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Schaap Center does a 180 — opening delayed

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Due to the last-minute delay of the Schaap Center for the Performing Arts grand opening Nov. 30, managers of the 435-seat theater and associated gallery spaces face one of the most dramatic duties in Christendom — saving Christmas.

What was touted as the Schaap Center hosting the festive, season-opening run of the Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "White Christmas"

next month has become more like Santa fumbling his bag down the chimney in a rattling jumble of broken toys, unfulfilled prospects and a billowing blizzard of soot. A total mess.

"Getting at least Grosse Pointe Theatre's run of 'White Christmas' — that's the goal," said Anne Bak Marine, the center's incoming executive director. "I keep telling everyone, 'We've got to save Christmas.'"

Marine co-led a tour of the building Monday morning, Nov. 17.

She and other center representatives were confident myriad, but typical, tail ends of the more than year-long construction process would be wrapped up on time.

Tools and equipment, debris and dust would be removed or swept up in time for an inaugural matinee Nov. 30, featuring a potpourri of performing artists, followed a week later by the first of three installments of GPT's holiday musical Dec. 5 to 21.

During the tour, Paul Schaap, the multi-million dollar center's prime

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

As Christmas decorations go up in The Village, the clock arch has received replacement lights just in time for the holiday season.

Christmas comes early for clock arch

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Much to the delight of those who have been driving under a patchwork of burnt-out lights, Christmas Street — known other times of the year as Kercheval in The Village — has been graced with the presence of new bright, white lights adorning the clock arch.

A total of 3,360 wide-angle warm white LED lights with four-inch spacing were strung across the arch this month, just in time for The Village's Tree Lighting Ceremony.

"We'll be adding an additional four strands of 280 lights when the

wreaths come down to fill in some slight gaps," added Cindy Willcock, executive director of Main Street Grosse Pointe, which purchased the lights using funding annually budgeted for replacing and enhancing Christmas decorations in The Village.

The lights, which cost approximately \$600, have an up to 10-year lifespan and come with a three-year warranty. They were purchased through Wintergreen Corp., which also is responsible for the lights on Michigan Avenue in Chicago, and notably is not the same company that produced the

previous arch lights.

"There's always great innovations and great new things coming out," Willcock said. "Sometimes they work the way we expect them to and sometimes they don't quite work the way we expect them to."

Such was the case with the previous colorful collage of lights, which came with a lifespan of three to five years and clocked out at the three-year mark.

Purchased in 2022 using a vibrancy grant secured through Main Street, the lights also were

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GPPSS superintendent rated 'effective'

By Ted O'Neil
 Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — In a three-hour, often contentious meeting, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education rated Superintendent Andrea Tuttle effective during her annual evaluation, the highest rating a superintendent can receive, at a special meeting Thursday, Nov. 20.

The board scored Tuttle across 32 metrics on a scale of 1 to 3 dealing with everything

from budgetary matters to personnel issues to student growth.

A representative from the Michigan Association of School Boards, who facilitated the meeting, tabulated Tuttle's final weighted score at 2.7, a 90 percent rating.

Tuttle received 3s in several categories, including district image, media relations, delegation of duties and budget development.

The district finished the most recent fiscal year with a surplus of more than \$5 million and \$1

million the previous year.

Tuttle, as allowed under state law, requested the meeting be open to the public. At a mid-year evaluation in August, the board voted to close the meeting without asking her if she wanted it open.

There were some tense moments during the meeting, as board members were able to comment on why they voted a certain way on a particular metric, with Tuttle allowed to respond.

President Colleen Worden, for example, scored Tuttle a 1

for providing the board with information, citing a discussion about universal preschool at the board's previous meeting.

"You put it on the agenda and there was a flurry of negative information," Worden said.

"It was for discussion," Tuttle responded. "I told you three times what I was putting on the agenda."

Under district image, Secretary Valarie St. John was the only board member not to give Tuttle a 3, scoring her a 1.

