully. Patrick put himself through college and earned a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Windsor. He had a thriving practice that specialized in neuropsychology and was especially known for evaluating patients with closed head injuries.

Patrick loved his work and never officially retired. In keeping with his father's example of helping others heal, Patrick's son, Liam, is a successful cardiothoracic surgeon in the D.C. area.

Patrick was kind, generous and terribly funny. He had a brilliant intellect and quirky, fun-filled sense of humor. He loved to read, learn, study and be challenged by solving problems. Patrick always believed the worst thing that could happen to him would be to lose his ability to think. Despite battling multiple cancer treatments, including a bone marrow transplant in 2023, his mind and wit remained fully intact until his last breath.

Patrick's professional colleague, a retired local judge, fondly stated: "Dr. Ryan was one of a kind. Practically every difficult custody or termination case contained Dr. Ryan's report. He testified in court, though it was not his favorite thing to do. He helped establish a Veterans Court program in Macomb County. He knew so much about so many things, including substance abuse, parenting and personality disorders. He had a great sense of humor. I'm richer for my experiences with Dr. Ryan."

Patrick Ryan will be greatly missed by Jane, his family, friends, colleagues and patients. A small private memorial service will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Dresner Clinical Cancer Center, 4100 John R., Detroit, MI 48201, karmanos.org/karmanos-foundation/donate-to-karmanos-foundation.

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Fundraiser fights cystic fibrosis

Gloria Kitchen dedicated her life to raising funds to fight cystic fibrosis, the disease she battled from birth. Her family and supporters celebrate her memory in an annual fundraising event.

Family members estimate Kitchen's efforts resulted in \$500,000 toward solving the disease that first took her brother, Thomas, in 1995, at age 30. Gloria Kitchen's own battle with CF ended in 2010 at age 32.

Remaining family members and friends inspired by her are determined to continue her unfinished work. The latest Hawaiian-themed fundraiser takes place 6:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Proceeds go directly to cystic fibrosis research.

"This will be a fun event that directly benefits research for improved thera-

pies for this devastating disease," Stephanie Kitchen Listman said. "It is a Hawaiian theme, so everyone should wear Hawaiian attire and join us in the battle against cystic fibrosis.

"Recent drug therapies, available to patients because of research, have vastly improved their health and quality of life," she added. "Our goal is for that kind of progress to continue for all cystic fibrosis patients."

The event features dinner and drinks, a tin can auction, raffles and more.

Tickets are \$90 per person, of which a portion is tax-deductible. There also are sponsorship opportunities. In addition, donations for auction items and raffle prizes are being sought.

For ticket information, visit kitchen foundation.org, call Listman at (313) 701-4787 or email ilovekitchen foundation@gmail.com.

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Stephen Douglas Sachs

Stephen "Steve" Douglas Sachs, 73, passed away suddenly Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend whose life was defined by love, laughter, dedication and connection.

Steve leaves behind the love of his life for 23 wonderful years, Kathryn. She was his constant companion in everything, from peaceful walks along the South Haven pier to evenings spent by the beach, sharing quiet moments and deep laughter. Together, they built a life full of warmth, devotion and joy.

Steve was the proud father of his cherished sons, Stephen Michael (Tori) and Jeffrey Alan Sachs; and stepsons, Corey and Christopher. He was the adoring, playful and deeply loving grandfather of Molly, Karianne, Sarabeth, Laurel, Naomi, Ezra and Demi, each of whom brought him endless pride and happiness.

He also is survived by his dear sister, Barbara



Stephen Douglas Sachs

Tyler; as well as close companion nephews, Leonard and Michael; and nieces, Kelly and Nancy, all of whom held the most special places in his heart. Matt, his best friend for nearly five decades, was considered family and was a steadfast presence through every joy and challenge.

Stephen was predeceased by his parents, Nellie and Leonard; and his brothers, Leonard, David and Gordon. His family believes they are welcoming him home for an incredible reunion with open arms, music and laughter.

An accomplished executive, Stephen graduated from Eastern Michigan University and built a remarkable career marked by leadership, drive and success. Those who knew him admired not only his talent but his kindness and humor. He

made everyone feel special and valued.

At home, "Dad" was the yard pro. His lawn and gardens were a point of pride and joy. He often could be found outside tending to every detail, creating beauty through his care and hard work.

He also was a music man, happiest with his guitar in hand and sharing his passion with everyone around him. His love for America, the Fourth of July and igniting fireworks shone brightly every year. His enthusiasm was contagious and full of life.

Above all, Steve was a truly great man thanks to his endless relationship and devotion to God. His warmth, humor and kindness will be missed by all who knew him and his spirit will live on in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to know and love him.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at Craig Kempf Funeral Home, 723 US Highway 27 N, Marshall.

Memorial donations may be made to a cause that was dear to Steve's heart, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 2000 Town Center, Ste. 1730, Southfield, MI 48075, bit.ly/3WsBMRL.



COURTESY PHOTO

Quilts of all sizes will be available for purchase during the Sew Gifted Sale.

Quilting for others

Stitching quilts for others is the purpose that binds together members of the Pieces Be With You quilting group in Grosse Pointe Farms, but the group relies on its semi-annual sale of quilts and other handmade items to generate the funds that enable it to continue its substantial charitable outreach.

The past 18 months, PBWY has created and donated nearly 400 quilts for foster children in southeastern Michigan, refugee families in Detroit and displaced

persons around the globe.

From 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, the community can benefit from the group's creativity by attending its third Sew Gifted Sale at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event features nearly 200 quilts for sale, plus an array of other handcrafted items including table runners, wall hangings, gnomes, pillowcases, aprons, purses, bags and totes, plus

many baby and Christmas items.

While Grosse Pointers can easily find bargains at one of multiple garage and estate sales in the community, Pieces Be With You offers the community's only quilt sale. At the Sew Gifted Sale, shoppers will find quilts for cat and dog lovers or fans of various universities and sports teams; quilts with modern designs and those with more traditional patterns and fabrics; crib-size

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History Tour, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13.

◆ Candlelight: The Wizard of Oz — A Classical Concert, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Tickets range from \$45 to \$67.

GPA

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

◆ Lines: Building Blocks of Art, with Saveria Giovinazzo, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21.

Harper Woods Library

The Friends of the Harper Woods Library sponsor an Artisan Market 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods. A variety of vendors will be selling everything from jewelry to homemade pickles.

Grosse Pointe Library

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

◆ Content Creator 101, Session 1, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 1, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

◆ Teddy Bear Sleepover: Dinovember Edition, all day Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov.

4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Dinovember Family Movie, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Drop-In Afternoon Kids' Craft, 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Teen Leadership Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Dinovember Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Holiday Photography with Monica Morgan, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Plot Twist: A Teen Book-to-Movie Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Library Bigs & Littles, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ford House

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

◆ Family Workshop: Bricks of Hope, Saturday, Nov. 1. Admission is \$5 for ages 3 to 17, \$8 for adults.

◆ Storytime: "Acorn was a Little Wild," 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4.

◆ Concert Over the Cove: Julie Dilworth, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. Tickets are \$75 for members, \$90 for the public.

◆ Maker Studio: Fused Glass Charcuterie Boards, 10 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. Cost is \$85 for Friends, \$100 for the public.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

POST Detroit

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

◆ Ceramics Workshop: Colorful Trees + Trays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. Cost is \$75.

◆ Basket Weaving Workshop: Sleigh Baskets, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. Cost is \$150.

◆ Two-Day Upholstery Workshop: Dining Chairs, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 1 and 8. Cost is \$100.

◆ Sewing Machine Essentials Workshop: Linen Pillows, 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. Cost is \$100.

◆ Intermediate Knitting Workshop: Colorwork, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2. Cost is \$50.

◆ Colorful Paper Collage Workshop with Julie Broekman, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2. Cost is \$50.

◆ Intuitive Self-Portraits Workshop with Shug, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2. Cost is \$60.

◆ Two-Day Ceramics Workshop: Grater Bowls, 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 2 and 9. Cost is \$125.

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 or RSVP to maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ Center and Sip, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3. Event includes guided meditation, cookies and

tea. Bring a yoga mat or blanket.

◆ Men's Night Out, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. A panel of experts, moderated by Frank Wilberding, LMSW, will answer questions about men's health. Experts include Tristan Guevara, D.O.; Barry Hull, M.A., LLP; Craig Reickert, M.D.; Philip Shalhoub, M.D.; and Evan Vasilauskas, DPT.

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:

◆ Premier World Discovery presents "Sunny San Diego & So Cal Highlights" and "Treasures of Ireland," 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4.

◆ Field Trip to Somerset Mall, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for guests.

◆ Intro to Genealogy, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, with presenter Felicia Lewis-Williams.

◆ The movie "La Dolce Villa" is shown at noon Friday, Nov. 7. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests, and includes snacks.

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

for veterans, \$20 for one guest of each veteran.

◆ Cool Tech for Older Adults, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, with presenter James Giordani.

◆ The movie "Funny Thing About Love" is shown at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests, and includes snacks.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts its next Building Your Business Bootcamp from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5. "Social Media — Stop the Scroll and What's Your Message?" will be presented by Terri Voytowick. Cost is \$35 for chamber members, \$45 for nonmembers, and includes lunch. Register at grossepointechamber.com. For information, call (313) 881-4722.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Rotary intern and Grosse Pointe South High School senior Lily Frey speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following

blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, Holy Innocents-St. Barnabas Parish, 26100 Ridgemont, Roseville.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Garden Center

Wild Birds Unlimited owner Rosann Kovalcik will share her expertise about "The Woodpeckers of Michigan," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free for Grosse Pointe Garden Center members, \$10 for nonmembers. Registration is required at gpgardencenters.org/michigan-woodpeckers/.

Sunrise on Vernier

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

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Erb Family Foundation grant brings zoo's Discovery Trails closer to reality

The Detroit Zoological Society recently announced a landmark \$6 million gift to create the Fred and Barbara Erb Discovery Trails, an immersive new guest experience scheduled to open next summer at the Detroit Zoo.

The grant from the Fred and Barbara Erb Family Foundation represents one of the most substantial contributions in the zoo's history and builds on a longstanding

partnership between the Erb family and the DZS.

"We are deeply grateful to the Erb Family Foundation for this extraordinary contribution and for the decades of unwavering support of the Detroit Zoo," said Dr. Hayley Murphy, executive director and CEO of the DZS. "Nearly 20 years ago, Fred and Barbara's names were etched into the Polar Ring of Life habitat —

and now, it is especially meaningful that those same names will greet guests at a new experience that is every bit as bold and inspiring."

Spanning seven acres, Erb Discovery Trails will immerse guests in interactive adventures and deeper connections with animals and nature. Highlights include:

- ◆ Canopy Trail and Treetop Crossing — Aerial adventures where children and adults alike

can climb, play and explore.

- ◆ Senses Trail — A multi-sensory path designed for families to experience nature in new ways.