"You don't represent the district well in some board meetings," she said. "Walking out of

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Learning the ropes of government

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — One by one, 19 girls of Defer Elementary School's first-grade Daisy Girl Scout Troop 78371 lined up during a field trip to municipal court chambers and signed oaths to faithfully discharge duties of the Daisy for Democracy badge.

Then they took a group photo and ate cookies decorated like the insignia for which they'd qualified.

The trip represented an early component in their maturation from a life of unicorns, chocolate syrup and bedtime stories to endorsing the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

"I'm having fun with my friends," trooper Josephine DeRosier said.

Daisies, ages 5 through 7, are the first level of the Girl Scout hierarchy.

"Today we are earning our Daisy for Democracy badge by learning about



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Above, Josephine DeRosier, a member of Daisy Girl Scout Troop 78371 of Defer Elementary School, signs an oath to abide by principles of the Daisy for Democracy badge. City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler, a former Girl Scout, administered the oath verbally in city hall municipal court chambers. Right, it's all smiles, mostly, for members of Defer Elementary School's Daisy Girl Scout Troop 78371, earning their Daisy for Democracy badge by learning about local government at Grosse Pointe Park City Hall. In back, from left, are City Manager Nick Sizeland, Councilman Brent Dreaver, Mayor Michele Hodges and City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler.



our local government," said Kelly Wagner, one of four troop leaders.

"We are learning about what it means to participate in community government and about what

the city council does," said J.J. DeRosier, Josephine's mother and a troop leader.

"The girls were really excited to meet the mayor and city clerk,"

Wagner said. "This is the first time many of them have been in a courtroom."

With hope, the last. "Today, we have the honor of hosting Daisies,

who are learning how to be good community members," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "That's important. To see them show leadership and build those skills

makes for a great day." "They were so excited and enthusiastic," City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler said. "I used to be a Girl Scout, so to be able to give back means a lot."

Woods clerk recognized for election work

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Clerk Paul Antolin likes an orderly, clean voter registration list. For his efforts, he recently received a Sunlight Award from the Michigan Fair Election Institute.

According to Patrice Johnson, founder and chairwoman of the MFEI, an investigation of the state's Qualified Voter File last March found more than 10,000 redundant voter registrations.

"They sent out a list of duplicates that should be off the rolls," Antolin said. "Anytime we get a chance to clean up the rolls, we take advantage of it."

Johnson said more than 800 emails were sent to municipal clerks around the state asking them to manage the issue.

"Your jurisdiction was one that demonstrated significant responsive-



Paul Antolin

ness and cooperation in addressing duplicate registrations," Johnson wrote to Antolin in a letter accompanying a certificate. "This award recognizes you as a Responsive Advocate for your outstanding dedication and exemplary service in helping to remove redundancies from your local voter registration rolls."

The award is named for U.S. Supreme Court

Justice Louis Brandeis's famous statement, "Sunlight is the best disinfectant."

Johnson said of 1,521 clerks throughout the state, 509 received the award. She said recipients have reduced redundancies by an average of 86 percent in their jurisdictions, although just 17 percent of redundancies have been removed statewide.

Antolin said the QVF is

only as accurate as the information he receives.

"The biggest problem is when someone moves out of state," he said. "When they register to vote after they move, we aren't notified."

Moves within Michigan are easier to track.

"The communication among clerks in Michigan is great," Antolin said, "because we're all looking at the same database."

Mayor Art Bryant said he was proud of Antolin.

"Paul has an excellent staff whom he has directed to do this job and many others in the new era of multiple ways of voting and tabulating votes," he said.

Antolin joined the Woods as deputy clerk in March 2018 and was appointed clerk in April 2022. Prior to that, he spent 17 years with the city of Romulus, including 13 years in the clerk's office, after getting a business degree from Wayne State University.

Shop Small Business Saturday in The Village

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As the holiday season begins, The Village is shining a spotlight on the importance of shopping small, reminding the community that every purchase made locally strengthens the heart of the community — its small businesses.

"Our Village small businesses are more than storefronts; they are the backbone of our Grosse Pointe community," said Cindy Willcock, executive director of Main Street Grosse Pointe. "When you choose to shop local, you're investing in the people, creativity and character that make our community vibrant and welcoming."

For Small Business Saturday, which is this weekend, Nov. 29, The Village will be offering special deals and giveaways from participating businesses; seasonal décor and holiday cheer

throughout The Village; and complimentary treats and warm beverages offered at select spots.

The goal? To encourage Grosse Pointers to make local businesses their first stop for holiday shopping.

Reasons to shop local this season include:

- ◆ dollars spent locally stay local, fueling jobs, services and reinvestment in The Village;

- ◆ from one-of-a-kind gifts to personalized service, small businesses provide experiences not found anywhere else;

- ◆ and shopping small builds relationships between neighbors, business owners and the community at large.

Small Business Saturday shoppers can enjoy hassle-free parking, given parking is free in all off-street surface parking lots in The

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angel, said thousands of tickets have been sold in anticipation of the curtain rising on "White Christmas."

The theater's website lists the first four of the show's 11 performances sold out.

Marine indicated the center's construction status became clearer, or muddier — in this case it's the same thing —

during a staff meeting of "key players" after the tour.

"That's when we became aware of material acquisitions that were delayed," she said. "It was a laundry list of things that cropped up. It was concerning."

As the deadline for opening neared, it revealed a divergence between the show going on and doing the job right.

"While we had originally anticipated wel-

coming patrons into the new space in November, unfortunate construction management challenges have required us to delay our opening events," said Jaime Rae Turnbull, outgoing but still active executive director, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23. It turned out her comment was clipped from an email she sent a few days earlier to certain members of the community.

Helping put the center's status into perspective was the arrival Tuesday night, Nov. 18, one day after the tour, of the center's technical advisor, David Goodman-Edberg. "David has vast experi-

ence with theatrical systems," Marine said. "He was able to be that voice representing the Schaap Center and program partners in asking specific questions about, 'When is this going to be done?' and whether that can be done. He's been a crucial asset this past week to help ramp up solving some of the theatrical system delays."

Goodman-Edberg is a consultant from Chicago.

"Adding his voice to the team was critical to understanding there are things here that none of the rest of us necessarily know about because we didn't have the same level of expertise," Marine said. "The other

thing was the parking

lot." The lot's concrete surface hasn't been poured.

"Installation of the theater seats was delayed," Marine said. "Eighty percent of the seats were installed and then, all of a sudden, nothing happened. On top of those were other issues, the exterior of the building and the lobby. It wasn't just one thing. It was a number of things."

Two days following Goodman-Edberg's reality check, it was time to bite the bullet. There was no alternative to announcing the delay, albeit selectively.

"With deep disappointment, we are writing to share an important update regarding the opening of the Schaap Center," Turnbull wrote in an email to various people the morning of Thursday, Nov. 20.

Five minutes later, a recipient forwarded Turnbull's message to the Grosse Pointe News, which had reported that day both observations

from the tour and assurances from three center managers that, despite the site being unfinished and cluttered, it would open on time.

"Unfortunate construction management challenges have required us to delay our opening events," Turnbull wrote.

No new opening date has been set.

"The good news is that significant progress continues to be made each day and we expect to finalize a revised opening date soon," Turnbull wrote. "As soon as we have a confirmed timeline, you will be among the first to know."

Theater-goers may be dreaming if they think "White Christmas" will get a full run as scheduled during the holiday period.

"We'll reschedule our opening event," Marine said. "But 'White Christmas' is important. That's our big motivator right now. Let's make this happen for the Grosse Pointe Theatre. It's construction. It's the nature of the beast."

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Santa is back in town

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — “Santa belongs in a children’s store,” said Anne Murphy, owner of Apple Blossom Baby in The Village, where Santa will set up shop on the lower level each Saturday from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

St. Nick will be ready to take photos and hear Christmas wishes from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 — though the hours differ slightly Dec. 13, which is 10 a.m. to noon.