- ◆ New animal encounters and gathering spaces — Brush goats and feed chickens in the barnyard or enjoy hands-on experiences with stingrays and bamboo sharks. Recharge in shady resting areas and view artwork made from custom



COURTESY RENDERINGS

The main entryway.

ceramic tiles. "The Erb family's history in Royal Oak stretches back to its earliest days — from our great-grandfather, who was the postmaster and general store proprietor, to our father, who opened his first Erb Lumber Store just down the road from the Detroit Zoo," said Leslie Erb Liedtke, Erb Family Foundation trustee and daughter of Fred and Barbara Erb. "Continuing our parents'

support for the Detroit Zoo is a meaningful way to carry forward that legacy and we are excited for the Fred and Barbara Erb Discovery Trails to open next year."

The gift brings the vision for Discovery Trails closer than ever, but the journey isn't complete. The DZS invites the community to help make this project a reality. To support Erb Discovery Trails, visit tinyurl.com/fdv3vthk.



A variety of quilted items will be available to purchase during the Sew Gifted Sale Nov. 7-8.

QUILTS:

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quilts and quilts large enough to cover queen- and king-size beds.

A special portion of the sale also will be devoted

to vintage quilts.

One never knows what one may find: The last sale included a Harley-Davidson-themed quilt that was snatched up by a motorcycle-loving Grosse Pointer.

The 30-plus women

who make up Pieces Be With You meet twice a week to sew quilts for others. The group has been meeting regularly since 2002, and works out of dedicated space at St. Paul.

PBWW organized its

first Sew Gifted Sale in 2021, to recover from devastating losses that resulted from the June 2021 flood that damaged so many homes in Grosse Pointe. Seven feet of water covered the 15,000 square feet of the church basement, inundating the group's sewing room. PBWW lost \$24,000 worth of sewing machines, along with every single piece of fabric, table and spool of thread. None of that loss was covered by insurance.

The Sew Gifted Sales and some generous personal donations enabled the group to replace what was lost and generate enough funds to continue operating since then. The group will deliver some funds to St. Paul for its ongoing support and use the remaining funds to buy and maintain its collection of sewing machines and furniture, plus all of the added components for quilting — large rolls of batting, bins to store fabric, thread and scissors, irons and ironing boards and the many tools of the quilting trade.

Each year, the group sends around 70 quilts to Lutheran World Relief, which provides hardy, 60-by-80-inch quilts to displaced families around the world. Locally, PBWW makes and donates around 70 quilts for Friends of Foster Kids in Oakland County for young adults who are aging out of foster care. Freedom House in Detroit, which serves refugee families who are relocating to southeastern Michigan, received another 77 quilts last year. Last year, PBWW also donated 98 quilts to residents at Samaritas' affordable living complex in Monroe and 63 quilts to victims of hurricanes in South Carolina.

In addition to those quilts, the group also makes quilts for baptisms, graduations and comfort quilts for church members facing challenging circumstances.



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Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan receives \$5,000 grant

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan was selected to receive a \$5,000 grant by BJ's Wholesale Club Inc., as part of the company's ongoing giving campaign driven by team member nominations.

Funding through BJ's Charitable Foundation will support Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan's mission to provide wigs and support services to children across the state of Michigan experiencing hair loss.

"A BJ's employee, Ryan Briones, one of our outstanding volunteers who's supported us for over five years, nominated us for this wonderful grant opportunity," said Maggie Varney, founder and CEO of Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan. "Heartfelt thanks to BJ's for selecting us as one of their charities to support. If you ever know of a child in need of our services, please share our information with them. We help everyone, charge nothing and turn no one away. Our services

are open to all children who are Michigan residents."

BJ's Wholesale Club announced grants to 88 community organizations in 17 states and Washington, D.C., that were nominated by its team members. Recipients were chosen for their local impact in areas of hunger relief, education and health and wellness.

"BJ's has a deep commitment to supporting families in the communities where we live and work," said Kirk Saville, head of corporate communications, BJ's Wholesale Club. "We are honored to continue supporting the organizations our team members care about most and to live our purpose of taking care of the families who depend on us."

Since its inception, the BJ's Charitable Foundation has awarded more than \$43 million to nonprofit organizations and schools, providing vital support in BJ's communities.

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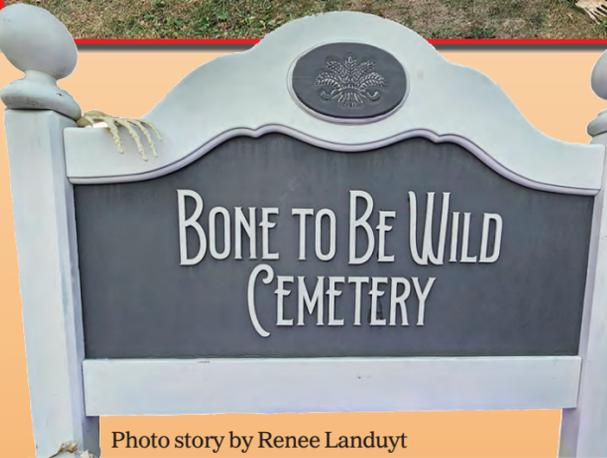


Photo story by Renee Landuyt



Movie night and a pillow fight.



Water balloon fight.



Skeleton pulling an Evil Knievel over a row of skellies all terrified.



Red Rover, Red Rover.



Spooky giant skelly.



A Skeleton parachuting in to the yard to join in the fun.

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Meeting more neighbors without being awkward

Dear Gabby: I want to meet more people in my neighborhood, but I don't want to seem awkward or pushy. Any ideas? — Lonely in the Shores

Dear Lonely: You don't have to host a block party or join a committee right away. Start small.

Take a walk at the same time every day, wave to people or compliment a garden. If you bake, bring cookies to the neighbor with the best Halloween decorations.

If you have a dog, walk it like you're running for mayor.

People in suburbs tend to be friendly but cau-

tious and they'll chat if you give them a reason. Consistency beats charisma in neighborhood friendships.

— Gabby.

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Haunted by the skeletons in my wife's closet

DEAR ANNIE: I've been married to a wonderful woman for almost 50 years. That alone should explain our relationship: 50 years. I've never loved anyone else.

Our courtship and marriage were wonderful. She was everything I wanted my wife and the mother of my children to be, and she has been, except for one detail. She lied to me about her sexual past, during the time we were dating and before.

She had implied that, like me, she had no sexual experience. Twelve years and four children into our marriage, she suffered an emotional meltdown because of a difficult childhood and years of lying to me.

Counseling produced a whole mess of ghosts and goblins from her youth, and then finally came the big one. She had lied to me about her virginity and sexual past. What this did to her was cause a dark two years in her life that took therapy to work through.

She has never discussed or wanted to discuss how it has impacted me.

Initially, she told me she lost her virginity by being date raped. Later on, it became evident that was another lie. I think she used that story because she thought I could accept it more easily. Then she slept around with three more guys after that. Her telling me all this essentially ended my marriage that day and started our second one. I still love her, but it is different.

For over 38 years, I've been married to my best friend, my partner who I share everything with — our money, our home, our kids. We share our lives.

The day she told me the truth, the intimacy we had was gone. We are more like business partners sharing what we have



made of our lives. She has been completely focused on our children and grandkids. She hasn't got a clue about what her past has done to me. Even in sexless old age, in my mind, I still see visions of her with those other guys, still young; they never age. In my mind, they visit me every day.

Counseling has helped reassure me about my love for her, her love for me and pointed out that I could have had a miserable life of a different kind had I married someone else.



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

THE DARK: It's understandable why you feel betrayed and hurt by your wife's changing stories over the years. When we are used to thinking of things in a certain light, it makes us feel especially in the dark to realize it's not so.

Perhaps your wife felt she had good reason to shield you from her past. Maybe her previous sexual encounters were, indeed, not consensual. Maybe she felt embarrassed by them and didn't wish to share with you these moments she's not proud of.

Whatever the reasoning, after five decades of marriage, I'd bet that you know her heart, her character and what truly defines her better

than anyone else. You should each continue with individual therapy to make sense of the situation and see how it is continuing to haunt you. If your feelings of jealousy and rage are an intense form of OCD, seeking help could give you the tools to manage and overcome it.

It's also important that you feel heard and understood by your wife, so for that, I'd recommend couples counseling.

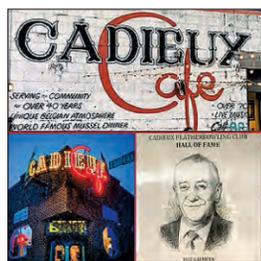
Ultimately, what matters isn't the first person she slept with but the last. You're the person she chose to make such a rich life with. Don't lose sight of that fact.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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From jazz to rock and burgers to mussels: Cadieux Cafe

Sometimes we don't realize how long businesses in the neighborhood have been open. Some may be famous or even infamous — classic, historical and legendary. There's one place that's all of the above: Cadieux Cafe.



COURTESY PHOTOS
Cadieux Cafe & original owner.

I knew the place was old, but not 1920s old! Original owner Elie Calemyn, a World War I veteran, immigrated to Detroit from Belgium in 1920. After his arrival, Calemyn purchased the building at 4300 Cadieux in Detroit. First, it served as a Belgian grocery store, then a speakeasy during Prohibition. In 1933, Cadieux Feather Bowling Club opened, with one outdoor lane. Shortly thereafter, it became Cadieux Cafe.

In 1962, Robert and Yvonne Devos, also Belgian immigrants, took the reins and eventually passed it on to their children, Ronald and Fern.

Fern's son and Ronald then co-owned the business until 2019, when John Rutherford gained ownership. He and his wife Lisa remain owners today.

"I am not Belgian, but loved being a customer and performed there many times for 20 years before I bought it," Rutherford said. "I enjoy the traditions of Cadieux Cafe and enjoy keeping them alive."

Some Cadieux Cafe traditions include Belgian brews, steamed mussels, Belgian specialties, live entertainment and, of course, feather bowling.



Indoor dining hall & outdoor mussel beach.

With more than three dozen Belgian beers alone — pilsners, ales, IPAs and more than 40 beers from around the world — it's easy to say there's a variety of cold ones to choose from. There are 12 beers on tap, including its own Feather Bowlers Ale, which is brewed out of Lansing Brewing Co.,

owned by Grosse Pointer Mark Reith. Non-alcoholic beer options include Blue Moon, Heineken and the recently added Belgian pilsner, Stella Artois. The nonalcoholic menu offers other options as well. A full bar also pours bubbly, wine and cocktails. Keeping on trend with locally sourced partners, wine is provided by AHD Vintners out of Warren, which also is locally owned. FYI to the Veuve Clicquot champagne drinkers, John tells me their bottle is the best priced in all of metro Detroit. Cheers to that!

In the kitchen, Chef Robert Burd is the man behind the masterpieces for which Cadieux Cafe is historically known, with all of its meats and provisions locally sourced, as well from companies like Quality Meats & Culinary Specialties, Wigley's Corned Beef, Del Bene Produce and, locally owned by the Kordas family,



Famous steamed mussels.

Metropolitan Baking Co.

When I asked John about the most popular menu items, he said the Piedmontese burgers, Rubens and mussels, sourced straight from Prince Edward Island and steamed fresh in broths that are longtime recipes of the Devos family.