“We went with a candy stripe theme this year,” said Laura Clements, who creates a new design for Santa’s Workshop each year. “It happens to match the interior of the

store, so that was our inspiration.”

The festivities also will include take-home ornament kits and space for children to color and write letters to Santa.

“We have the mailbox that we provide every year, so of course they’re all immediately sent to the North Pole for Santa’s review,” Clements said.

New this year, Santa will spend 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at SideStreet Diner, 630 St. Clair, for a special Breakfast with Santa event, before heading back to his workshop at 17110 Kercheval. Seating is first come, first served.

Apple Blossom Baby also will host a special shopping event designed

for children to do their own Christmas shopping 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

Vendors will supply a variety of gift options including 3D-printed and engraved goods.

While the goal is to keep all items under \$20, costs will be capped at \$30.

“When I was a kid, we would go to Hudson’s downtown and there was a special room,” Murphy recalled. “Your parents would give you an envelope and it would say, ‘I’m buying this for (this person) and I want to spend \$5,’ and there would be people there to help you shop. That’s what I want to do here.”

— Laurel Kraus



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Santa’s Workshop this year follows a candy stripe theme surrounding The Village’s traditional big, green chair, which is all ready for St. Nick.

War Memorial welcomes Santa’s return for books, breakfast

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Santa’s coming to town and making several stops at The War Memorial in December.

First up is the beloved annual tradition, Bedtime Stories with Santa, when kiddos in the community are invited to dress in their coziest Christmas pajamas and join Santa by the fireplace for storytime, a sing-along and — certainly not to be forgotten — milk and cookies.

This year, Santa will read “The Little Reindeer” by Nicola Killen, which is an enchanting story of a little girl who wakes from her sleep to find a lost reindeer in the forest, after which the two go on a magical adventure together.

Alongside personal visits with Santa, The War Memorial new this year will have its in-house photographer, Inner Circle Photography, on hand to capture the moment with a professional photo,



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A magical moment in time captured during last year’s Bedtime Stories with Santa at The War Memorial.

included with the ticket price.

Parents also may purchase for \$20 a keepsake copy of “The Little Reindeer” signed by Santa, as well as a Little Reindeer plush stuffed animal for \$12.

Bedtime Stories with Santa takes place 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7; 4 to 5 p.m., 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9; and 4 to 5 p.m., 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11.

“Those always sell out, so we added a night this

year,” said Jennifer Sutton, director of public programs and special

events. “We usually just did it Sunday and Thursday, so (now) there’s additional chances for families.”

Additionally, a special needs sensory-friendly seating option takes place 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

Free for attendees — register by emailing ce@warmemorial.org — this offering is designed to be slower-paced and quieter in a small group setting.

Aside from the free sensory-friendly session, tickets to Bedtime Stories with Santa should be purchased in advance and

are \$28 per child and \$5 per adult.

Next up, the annual favorite Breakfast with Santa returns for two sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.

The highlight of the event, Santa is set to make his iconic entrance in a helicopter — though the preferred choice of transportation is weather permitting.

“Last year, unfortu-

nately the helicopter could not land because of the rain,” Sutton recalled. “So he had to land at City Airport and then the Grosse Pointe firefighters ended up helping us out and brought Santa in on a fire truck.”

This year, in addition to the traditional menu prepared by The War Memorial’s in-house chef, children and adults alike permitting.

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marketed to be programmable for various color patterns — pink for breast cancer awareness month, green for St. Patrick’s Day, etc. — but never worked as they were supposed to.

“They were coming to the end of their life cycle

anyways,” Willcock said, “so because we had a couple strands out, it seemed like it was a good time rather than investing in trying to rectify that situation. We heard people and we had the opportunity to be a little proactive and get some new lights up there before they all quit functioning.”

— Laurel Kraus

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Village on Saturday, as well as every Saturday and Sunday until Christmas courtesy of the City of Grosse Pointe and Main Street Grosse Pointe.