Broths, you ask? The choices are Mussels Citroen (steamed in garlic, lemon, butter and dill broth), Spicy Mussels (steamed in a spicy basil broth) and Mussels Forte Dei Marmi (steamed in garlic, white wine and olive oil). Mussels are served in one- and two-pound servings and Mondays are all you can eat. Pomme frites — fries with Cadieux's spicy mayo, garlic aioli or horseradish mayo — seem to be a favorite side dish as well.

Cadieux also is known for its classic Belgian dishes, like red wine-braised rabbit, Belgian beer stew, Belgian brats and clam chowder. Another fan favorite is its PB&J, made with Detroit-based Velvet Peanut Butter and raspberry jam, spread on GR8FUL bread, which is a "deliciously sweet whole grain wheat bread with eight great grains and seeds," from Metropolitan Baking Co. This bread also is an option on other sandwiches, but there's something special about a



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

PB&J when it's served at a restaurant.

P.S. Cadieux Cafe has multiple vegan options, as well as gluten-free breads upon request. And, the kitchen is open until midnight, Monday through Saturday, and until 9 p.m. Sunday. Those kitchen hours are hard to come by in these parts. Catering is available, too. A banquet menu is listed online.

When it comes to live entertainment, Cadieux Cafe welcomes all. John Rutherford is not just the owner, but a music guy as well. He spent many years playing live music here before he became the owner. Not to "toot his own horn," but John has shared the stage with legends such as Detroit native Bob Seger and Oasis frontman Noel Gallagher. Both Seger and Gallagher have spent time at Cadieux, so to say live music is important to John would be an understatement. Cadieux Cafe hosts live music year round, Thursday through Monday.

Thursday night is a jazz jam session led by Bill Myer. Monday nights feature Tosha Owens and the Stable Dudes, followed by an open blues jam.

I heard you might get lucky with a random Martha Reeves sighting. She's been known to pop in to join the jam.

Fridays and Saturdays typically feature tribute bands, rock 'n' roll or original music.

"A number of these bands feature musicians I have worked with for decades in other groups I have performed with," John said, "musicians from Bob Seger's band, Uncle Kracker's band, Kid Rock's band."

A local favorite is Supercrunch, a Grateful Dead tribute band. I grew up with some of these guys and I'm way overdue on seeing them play live. As luck would have it they are playing Halloween night!

What better place is there than Cadieux Cafe? If karaoke is your jam, Wednesdays are your night. John tells me karaoke night is the longest continuous running karaoke in the metro area.

Live music can be heard indoors and outdoors, when in season of course. Mussel Beach is the 5,000-square-foot biergarten that includes an outdoor stage and bar. Many a summer night, this is the place to be.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I make a lot of school lunches. For years, everyone in my house has told me my lunches are mid.

I pack the sandwiches. I add the snacks. I even try to make them look decent. And still, someone opens their lunchbox and complains about a squished PB&J.

When I ask what makes their friends' lunches so much better, I get the same answer: They have good PB&Js.

Hey, I made you a PB&J. What more could you want?

Then one of the kids



TASTY LUNCHES THAT SAVE ON SPENDING

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mentioned that their friend brings a salad to school every day. Salad. I didn't even know salad or vegetables were on their lunch radar. But here we are, suddenly making salads every morning like it's part of the routine.

To ensure they weren't bringing a squished and soggy salad to school, I purchased the Sistema Salad To Go Bento Box on Amazon. This container is actually great. The lettuce goes on the bottom, the toppings go in an elevated compart-

ment and it comes with a small dressing cup, so nothing gets soggy before lunch.

When it's time to eat, they just pour in the dressing, give it a shake and the salad is still crisp. It even has a fork and knife that snap into the underside of the top compartment. It's easy to use, dishwasher safe and budget friendly.

I ordered mine from Amazon and I'm probably going to order a few more because these lunches have officially leveled up. I'm no longer mid.

Well, I'm probably

still mid, but at least the lunches are better.

This product gets five out of five alligators from me.

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5 Out Of 5



Savory rolls

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Every so often, early Sunday mornings, I'll turn the Food Network on. Sunday mornings are when they play the most diverse shows. However, last Sunday they played back-to-back "The Pioneer Woman" for four straight hours. So, I flipped to the Jamie Oliver channel. The premise of the show was how to cook during COVID when ingredients might be scarce and how your cooking needs to be adaptable but still great.

He made bread rolls with pesto and olives. The recipe uses a basic bread dough which is then rolled around a few ingredients and cut into pinwheels. The ingredients could be anything. He happened to have a jar of pesto and a jar of olives in his pantry. It looked so easy and delicious. I had to try to make a go of it.

I used my standard baguette dough recipe, adapted from Mark Bittman. It's simply flour, water, yeast and salt. It has two rising times and is always very reliable. You can make the dough in a standing mixer with a dough hook if you want. But I decided to knead this dough by hand which sounds much more difficult than it truly is. Trust me, it's not that hard.

The key to the dough is using bread flour. Bread flour has a higher protein content which results in better air pockets and makes it chewier. You can definitely see and feel the difference as opposed to using all-purpose flour. The dough has two rising times. The longer you let it rise, the more the flavor will be developed.

The subtle salty flavors of the olives and pesto are complimented by aged sharp cheddar crumbles. Not grated, but crumbled to the size of peas for an every two bite surprise of savory goodness.

I couldn't wait for the holidays to make this but it would be a great addition to your spread. This recipe makes eight large rolls. You could cut them smaller and then lessen the cook time but nobody in my family wanted a smaller one. That is because you really can't beat homemade bread!

Cheers, Mombeau.

Bread Rolls with Pesto and Olives

1 pkg Rapid Rise yeast

Pinch of sugar

1 ½ cups warm water

3 ½ cups bread flour,

plus extra for dusting

2 tsp salt

3.5 oz jarred pesto

½ cup halved kalamata olives

½ cup crumbled aged sharp cheddar cheese

1 tbsp olive oil

Add flour, yeast, salt and a pinch of sugar to a large bowl. Slowly drizzle in the water, mixing together with a fork. Keep mixing with the fork until most of the

flour and water is combined. Turn the dough out onto the counter. Knead the dough by gathering it up and pushing it down with your palms until a smooth ball forms.

Use extra flour to dust the ball and the counter if it becomes too sticky. Keep kneading for about five minutes until you have a cohesive piece of dough.

Place the dough ball back into the mixing bowl and cover with a damp cloth.

Let the dough rise on the counter anywhere from one to four

hours. It should double in size.

Once risen, turn it out onto a floured work surface and dust the top with flour. Use your hands or a rolling pin to flatten it out to the size and shape of a tea towel. Spread out the pesto and top then evenly sprinkle over the cheese and olives. Roll the dough over itself, longways, like a big cigar. Cut the dough in the middle, then cut each half into fours. You should end up with eight pieces of dough.

Brush an oven safe

12-inch dish with one tablespoon of olive oil. Cast iron works great. Place the rolls, cut side up, next to each other. It's ok if they aren't touching. They have another rise to go.

Cover with a damp cloth and let rest for another hour. They should double in size once risen.

When you are ready to bake, preheat your oven to 425. Bake the rolls for 30 minutes until the tops are golden brown. Let rest at least 15 minutes before serving.



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FOOD

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In cooler months, jam sessions and booked live gigs take place inside on the original, yet restored 1933 maplewood floors, in the bar room. On to feather bowling. "It originated in Western Flanders," John explained. "Belgian immigrants brought the game here. It started with cheese wheels being rolled from cart to cart and turned into a game over the decades. East English Village and Cornerstone Village were largely Belgian communities in the 1930s to 1960s."

Obviously the "wheels" no longer are made of cheese; they're made of wood. Players roll their wheels down a long, narrow lane, authentically made of dirt, trying to get their wheel closest to the feather at the opposite end. Cadieux Cafe is the only authentic location — "The lanes need to be dirt!" —

for playing this Belgian pastime. With two lanes available, there is league play and public play. Leagues for men, women and co-ed teams are Tuesday through Thursday, September to April. They're open for rentals, too, and open earlier for larger groups. Buffet options are available for larger groups as well. Prices vary depending on the day and group size. Reserve online at cadieuxcafe.com.

"It's a great game for family and holiday events, as well as team building for companies," John said. "Anyone can play."

You heard the man! I'd get those reservations in sooner rather than later for holiday events.

The lanes are well-maintained and received new insulation and new windows in that area.

"It's an old building, so there are projects every month," John said.

I'd say given the bones

of this building, ownership is doing an amazing job. They are also the reason why employees, such as Steve Allor of Grosse Pointe, have stayed for more than 25 years.



Feather Bowling.

Cadieux Cafe displays artwork from previous owner Ronald Devos and local artists such as Matti Paul Armstrong, Johnny "Bee" Badanjek (from Mitch Ryder's Detroit Wheels) and Jerome Lemaneau, who does all the feather bowling champ portraits on the walls of the lanes.

Cadieux Cafe is a member of the Grosse Pointe

Chamber of Commerce, generously donates to the Thanksgiving Day parade yearly and are a corporate sponsor at the Detroit Historical Museum. There is a reason why the late Anthony Bourdain featured Cadieux Cafe on his docuseries, "No Reservations" and Chef

Buddy "Cake Boss" Valastro featured it on his series, "Legend of the Fork." It's because Cadieux Cafe is one-of-a-kind, legendary and ours to share. Don't miss any of its upcoming events. Follow online at Facebook: Cadieux Cafe and Instagram: @cadieuxcafe.

Fun Fact: Since it's spooky season, John told me a few stories about Cadieux Cafe being haunted by the friendly ghosts of Robert and Yvonne Devos. A number of TV shows have spent time here documenting and "ghost hunting." Stay tuned. Stay hungry.

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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



It's that time of year once again where I take great delight in sharing some formidable frightening flicks. And this year's batch features some super creepy ones that are guaranteed to scare the living bejesus out of you. You'll note that two of the films are rated R and for good reason — mainly for the gore and disturbing images. So if you're up for some viewing that'll keep you up at night, stream and scream away!



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BIG SAFARI, CREATIVITY CAPITAL, INLAND FILM COMPANY. Left, Maisie Ayres as Jessie, Sebastian Croft as Sam, Aisling Bea as Susan and Nick Frost as Richard in "Get Away," a 2024 British comedy horror film directed by Steffen Haars and written by Nick Frost.



Susan (Bea) and Richard (Frost) exploring the woods.



Movie poster.



Nick Frost as Richard.



The annual ritual begins.



A stop at a diner on their journey.

MOVIE REVIEW
"Get Away"
2024 - Rated R
1 hr 26 min
★★★★☆

(Aisling Bea) along with their two children, Sam (Sebastian Croft) and Jessie (Maisie Ayres). They're on summer holidays to a remote island off the coast of Sweden. Little do they know that the place has a nefarious history. Apparently, there were some bloody crimes committed on the island in the distant past, and they arrive just in time for an annual celebration of the event.

As if that wasn't disturbing enough, there's also a serial killer on the loose. I thought the first half of the movie was fairly mundane. But then there's a plot twist that I definitely didn't see coming. I won't even give you even a hint at what to expect — you'll just have to see it for yourself. And I don't think I need to warn you that things will definitely get pretty bloody before the credits roll!

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

SCREAMING STREAMING HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NEXT ENTERTAINMENT WORLD, REDDEPETER FILM AND MOVIE COMICS. Above, movie poster and left, Seong-kyeong played by Jung Yu-mi and bottom, a zombie transformation in the movie "Train to Busan," written by Park Joo-suk and Yeon Sang-ho and directed by Yeon Sang-ho.



Here they come!

MOVIE REVIEW
"Train to Busan"
2016 - Not Rated
1 hr 59 min
★★★★☆

effects were amazing and totally believable. As you'd expect, it's a wild, nail-biting ride from start to finish! Currently streaming for free on Kanopy and Hoopla (with your library card), Netflix, and Plex. And to rent on Apple TV, Amazon, YouTube, Fandango, and other services.

This is not your typical zombie movie. This Korean flick goes up to 11! It's one intense experience from the opening scene until the very end.

We first see a truck cruising down the street when it hits a deer. The driver gets out and discovers the animal is dead. However, after he drives away, the animal gets up and runs off. You know right from the get-go something mysterious is in the air. Sure enough, there's apparently some type of virus that's been unleashed that instantly turns people into zombies.

The rest of the action is about a dad, Seok-woo (Gong Yoo), trying to get his daughter Soo-an (Kim Su-an) from Seoul to Busan by train. It isn't long after they leave the station before a huge band of zombies boards the train and makes their lives holy hell. It's one bloody scene after another as the human passengers try to outwit the zombies. I thought the special

MOVIE REVIEW
"Cobweb"
2023 - Rated R
1 hr 28 min
★★★★☆

This film is far creepier than it is bloody. But it still will give you the heebie-jeebies, for sure. We meet the protagonist Peter (Woody Norman), an intelligent but shy young boy. He's constantly being picked on at school. You'd think he'd get comforted by his parents Carol (Lizzy Caplan) and Mark (Antony Starr). But nope, there's something disturbingly off about both of them. They're both cruel and sinister and just barely empathize with what their son is going through.

Peter starts hearing a knocking on the wall of his bedroom at night. His

parents don't believe him and tell him it's the result of his vivid imagination. Then he begins hearing the voice of a young girl, who claims to be his sister, trapped in the wall. When he's expelled from school for pushing a bully down the stairs, things take a turn for the worse. He's now going to be home schooled in the apparently haunted house. If you like Stephen King type movies, this one's for you.

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

My rating system:

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

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

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any



Mark and Peter examining the devastated pumpkin patch.



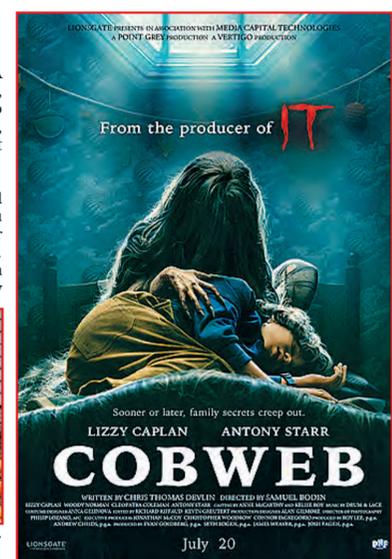
Mom Carol (Lizzy Caplan) listening for noises.

other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually buy it!

If you have any movie suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkie-mark.blogspot.com.



Movie poster.

50 YEARS AGO WE BECAME AFRAID TO GO IN THE WATER

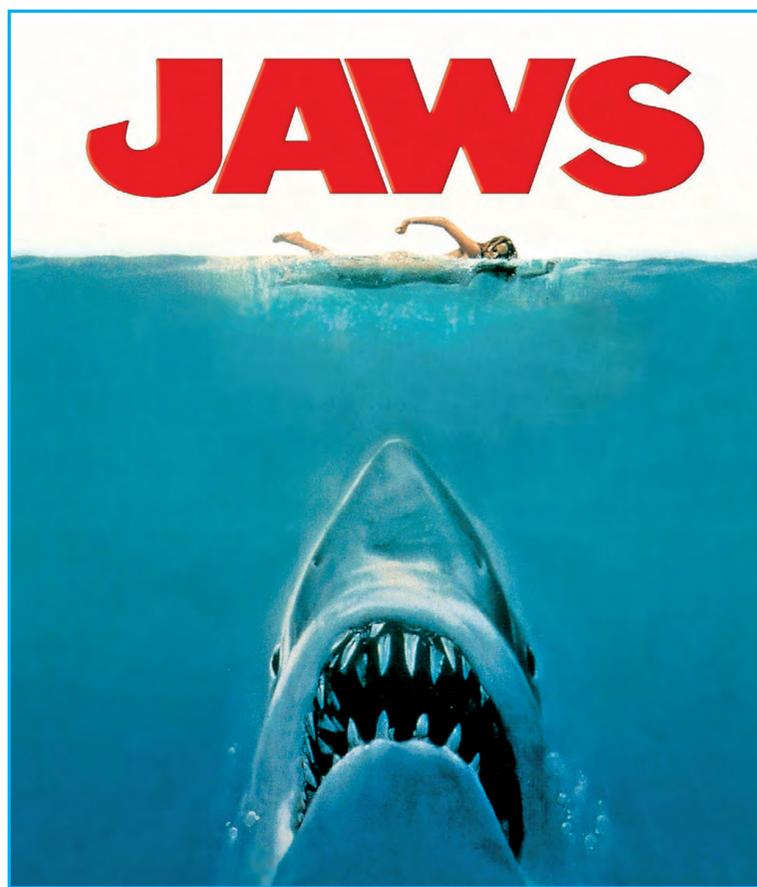
By Kenneth Schop
Guest Writer

In 1975 I was 10 years old when a new movie hit the theaters and became the blockbuster summer movie event that everyone was talking about. I mean everyone was discussing it, young and old. I didn't even have to talk my parents into taking me and my younger brother to see it, they were interested in seeing what all the hoopla was about and even made it a family outing to the movies and allowed my six-year-old sister to come along as well. And why not? From what they could tell from the previews on the television, it was just a movie about a big fish with an appetite. How scary could it be?

In the summer of '75 the critics praised "Jaws" as a masterpiece of suspense, direction and performance. A thrilling and well-crafted adventure film. They even claimed it redefined the summer blockbuster. No one knew that "Jaws" was going to be the hit that it turned into. Take the musical score written by John Williams who at the time was not an unknown, but not the household name he became after he had scored "Jaws" which won him an Oscar and became one of the most recognizable musical themes in movie history and it was so perfect in adding the tension in the story when the shark was near. I mean it had a new and upcoming director named Steven Spielberg who did

become one of Hollywood's greatest directors with films like "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "Schindler's List" and "Saving Private Ryan," to name a few, but he was basically an unknown at the time. Under his direction the movie went over budget, took over six months to film and was plagued with so many things going wrong like the mechanical shark not working correctly. The mechanical shark breaking and not being able to be used in many of the shots that had been planned, I believe, may have been what ended up making this picture so much better. Not seeing the shark but knowing he was there with the music playing and the other devices that they impro-

vised in order to indicate its presence helped to cause a stronger tension for the viewers. Also there were so many rewrites to the script that by the end it was a different story than what was first written and approved by Universal Pictures. I recently watched a behind the scenes story about "Jaws" and was fascinated by how many ad-lib scenes Spielberg left in the movie may have also contributed to why this movie worked so well in the end. For many years I even looked at "Jaws" as an adventure film. It is fundamentally a story of three guys... a police captain, a fisherman and an oceanographer who set sail to catch a man-eating shark that has been



The iconic movie poster.

terrorizing the small tourist town of Amity Island. Not quite Moby Dick, but you get my drift. I grew up reading every kind of adventure book and comics and watched many movies like "Robin Hood," "The Three Musketeers" and "Treasure Island," so I love adventure, but I am a bonafide monster kid through and through spending my childhood in the 60s and 70s watching Sci-Fi, horror and monster movies and reading comics. Whenever October comes along I love the nostalgia of

watching as many movies in those genres as I can in anticipation of Halloween. In looking for something to highlight this year to piggyback on Mark Domin's spooktacular movie reviews for our Halloween issue, it occurred to me that "Jaws" is celebrating its 50th year and that it would be fitting to reflect on some of my fond memories of this amazing masterpiece. At the time it first premiered I don't think anyone really identified the genre as a typical horror movie like "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" or Alfred

Hitchcock's "Psycho." Although, in retrospect, this is where I point out that "Jaws" is truly a horror movie. I would argue that after viewing the movie "Psycho," many people developed a fear of water or more precisely a fear of taking showers and a similar fear occurred after watching "Jaws" causing many people, actually a whole lot of people, to develop a fear of swimming in the ocean and even lakes and on occasion as silly as this sounds even swimming pools. I am not making this up.

Some people still have this fear to this day. Suffice it to say I did not develop any phobias of sharks, water or even boats. In fact, as I remember it, the first thing I did when my family and I came home from just seeing "Jaws" is I started gathering all of my pool gear like snorkel, mask, flippers and anything that looked like a harpoon and packed it in our blowup boat that we had floating in our above ground pool, making it ready for my voyage to conquer my own Great White. The mind of a 10 year old.



Left, Robert Shaw as Quint, Roy Scheider as Martin Brody and Richard Dreyfuss as Matt Hooper.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS

Photo story by Renee Landuyt
Continued from page 1C



Elvis has left the building.



A giant shark comes out of the water and terrifies the skelly in the small boat.



ET phone home.



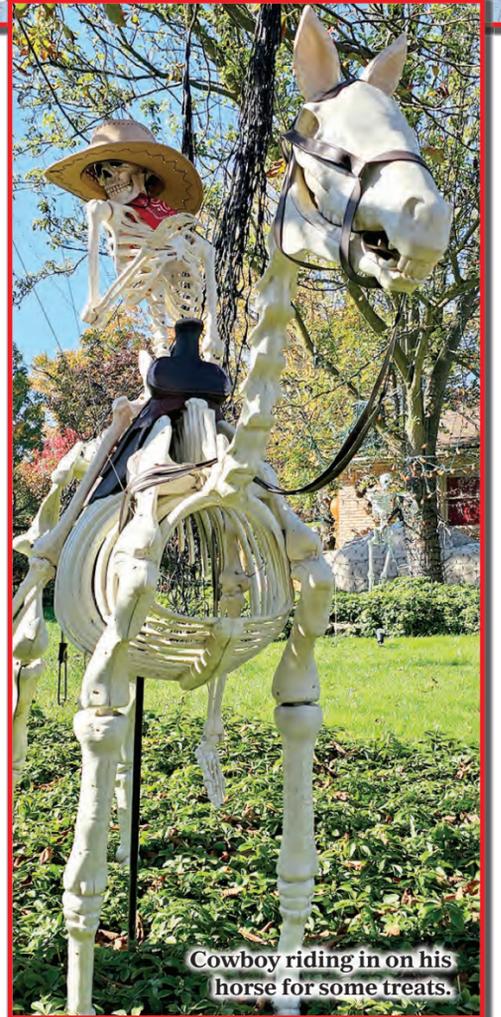
Til death do us part.