A full list of participating businesses and their special offers will be available on The Village Facebook page — facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe — and to

date includes:

Apple Blossom Baby & Kids, Dawood Boutique, El’s Boutique, Focus 313 Eyecare, Glitter & Scotch, J.McLaughlin, The League Shop, Lululemon, Newport, Pointelle, Posterity Gallery, Savvy Chic Boutique, SideStreet Diner, Small Favors Gift Gallery & Small Favors Kids, The Spice and Tea Exchange, Susie at Home, Village Nutrition, Village Palm and The Whiskey Six.

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MONDAY, DEC. 1

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens’ Holiday Social, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

- ◆ Brunch with Santa at Windmill Pointe Park, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Driven to succeed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Think of the chutzpah it took to do this.

While a teenager, Cecelia Brooks worked part-time as a bill collector for Jacobson's department store in The Village.

"I was fearless," she said.

She got the job through the Grosse Pointe South High School co-op program. Her prior work experience consisted of clerking at Fairfax Market in the Park.

From Brooks' desk in Jacobson's basement behind the customer service department, she learned about life while dunning people many times her age and economic status.

"When you're a teenager calling on 30-, 60- and 90-day past-due accounts in Grosse Pointe, it can be very interesting," Brooks said. "That's where I learned how to manage people from every walk of life. I was really creative."

She wanted to outshine everyone in the department.

"I'm not a competitive person, but I like to succeed," she said.

Here's where it gets brassy.

"One time, I couldn't get a person to call me back," Brooks said. "So I called their next-door neighbor and asked them to knock on their neighbor's door and have them call Jacobson's because we were looking for them."

Fact is, there was no

Cecelia Brooks. It was a fake name, the nom de plume of Jaime Rae Turnbull.

"I didn't want people to know who was actually calling them — I was a bill collector," Turnbull said. "I needed the Cecelia Brooks name because I knew these people. I went to school with some of their families. My parents knew some of them."

But it was fun. "It was back in the good old days of Jacobson's," Turnbull said.

She used her real name for everything else.

"At night, I was a bartender and waiter at the original Tom's Oyster Bar," Turnbull said. "Put all that together and I launched into my academic experience. I'm a driven, hardworking, entrepreneurial individual."

She went to college at Northwood University, where the focus always has been on business.

"That experience shaped strong values that my parents had of hard work and put me on a trajectory of being an entrepreneurial spirit very much in support of free enterprise, which was all about the Northwood idea," Turnbull said.

No doubt she's driven. "There was nothing too challenging for me to wrap my arms around," she said. "That's how I started my career. I called Keith Crain my senior year every Friday and asked for a job until he finally said, 'OK,

come in.' I got a job as assistant sales promotion manager at Crain's Detroit Business and helped get Crain's relatively new publication out into the business community."

One day a conversation went something like this:

"Mr. Crain came to me and said, 'I've got a job for you at the College for Creative Studies,'" Turnbull said. "I want you to put on a charity event for the Walter Buhl Ford Award Dinner at the DIA. I'm going to give you my Rolodex and I'd like you to help my wife and her co-chair raise \$250,000."

"I said, 'Sure, I can do that,'" Turnbull said.

She was 22. "That was the beginning of my fundraising," she said.

From fundraising for CCS and doing the same for the Karmanos Cancer Institute, the A. A. Van Elslander Foundation, Kid Rock's charity foundation, the Tom and Holly Gores Foundation and more — either as an employee of the organizations or through her communications consulting firm — Turnbull built a reputation that sits well with big-name clients.

"I've built trust with many incredible people throughout my career," Turnbull said. "I don't know if I ever really interviewed for any job I had."

Her switch from Karmanos to Neiman Marcus and beyond are examples.

"Neiman Marcus



COURTESY PHOTO

Jaime Rae Turnbull in the British Virgin Islands.

approached me about being the public relations manager because of my network and the way I'd integrated myself into the philanthropic community," Turnbull said. "When I left Neiman Marcus, it was because the CEO of Victor International came to me to run their marketing department at Bay Harbor. That was another person who believed in me and saw my capabilities. I sold hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of real estate for Victor International and was their spokesperson, launched their project in the Virgin Islands and sold Turtle Lake, a gated community in Bloomfield Hills."