I am what nightmares are made of.



friendly ghosts and their dog hang out among the flowers.



Cowboy riding in on his horse for some treats.



Shady Pines nursing home. Killer Accommodations.

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

10/30 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★
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Contract Bridge

A SAD DISILLUSIONMENT

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	8 7 2	♥	A Q J 10 9
♦	10 8 5 2	♣	J
♣	10 9 7 6 5	♦	8 2
♠	5	♣	Q 9 6 4
WEST			
♠	—	♥	A Q J 10 9
♥	K Q 6 4	♦	J
♦	A K Q 4 3	♣	8 2
♣	K 10 8 2	♠	Q 9 6 4
EAST			
♠	—	♥	A Q J 10 9
♥	K Q 6 4	♦	J
♦	A K Q 4 3	♣	8 2
♣	K 10 8 2	♠	Q 9 6 4
SOUTH			
♠	K 6 5 4 3	♥	A 9 7 3
♥	A 9 7 3	♦	—
♦	—	♣	A J 7 3

The bidding:
South 1♠, West Dble, North 2♠, East Pass
South 3♠, West Pass, North Pass, East Dble
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Let's say you're playing rubber bridge and hold the East hand. Much to your surprise, South opens with one spade, your partner doubles, and North bids two spades. You restrain yourself and pass, whereupon South says three spades, which rolls around to you. You have four trump tricks in your own hand, and partner has indicated a hand of approximately opening strength, so naturally you double. That's exactly how the bidding went many years ago when Al Sobel,

then the American Contract Bridge League's chief tournament director, held the East cards. As he recounted the story in the ACBL Bulletin, his partner was an exceptionally sound bidder, so all Sobel had to do was to sit back and wait for the shekels to come rolling in.

The only trouble was that Sobel's dream of affluence did not materialize. West had solid values for his double of one spade, but he didn't take a single trick, despite his 17 points, and South made three spades doubled.

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead, cashed the ace of hearts and ace of clubs, and ruffed a club in dummy. Then he ruffed a diamond and a club, another diamond and his last club.

By this time eight tricks had been played, and declarer had won them all. Sobel still had the A-Q-J-10-9 of trump, and South, with the K-6 of trump, could not be stopped from scoring a trump for his last trick.

The result did not prove that Sobel had made a bad double — one must occasionally pay the piper in order to show a profit over the long haul.

Of course, Sobel got credit for his 100 honors, but that was small consolation considering that South scored 730 points for making his doubled contract. In essence, Sobel got buried — with honors!

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Until 11 p.m. PDT, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in AQUARIUS.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, October 30, 2025:

You are organized and progressive in your thinking. You immerse yourself in projects that affect communities. You are friendly, sociable and straightforward. This is a year of work and construction. Simplicity is key. Take charge of your health. Create solid foundations, internally and externally.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Relations with partners, friends and groups are warm and friendly today. This is also an excellent day to set goals. You may be put in a situation where you have to defend your position about financial matters or anything related to taxes, debt, inheritances and shared property. You'll be emphatic. Tonight: Friendships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Conversations with parents and bosses will flow smoothly today because feelings of affection will be easy to express. Meanwhile, a discussion with a partner, friend or member of the general public might be forceful and to the point. You might encounter someone who wants to know everything. Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Romance is in the air today, which is why a pleasant flirtation might come your way. Meanwhile, issues at work might require tearing something down to the basics in order to rebuild it again. You also might see ways to introduce improvements to your job or your health. Tonight: Explore!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Today you might be interested in mysteries, whodunit's and crime movies. Secrets appeal to you, especially in an entertaining way. You might feel a bit obsessed with someone who seems attractive. You'll enjoy entertaining at home. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

A conversation with someone close to you will be warm and friendly today, and your appreciation of your daily surroundings will give you pleasure. Meanwhile, a family discussion might reveal secrets. Alternatively, a family member might want the truth about something. Tonight: Cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You might want to beautify your surroundings today. You will also enjoy good food, drink and good company. You have pleasant feelings with friends and a desire for a good time. Nevertheless, financial discussions will be probing. Tonight: Socialize.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You might want to beautify your surroundings today. You will also enjoy good food, drink and good company. You have pleasant feelings with friends and a desire for a good time. Nevertheless, financial discussions will be probing. Tonight: Socialize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today Mercury is in your sign dancing with Pluto, which gives you a desire to solve difficult puzzles and study anything to attain a deeper knowledge. This is why you will examine, scrutinize and probe everything around you looking for meaning in things. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

It will be easy to express affection for a friend today, or perhaps members of a group. For this reason, a platonic relationship might turn romantic. This is also the kind of day when secrets might come out. Certainly, your ability to research something is excellent. Tonight: Discussions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Because you make a great impression on authority figures, someone might help you, or a pleasant circumstance might occur that brings money or wealth your way. Perhaps a small favor. A friend or a member of a group might ask probing questions today. You can handle this. Tonight: Check your money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today the Moon in your sign is urging you to get out and have a good time with friends. It's a great day for romance! Meanwhile, an authority figure might want the full picture about something. They want facts, figures and the bottom line. Be ready. Tonight: You're strong.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

People will do favors for you today, which means you have to be receptive in order to receive what is offered. You also might want to explore the hidden details about different countries or travel to unusual places. You want to know what things are really like, not just the promotional pizzazz. Tonight: Privacy.

BORN TODAY
Actor, director, author Henry Winkler (1945), actress, comedian Fran Drescher (1957), actress Nia Long (1970).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg October 30, 2025

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| ACROSS | 45 Self-serving option for many people (... letters 1-2 + 7-8) | 11 Prenatal procedure, briefly | 36 Nine-digit ID |
| 1 Design detail, for short | 48 Egyptian underworld god | 12 Company whose mascot is a gecko | 38 Tres y tres |
| 5 What a perspective drawing creates the illusion of | 50 Be short with | 13 Long-running sketch show, for short | 39 Crafts' partner |
| 10 Dust collectors | 53 Less respectful | 21 GPS projections | 42 Shoot a smug look |
| 14 Killer whale | 54 Vigor | 22 Purposes | 43 Junction between neurons |
| 15 Cherish | 57 Garlicky sauce | 26 Take a whiff of | 46 49, for a 7x7 square |
| 16 Sign such as storm clouds on the horizon | 58 Morning presentation? ... or a theme hint | 27 With time left on the clock | 47 Villain's den |
| 17 Leave in a flash | 61 Video game news site | 28 Surfer's destinations? | 48 Planet's path |
| 18 Cheapskate | 62 Puts handcuffs on | 29 Video camera button | 49 Sudden rise |
| 19 Kapoor of "Slumdog Millionaire" | 63 Combat sport inits. | 30 Back in time | 52 Kind of wave |
| 20 Accepts one's fate (In this answer, note letters 1-2 + 5-6) | 64 February 17, 2026, in Vietnam | 31 Self-assured | 54 Trim (down) |
| 23 Put into words | 65 Low digit | 34 Some Dickinson works | 55 Opposite of WNW |
| 24 Response to "Not so!" | 66 Expected | 35 Gossip, slangily | 56 Vet's condition, maybe |
| 25 Move in the wrong direction (... letters 1-2 + 6-7) | 67 Sun, in Spanish | | 59 Picked 'do |
| 29 Drag events | | | 60 Disco ____ of "The Simpsons" |
| 32 tai | DOWN | | |
| 33 Riverbank deposits | 1 Bawl | | |
| 37 Big heads | 2 Univ. teachers | | |
| 38 Mattress brand | 3 Brilliant success | | |
| 40 Heads out | 4 Places for calicoes and cappuccinos | | |
| 41 Negative aspect | 5 Maiden | | |
| 42 They're not buying | 6 Revise | | |
| 44 Delivery vehicle | 7 Like a fancy hotel | | |
| | 8 Word before "farm" or "house" | | |
| | 9 Extreme introvert | | |
| | 10 Luau centerpiece | | |

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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10/23 Solution
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Getting Full by Joseph Avdek

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GROSSE POINTE NEWS THURSDAY COMICS



Peanuts

YOU ASKED THE "GREAT PUMPKIN" TO BRING YOU A BASEBALL GLOVE?!!

10/31

WHAT DO YOU THINK HE IS, SOME KIND OF SANTA CLAUS?!

YOU'VE DISGRACED YOURSELF! YOU'VE OFFENDED THE "GREAT PUMPKIN" AND THE SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN!!!

BANISHED FROM THE PUMPKIN PATCH! *~ SIGH ~*

Bizarro Dan Piraro and Wayno

You have an affinity for quilts.

10/30

Andy Capp

I USED TO LOVE THE SPORTS DAY AT OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL, ANDY

PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY SPORTS DAY

ME, TOO. IT'S WHEN I FIRST NOTICED MY NATURAL SPORTING INSTINCTS

IT'S WHEN I FIRST NOTICED YOUR NATURAL CHEATING INSTINCTS

GOLDSMITH & GARNETT

Flying McCoys Glenn McCoy

Since cashing in his 401(K) to afford 24-hour security, Ken was no longer worried about his house getting egged.

TRICK OR TREAT!

HERE'S A POPCORN BALL FROM LOTS!

10/31

B.C. Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

BOO!

NEVER TOO OLD FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

HA! WHO'S THAT?

10-31-25

Reality Check Dave Whamond

THAT'S DR. FRANKENSTEIN-- YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT TO LOOK AT HIM, BUT HE CLAIMS TO BE A BODYBUILDER

HE'S A REAL PEOPLE PERSON!

10/30

Beetle Bailey Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker

WELCOME GREAT PUMPKIN

HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR COSTUMES?

ALL YOU DID WAS SWITCH UNIFORMS!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

10/31

The Lockhorns Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner

HAUNTED HOUSE

10/30

Mother Goose and Grim Mike Peters

TELL ME, DRACULA, WHY DO YOU DRINK BLOOD?

COFFEE KEEPS ME AWAKE

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

"I THOUGHT I'D BE AT THE BOWLING ALLEY TONIGHT, BUT YOU-KNOW-WHO TURNED MY BALL INTO A JACK-O'-LANTERN!"

10-31

Crankshaft Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis

TRICK OR TREAT!!!

WHAAAA-AAAAA!

10-28

Carpe Diem Niklas Eriksson

COULD YOU STOP DRESSING LIKE THAT EVERY TIME MY BATTERY IS LOW?

10/31

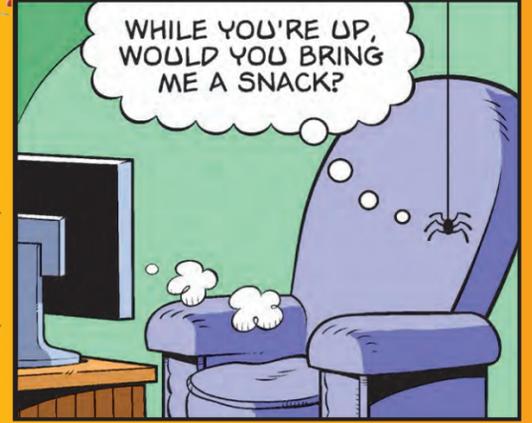
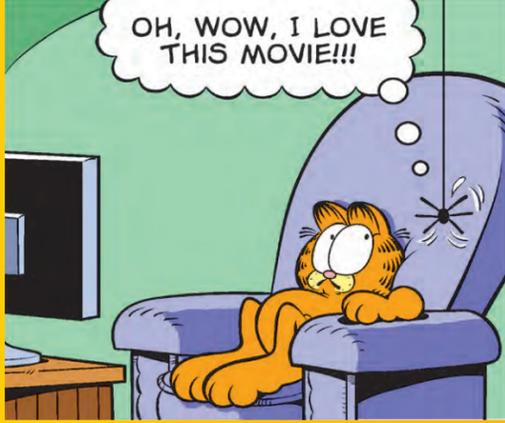
Wumo Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler

The DOCTOR was Frankenstein! I'm dressed up like the monster! This is NOT up for discussion!

THURSDAY HAPPY COMICS HALLOWEEN

Garfield

Jim Davis



Hagar The Horrible

(Dik Browne & Chris Browne Original Creators)

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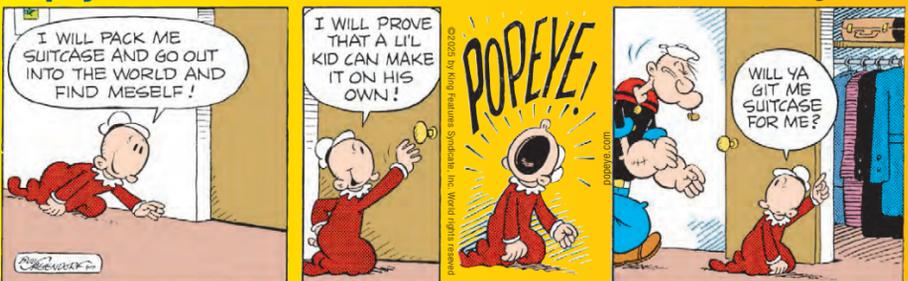
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Liggett boys tennis back on top with Division 4 state title win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The expectations are always high for the University Liggett School varsity boys tennis program. The team takes on some of the toughest competition in the state, regardless of division, to ensure it is ready for one thing: the state finals. It all paid off Tuesday, Oct. 21, when the Knights won the 2025 Division 4 state championship, the program's third title in the past six seasons.

"This year we finally got these signs put on every court at Liggett with all of the state champions in the history of the school, and that did wonders because every kid wanted his name on there," Liggett boys tennis head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "... Out of all of the state titles that I've won, we locked this one up pretty quickly, and then we were able to focus on individual state titles, where we had four champions out of the eight flights."

Liggett finished the tournament with 31



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

The University Liggett School boys varsity tennis team celebrates after once again reaching the top of the mountain in Division 4 and winning the state championship Tuesday, Oct. 21.

points, 10 more than second-place Jackson Lumen Christi. Bringing home a large number of those points for Liggett were the four individual championships won.

Justin Platt was the Knights' only singles champion, winning the No. 4 singles title. He was the top seed in the

bracket and defeated second-seeded Porter Martin from Maple City Glen Lake in the championship match.

The other three state championships for Liggett were all won during doubles play. Griffin Marchal and Niko Cooksey took the crown in No. 1 doubles. Landen

Maltby and Charlie Laethem ended up as champions in No. 2 doubles. Rene Quint and Lucas Ferguson brought another title to Liggett in No. 3 doubles.

In other action for the Knights, Tise Courtright advanced to the quarterfinals of No. 1 singles. His quarterfinal match

against the bracket's No. 2 seed, Luke Zhang from Plymouth Christian Academy, went three sets and lasted until nearly 11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20.

Yurii Polnyi made it to the semifinals in No. 2 singles for the Knights. Davis Ford also advanced as far as the semifinals in

No. 3 singles. In No. 4 doubles, Fernando Romine and Matteo Marciano also made it to the semifinals.

The state title for the Knights marks the program's first since 2022, ending a two-year drought that felt even longer for a program accustomed to maintaining championship standards. Liggett's team this fall had some key veteran leaders, but was largely made up of younger players who will be back for at least one more year, looking to defend the title. Even with the 2025 season over, the enthusiasm remains among many to get back out and continue building the Liggett tennis legacy.

"We only had three seniors, and they were all four-year varsity players who brought valuable experience, and it helped to have their senior leadership with the young kids and the youth on this team," Sobieralski said. "The young guys are fired up, and they want more next year. They're already really excited."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

DiVita earns place among nation's volleyball elite

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In a few short months, Gabby DiVita will make the biggest move of her life when she transitions from playing at Grosse Pointe South to joining one of the most prestigious programs in all of collegiate volleyball. That is why she is not taking anything for granted as her final volleyball season with the Blue Devils winds down, using every moment of each practice and game with the teammates and coaches who have helped her become one of the top players in the country.

Being among the best in the nation, it can be hard to say anything in your game needs improvement. However, DiVita knows her hard work and constant commitment to getting better are what got her where she is and she sees an opportunity to get even better and prepare for the next level every time she steps on the court with South.

"A big thing I've really worked on is my shot selection and finding dif-



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Gabby DiVita
School: Grosse Pointe South
Sport: Volleyball
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kills in 32 matches with South this fall, averaging 5.6 kills per set, along with 43 aces while serving. On the defensive side of things, DiVita has tallied 312 digs and 38 blocks.

ferent ways to score other than just going up and pounding the ball," DiVita said. "I've also wanted to get more consistent with serve-receive. I think if I'm a good passer, that makes it easier to find a place on the court."

Scoring has not been an issue for DiVita so far this season. She has 474

Another thing DiVita thinks has greatly improved in her senior year is her leadership. It is valuable experience for the rest of her career to be able to mentor the next generation of Blue Devils who will take over key roles on the team after she is gone. Even better, she gets to do it alongside some of the best friends

she has made along the way.

"All of the seniors have been on varsity for a long time now, so it's fun to finally be in this role and everybody really looking up to you," DiVita said. "We have a lot of juniors and a couple of sophomores and a freshman who are going through what we've been through. We want to give them all the confidence in the world that they can go out and play at their best and do everything their best. I think the seniors have instilled a lot of belief in this team, which is exactly what we wanted."

DiVita and her fellow seniors know they only have a limited amount of time left wearing the blue and gold together with playoffs on the horizon. They want to make every moment count and hope a strong run through the playoffs can help DiVita become even more prepared for the next big step in her career.

When her senior season at South wraps up, DiVita is set to join the volleyball team at the University of Nebraska.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH ATHLETICS

Gabby DiVita, joined by coach and mom Janeil DiVita, left, and Grosse Pointe South Athletic Director Andy Rishmawi, is presented her Under Armour Next All-American Game jersey during South volleyball's senior night Thursday, Oct. 23.

The Cornhuskers are seen as one of college volleyball's "blue blood" programs, with five national championship banners hanging from the rafters. They also

currently are ranked No. 1 in the latest NCAA Division I volleyball national poll.

DiVita got a chance to See *ATHLETE*, page 4D



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Eight is great! South football continues win streak in rivalry series with North

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

One has to go back to 2017 to find the last time Grosse Pointe South varsity football lost its annual rivalry game to Grosse Pointe North. Since then, the Blue Devils have controlled the series and made it eight straight wins against the Norsemen with a 44-7 victory Friday, Oct. 24.

“They’re so amped up and excited to play this game and the energy is great; it’s just a matter of keeping them focused,” South football head coach Chad Hepner said after winning the crosstown rivalry game. “We didn’t play a completely perfect game, but we executed when we needed to.”

the ball effectively near the end of the first quarter and started the second quarter by adding to the lead, this time on a rushing touchdown by junior quarterback Sam Rouleau.

Down two scores early in the second frame, the Norsemen showed fight. Getting the ball back after South’s second touchdown, North’s Caleb Butler used his speed to create the most explosive play of the night. Butler found a seam in the South defense and broke an over 50-yard touchdown run to put North on the board and cut the deficit in half to 14-7.

Butler’s big run might have been a wake-up call to South. The Blue Devils had their foot firmly on the gas after that, scoring three more times before



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

South junior running back Charlie Michelotti gets tackled in the end zone after scoring one of his three rushing touchdowns of the game in the Blue Devils’ win against North Friday, Oct. 24.

The only passing touchdown for either team came in the third quarter when South extended the

by 30 points. Grabowski also had an interception on defense for South in the second half, which he nearly returned to the end zone. South’s backup quarterback, Andrew Wilson, scored the game’s final points on a quarterback sneak in the fourth quarter to finish the victory for the Blue Devils.

Rouleau finished with 12 completions on 21 passing attempts for 138 yards with a touchdown and an interception. He also piled up the yards on the ground once again with 95 rushing yards and a touchdown. Michelotti led South in rushing with a huge night, going 130 yards on 13 carries, along with his three touchdowns.

Last Friday’s game was the conclusion of the regular season and now the rivals move ahead in sep-

arate directions. For North, the team moves into the offseason after missing the playoffs with a 2-7 record.

South moves on to the postseason as it gets ready to begin the Division 2 playoffs next. Every week now is a win-or-go-home situation for the Blue Devils. The team knows it has to be at the top of its game in even the most basic aspects in order to move closer to competing for championships.

“We know we have to clean up our stuff,” Hepner said. “We’re running our offense and our defense no matter who we’re playing, so we need to tighten up some fundamental stuff and some focus, but I think we’re going to get there.”

The Blue Devils start the postseason by facing

a familiar foe. South will host MAC White Division rival Roseville in the opening round of the playoffs for the district semifinal. The two teams faced each other in September, with South winning 47-25. Roseville went on to lose three of its next four games following the loss to South and finished the regular season with a 4-5 record.

This will be the third straight season in which South and Roseville meet in the playoffs. The Blue Devils defeated the Panthers 27-26 in a thrilling first-round game last year, which came after Roseville ended South’s 2023 season in the district championship game.

Kickoff between the Blue Devils and Roseville is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at South.



Caleb Butler scored North’s only touchdown of last Friday’s game with an over 50-yard run in the second quarter.

Some of those imperfections in South’s game could be seen early on in last Friday’s showdown. A rushing touchdown by Charlie Michelotti, his first on what ended up being a big night for the senior running back, gave South a 6-0 lead midway through the first quarter. However, the Blue Devils’ offense stalled out for a few moments after that, even after the defense pounced on a North fumble.

The Blue Devils moved

lead even more. Rouleau tossed a jump-ball into the end zone that Trey Grabowski hauled in to put the Blue Devils ahead

for his second touchdown to make the lead 21-7. Zach Wilson came up with an interception for North’s defense that put the Blue Devils in position to add three more points to the lead with a field goal by Nadeem Haurani. With just over a minute to go before halftime, Michelotti found the end zone for a third time in two quarters to make it 31-7 in favor of the Blue Devils going into the break.

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South’s defense lines up across from the North offense, showcasing the crosstown rivalry during last Friday’s annual matchup.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed Ordinance amendment for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for November 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers/Court Room of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center. The proposed Ordinance amendment is available for public inspection at the Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS; ARTICLE II. - DOGS, CATS AND WILD ANIMALS; DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY, BY ADDING SEC. 6-41 - CARE OF ANIMALS.

Paul Antolin
City Clerk

G.P.N.:10/30/25

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, meeting as the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 through 125.3702 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will consider one variance at 780 Moorland Road (R1-C District) in order to construct an attached cover over an existing back patio, which extends into the minimum rear setback. A variance is requested for the following:

- A variance from the minimum rear yard setback of 28 feet (Sec. 50-3.1.C.4) to 21 feet 3 1/4 inches.

The ZBA hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 17th, 2025, at 7:00pm, at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236). The application is available for inspection at the City Clerk’s office between 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk’s Office at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or at cityclerk@gpwwi.us up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk’s Office at (313) 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwwi.us.

For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at (313) 343-2426 or e-mail: building@gpwwi.us.

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

G.P.N.:10/30/25

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (located at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the purpose of considering a rezoning of 21800 Marter Road (Parcel ID 001 99 0001 000) from R-3 Planned Multiple Family Residential to CF, Community Facilities. The property is located south of the border of St. Clair Shores, east of Marter Road and west of River Road, and the property is intersected by the Milk River. The applicant requests to develop a private indoor sport facility, which extends partially into Grosse Pointe Woods from St. Clair Shores. The Planning Commission will hear a presentation, hold a Public Hearing, and may make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the requested zoning map amendment.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk’s Office at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or at cityclerk@gpwwi.us up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk’s Office at (313) 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwwi.us.

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Blue Devils second to none

South girls swim & dive ranked state's No. 1 team as championship looms

By Meg Leonard
Guest Writer

These Blue Devils are finding themselves red hot at the right time.

Grosse Pointes South's girls varsity swim and dive team not only knocked off reigning state champion Mercy High School last weekend at a seven-team invitational at Waterford Kettering, but also moved up to become the No. 1 ranked team in Division 2 with less than a month to go before the Nov. 21-22 state championship meet at Eastern Michigan University.

While South's athletes and fans might love the excitement generated from the team's latest accomplishments in a season that's been chock-full of them, head coach John Fodell isn't buying into what all this buzz is selling.

"Being ranked No. 1 at this point is fun, but it doesn't mean a thing until after the 4 free(style) relay at the end of November," he said in reference to the final event at the state championship.

"But more so than in other seasons, we have to

be part of the conversation (about being championship contenders)."

At the Marlin Invite Saturday, Oct. 25th, South ran the table in a meet scored as a series of six dual meets. In convincing fashion, the Blue Devils beat Detroit Country Day School (130-35), Dexter (135-48), Fenton (133-36), Flint Powers Catholic (138-37) and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (133-39).

In the day's most anticipated match up, South topped No. 2 Farmington Hills Mercy 112-71.

"It was a chess game," Fodell said. "We both threw (each other) off, but don't bet against Mercy (at states)."

Last weekend, as they have demonstrated all season, South leveraged its versatility and strength by taking event after event.

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JOHN FODELL, GP SOUTH GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING HEAD COACH

Senior co-captain Whitney Handwork started the meet off by making a statement, dropping 5.17 seconds from earlier this season to win the 200 freestyle in 1:52.55. Junior Olivia Colt took second in the event with her season



PHOTO BY JESSICA BRYAN

Teammates and families honor 17 seniors from South's varsity swim and dive team before their season's final dual meet against Anchor Bay Tuesday, Oct. 21. It is among the largest senior classes in program history.

best time of 2:00.24.

Caroline Bryan, a key leader in the team's sensational sophomore class, dropped more than four seconds in her 200

time of 25.05. Senior Heidi Bryan finished shortly behind in fifth place in 25.46, earning her a state cut in the event.

South then went 1-4 in the 100 butterfly, with Caroline Bryan winning it in 55.17. Freshman Corinne Stencil took second (57.41), Mischa Eng placed third (57.66) and Handwork finished fourth (57.73), with season best times in the event for those three swimmers.

Eng and Stencil each swam season bests in the 100 backstroke. Eng won the event in 57.31, while Stencil crushed her season best to take third in 58.99.

McEnroe's day culminated in a special distinc-

tion. She not only competed in the 500 freestyle for the first time this season, but also won it and earned her state cut in 5:10.71. Teammates Ryan finished second (5:20.56), Heidi Bryan took third (5:23.30) and Colt grabbed fourth (5:26.72) in another flash of Blue Devil dominance.

Most notably, McEnroe's qualifying swim in the 500 earned what's considered her "bingo card" for the season - achieving a state cut in all seven individual events. Caroline Bryan and Handwork have also earned bingo cards, while Ryan and Heidi Bryan are each just one event away from this achievement.

By day's end, South

savored its victory and added two qualifiers to its state roster, which now sits at an even dozen. Natalie Warnick earned her state spot by taking fourth in the 200 IM in 2:18.16, while junior Lydia Pryzack placed third in the 100 Breast in 1:11.21.

Before last weekend's invitational, South competed in the season's final dual meet against Anchor Bay Tuesday, Oct. 21, winning all 12 events on its way to a 152-31 victory.

Before the meet, the team honored its 17 seniors, the largest senior class in the program's recent history.

Fodell noted the importance of his team leaders, and how close this class has come to winning it all their freshmen and junior seasons, where they finished as state runner-up. "I think they want this (championship) and this is what they are bringing to the table," he said. "They have winning it all on their minds, knowing how close they have come to it."

Up next, South competes for the MAC Red conference championship, with a preliminary round beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and the championship round starting at noon, Saturday, Nov. 8, at home in the Boll Natatorium. Crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North also will compete for the MAC Red title.

XC runners dash for state spots at regionals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The final team race of the fall cross-country campaign came last weekend as the season winds down. The boys and girls varsity teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South had their final runs together at their respective regional championship meets, looking to close out the season strong, with a few runners eventually earning qualifying spots for the state finals.

North

The Norsemen raced at the Division 2 regional meet at Columbus County Park Saturday, Oct. 25, with the biggest highlights of the day coming from the boys varsity

team. The boys team finished fourth overall in the field and had a pair of runners earn spots in the Division 2 state championships.

Those two runners were seniors Neil Orłowski and Paul Stephens. Orłowski earned his spot at the state finals by finishing in the top 10 at the regional race, taking ninth place with a time of 16:51. Stephens finished the race at 17:27, putting him in 15th place and also earning him a chance to race for a state championship.

While missing out on a state-qualifying spot, Sam Parish also finished inside the top 20 at regionals for the Norsemen. The senior crossed the finish line 19th with a time of 17:45. Teammate Dylan Phillips

was just one second behind Parish and finished 21st.

Jack Bartkovicz made it into the top 30 by finishing 26th. William Henze finished 31st and Russell Warner was 42nd, so all seven runners for the Norsemen on the day finished inside the top 50.

Orłowski and Stephens

will race for North's boys team in the Division 2 state finals Saturday, Nov. 1, at Michigan International Speedway.

South South traveled to Goodells County Park

South

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Saturday, Oct. 25, for the Division 1 regional meet. Between the boys and girls teams, the Blue Devils had one state qualifier as freshman Eleanor Pilsner continued her stellar season by earning

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PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE NORTH ATHLETICS

Neil Orłowski, center, and Paul Stephens, right, with North boys cross-country coach Jim Fisher show off their regional championship meet medals after qualifying for the Division 2 state finals.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2025

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 6, 2025 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held on October 9, 2025.
- 2) To adjourn to Budget Workshop session.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon and with no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 133543 through 133636 in the amount of \$1,072,069.38 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$45,191.84 for professional services during the month of October 2025 for the following projects: October 2025 Sidewalk Replacement #180-367; City Hall Generator #180-291; 2024 Misc Concrete Rep. #180-338; 2025 Pavement Striping #180-342; 2025 Joint Crack/Seal #180-366; Tap Sidewalk Program #180-349; Roscommon Pocket Park #180-329; Miss Digs #180-255; Temp Water Operator #180-303; 2025 San. Sewer Cleaning #180-365; 2025 San. Sewer FCIPP #180-364; 2024 Storm Sewer Rep. #180-337; 2025 Storm Sewer Rep. #180-362; 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining #180-379; HWHS Football Field Clubhouse #180-327; Harper/VanAntwerp Redev. #180-313; Eastland Center Redev #180-244; DWRF Lead Water Svc Repl #180-331 and the DWRF Project Plan #180-344. (3) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$59,033.80 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of September 2025. (4) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$23,639.50 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for assistance with trash pickup at various sites, and lawn cuttings at various residential homes that weren't in compliance with the City Ordinance. (5) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$7,200.00 for the removal of three dead trees.
- 2) to approve payment to Super Construction, LLC in the amount of \$324,476.71 for Progress Payment No 5, on the DWSRF Lead Water Service Replacement Project #180-331.
- 3) to approve payment to Super Construction, LLC in the amount of \$168,937.19 for Progress Payment No. 6 on the DWSRF Lead Water Service Replacement Project #180-331.
- 4) to approve payment to DVM Utilities, Inc. in the amount of \$23,163.25 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by FCIPP Lining Project #180-364.
- 5) to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$12,998.50 for Progress Payment No. 3 (Final) on the CDBG Sidewalk Replacement Program #180-350.
- 6) to approve payment to Hartwell Cement Company in the amount of \$58,881.11 for Progress Payment No.2 on the 2025 Sidewalk Replacement Program, #180-367.
- 7) to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$71,953.99 for Progress Payment No.1 on the 2025 Storm Sewer Repair Project, #180-362.
- 8) to adopt the Construction Services Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and our City Engineers, Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. for the Roscommon Pocket Park, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 9) to adopt the attached resolution hereby delaying the swearing-in of newly elected officials as instructed in the City of Harper Woods' City Charter and to formally designate the first regular meeting in December as the official swearing-in date until such official Michigan legislation is enacted.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Blue Devils fight for top-10 finish at tennis finals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It was time to take the court last week for the final matches of the season for the Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North varsity boys tennis teams. The Blue Devils and Norsemen both earned the right to compete at the Division 2 state finals, which began Wednesday, Oct. 22, in Midland. While neither team ended up bringing home any state titles, there was still plenty of exciting action — including a sixth-place finish in the state for South.

“What made it special was the way we competed,” South boys tennis coach Brian Kean said. “We didn’t show up just to be there. We showed up to test people. Our guys made seeded teams uncomfortable, earned respect from coaches and crowds and walked out proving Grosse Pointe South belongs on that

stage.”

The Blue Devils had players reach the semifinals in two of eight flights at the state championships. One of them was junior Matthew Bartoszewicz in No. 2 singles. He won his first three matches of the tournament before falling in the semifinals to eventual state champion Vikram Krishnan from Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern.

Oscar DeLuca also reached the semifinals in No. 4 singles. The junior won his first two matches

Seaholm’s Joaquim Flory, who went on to win the state title.

In other singles play, Matthew Holowinski won his first match in No. 1 singles before being eliminated in the state quarterfinals. Brendan Stafford won his opening round match in No. 3 singles, but lost in the second round.

For doubles play, Max Prather and Henry Logan made it to the second round of the No. 1 doubles tournament. David Sutts and Nathaniel Yeaman



COURTESY PHOTO

South senior Brendan Stafford takes the court for a match in the No. 3 doubles tournament at the Division 2 tennis state finals.

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BRIAN KEAN, GP SOUTH BOYS TENNIS COACH

of the bracket before being eliminated in the semifinal match, losing to Birmingham

made it all the way to the quarterfinals in No. 2 doubles. Matthew Hamilton and Joseph

Guthat won their opening match in No. 3 doubles before falling in the second round. In No. 4 doubles, Davis Gryzenia and Weston Jerabek, earned a victory before being eliminated in the quarterfinals.

North ended up finishing outside of the top 20 at the state finals after a strong performance at regionals to earn a spot on the state’s biggest

stage. The Norsemen did not win any finals matches, but the team felt that the experience its youthful roster gained by battling hard enough to reach the state tournament was something to build on for the future.

“With the young team at North, we set a goal of making the finals,” North boys tennis coach John Van Alst said. “We knew it was a tough ask, being

in the same region as two other top-10 teams. The boys showed up at regionals to earn a spot in the finals, so this season, the team learned a whole lot about themselves and the competition they will be facing for the years to come. I’m proud of the team’s growth this season and am looking forward to the potential for the next few seasons.”

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see her future team in person when Nebraska came to play both Michigan State and the University of Michigan earlier this month. She will join them in January to begin training and play for the school’s beach volleyball team in the spring in the buildup to joining the indoor volleyball team next fall. All of this will come after a stint in Kansas City, Mo.,

in December, training with the USA Volleyball National Team Development Program, then a trip to Orlando, Fla., in January, for the Under Armour Next All-American Game.

“It’s really still kind of surreal to me that I’m going to be doing that,” DiVita said. “It’s setting in more, but it’s still crazy that I have this opportunity. Every part of my game can improve more, so I’m just working on that as much as I can before I leave in

January and I’m working out a lot. The more prepared I can be before I get there, the smoother I think my transition will be.”

The next phase of her career might be just around the corner, but there still are games to be won at South, which is where DiVita is keeping her focus for now. Whatever lies ahead, DiVita is ready to take on the challenge thanks to everything she has learned to this point, with her biggest mentor

and inspiration being someone very close to home.

Her final games at South also will be DiVita’s final games being coached by her mom, Janeil DiVita. She has played her four varsity seasons at South with her mom on the sidelines as the head coach, but will have to get used to her mom being in the stands rather than on the bench when her time at South comes to an end. That is why every moment

DiVita spends in these final weeks of the Blue Devils’ season is going to be cherished.

“We’re both pretty sad because it’s been a fun four years,” she said. “(I’m) not taking it for granted because you don’t realize how fast it’s going until you get to this point in the season. We’re just enjoying every moment and working hard. We put into the team and we want to keep doing this as long as we can, so the more that we win, the longer

we can keep it going.”

“As her mom, I could not be more proud of the work she has put in to get here,” Janeil DiVita added. “She has put countless hours into training and earned the opportunity to play at the highest level with the top team in the country. I’m excited to watch her continue to grow her game and have the support of an amazing coaching staff, teammates, culture and care for women’s sports at Nebraska.”

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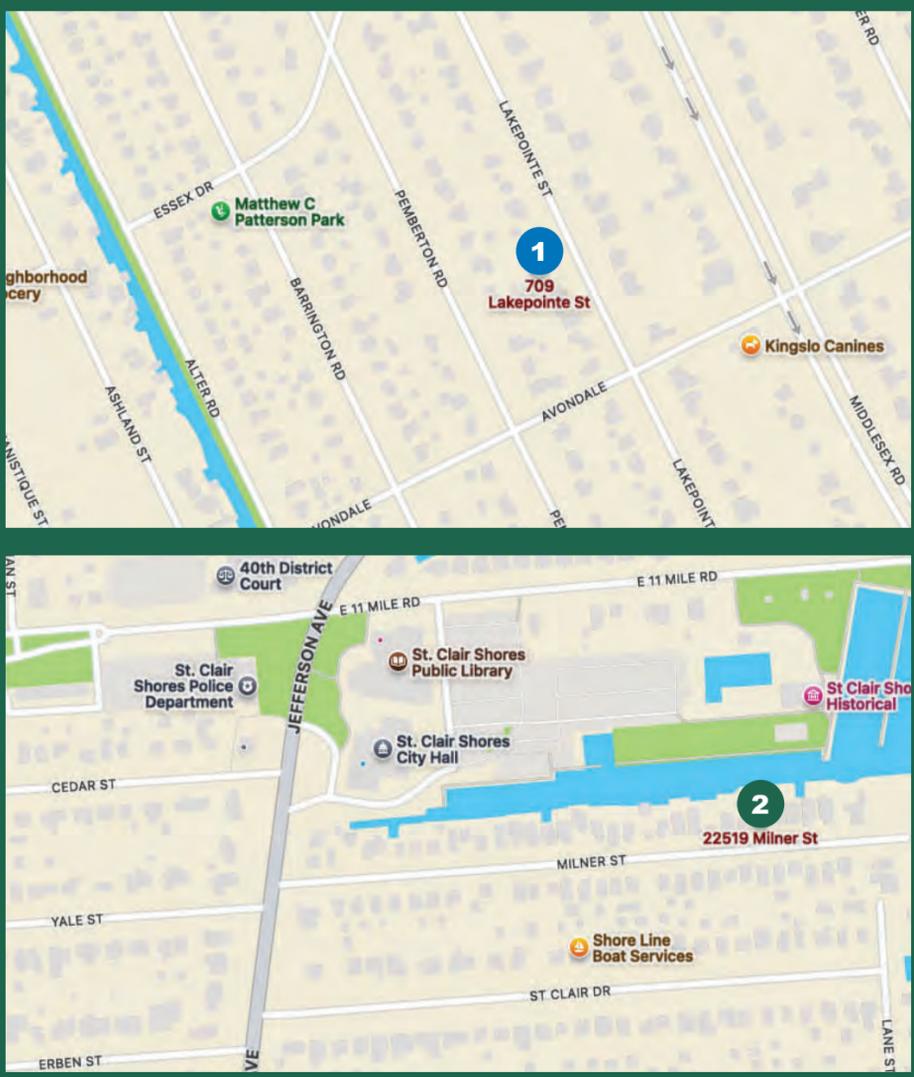
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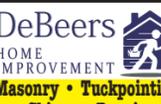
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Knights keep soccer playoff run going after regional championship victory

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Fans of University Liggett School soccer have been given plenty to cheer for in 2025, especially when it comes to the playoffs. The varsity girls team advanced all the way to the Division 4 state championship game in the spring and now, Liggett's varsity boys soccer team is getting closer to doing the same thing this fall. The Knights picked up two victories last week to continue their run in the Division 4 playoffs, while also adding a regional championship trophy to the mantle.

Liggett began last week by facing Hillsdale Academy in the regional semifinal Tuesday, Oct. 21. The Knights are no strangers to playing in close games during the postseason and the matchup against the Colts was no different, as Liggett was able to advance with a 1-0 victory on a last-minute



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY LIGGETT ATHLETICS

University Liggett boys soccer earned the Division 4 regional championship trophy after defeating Plymouth Christian 2-0 Thursday, Oct. 23.

goal.

Liggett and Hillsdale Academy were locked in a scoreless stalemate for nearly 80 minutes and seemed as if they were headed for overtime. However, Liggett's John Lubera netted the game-winning goal in the final minute of regulation to send the Knights to the regional championship game.

The regional final was played Thursday, Oct. 23,

with Liggett taking on Plymouth Christian Academy. With their previous two games in the playoffs decided in dramatic fashion — by just one goal — a 2-0 victory for the Knights in the regional final almost felt like a blowout.

"It really wasn't until the regional final that we had a lead in the first half," Liggett boys soccer coach David Dwaihy said. "That was still a

very narrow lead against a good team. ... We've had a tough run and nothing has come easy. We've had to be really persistent and resilient. I sometimes think that's a good sign because it might be a bit of a jinx if you have an easy game in there. It's been nice to stay battle-tested and humbled by every game that we've played."

Brady Ancona opened the scoring for Liggett

with a goal in the first half that put the Knights ahead 1-0 through half-time. Brendan Logan doubled the lead for the Knights with a goal in the second half as the team went on to lift the regional championship trophy.

Liggett advanced to the Division 4 state semifinal, where it faced Lansing Christian after press time Wednesday, Oct. 29. No matter how far this playoff run ends

up going for the Knights, the extra time together in games and practices has the players and coaches feeling like an even stronger, cohesive unit. The chemistry that has been building with the team, even in just the last couple of weeks during the playoffs, has Dwaihy seeing many similarities between this team and the girls varsity team he coached to much success in the spring.

"It reminds me so much of the girls' season because it was a really close-knit group and everyone got along so well," Dwaihy said. "... Half of the motivation of making a run in the playoffs was extending our time together and I think that's been the theme with this group of boys as well. They're really good to each other and there's a really good dynamic."

The Division 4 state championship game is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, and will be held at Grand Ledge High School.

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a qualifying spot for the girls state finals.

"Eleanor was ranked 25th going in and had an incredible race," South girls cross country coach Steve Zaranek said. "She earned this accomplishment through her hard work and dedication to her team."

Pilsner finished 15th overall at the regional race, cracked the 20-minute mark with a time of

19:27 and helped the Blue Devils achieve a fifth-place finish as a team.

The next five runners for South all set personal-best times at regionals to close out the season. Morgan Costello finished 25th with her time of 20:26. Rylee Piornack cracked the top 30 in 28th with a final time of 20:32. Lydia Thomason-Redus finished at 20:37, putting her 32nd, while Calisse Budek was just behind in 33rd at 20:38. Viviana

Ostrowski came in 46th at 21:34.

Pilsner will represent South's girls team at the Division 1 state finals Saturday, Nov. 1, also at Michigan International Speedway.

South's boys team finished ninth in the region. Oscar Resnick was the highest finisher for the Blue Devils, coming in 41st with his time of 17:27. Lualhati Verzosa was just behind in 42nd. Logan Garbo also made it into the top 50 by finishing 46th.



COURTESY PHOTO

South's Eleanor Pilsner continued her impressive freshman season by qualifying for the Division 1 state finals at the regional meet Saturday, Oct. 25.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (located at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the purpose of considering a rezoning of 1925, 1927, and 1929 Vernier Road (Parcel ID 007 99 0003 000) from RO-1 Restricted Office to C Commercial Business. The property is located at the corner of Vernier Road and Mack Avenue. The applicant requests to operate a dry-cleaning facility alongside an existing hair salon within the existing building. The Planning Commission will hear a presentation, hold a Public Hearing, and may make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the requested zoning map amendment.

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