Work in the Virgin Islands included helping establish a relief program to rebuild a high school on the island Tortola, post Hurricane Irma 2017.

"I wanted to make sure those kids didn't have to operate out of an old warehouse," Turnbull said. "Building on an island is a whole other level of logistics. You've got to bring in everything through containers. It's very complicated. The people there are rooted in their faith, which I admire. They are more in tune with their faith and family than with financing and money."

One of her proudest accomplishments was producing an event for Crain's at Michigan Central Station in 2017.

"I had to prepare that building with the owners for 450 people to attend the grand-opening night of Detroit Homecoming," Turnbull said. "That furthered discussions between the Maroun (station owners) and Ford families."

The Marouns sold the station to Ford the following year.

Turnbull credited the homecoming as impetus for the station being rescued by Ford Motor Co.

"All those folks got together and recognized the potential," Turnbull said.

She said most high-profile entrepreneurs with whom she's associated share two characteristics.

"For the most part, they are incredibly philanthropic," Turnbull said. "That has been a common thread — entrepreneurial and philanthropic. Because I've become somewhat of a go-to for people, I've been able to use my sales, marketing and fundraising to traverse many different unique projects and people. For the most part, all the clients I worked with have had the commitment to giving back."

She said she helped

the Van Elslanders grant \$4 million so the Full Circle Foundation could acquire property on Jefferson in the Park, open an expanded resale shop and more.

"To see the joy that happened when Full Circle retail operations opened — these are things that make our community a community," Turnbull said.

She also was executive director of the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery. As the opening of the center nears, Turnbull is helping the new director fit into the role.

"I've always been involved with projects that were complex," Turnbull said. "I'm proud of the Schaap Center being part of the cultural corridor that is emerging between the Ford House, Grosse Pointe War Memorial and goes into Detroit to Pewabic Pottery, the Shepherd and Belle Isle — a lot of these remarkable institutions."

All of her activities happened while working as a real estate agent.

"In 2024, I was a top real estate producer with our family-owned agency, Higbie Maxon Agney, and sold the most expensive home in all of Grosse Pointe for \$4,175,000 while raising funds for the arts center," Turnbull said.

She also organized restoration of the overgrown and unkempt Fox Massacre historical marker on Windmill Pointe Drive at Lakepointe.

"I feel really, really good about our financial and beautification commitment to that story," Turnbull said. "Phillip Morici from fleurdetroit, a remarkable resident, donated his design services and worked with my husband and I. We beautified part of the boulevard to properly recognize that historical marker. Now it's a gathering place of reflection. That is reflective of the way my family and our values have put me where I'm at today."

If Turnbull could go back in time and give advice to her alter ego, Cecelia Brooks, she'd tell her what she already knew:

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Tickets are \$45 per child — children 2 and younger are free — and \$67.50 per adult.

"We are doing a slightly lower capacity just to make sure that everybody has the best experience for both (sessions)," Sutton noted.

In addition to The War Memorial's family-focused holiday programming, the organization this year is adding a Merry & Bright Holiday Dinner Party in the historic Alger house from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18.

The 21-and-older event

features a three-course holiday meal by Executive Chef Joe Paxton, followed by a performance in the ballroom by Detroit crooner Ben Sharkey.

While the dinner is sold out, \$21 tickets remain for the concert, for which doors open at 8 p.m.

"The holidays are a time to come together, reflect on what matters most and create lasting memories with those we love," said Maria Miller, president and CEO of The War Memorial, in a release. "Through our Holiday Traditions events, we are proud to offer families and friends meaningful opportunities to connect, celebrate and experience the magic of the season right here at The War Memorial."

To purchase tickets or register for any holiday event, visit warmemorial.org/holidaytraditions.

City of Grosse Pointe

Porch pirate

An Amazon package containing a \$980 mixer was stolen from a Village Lane porch Thursday, Nov. 20.

Dodge entertainment systems stolen

Two Dodge Rams parked at an area hospital were broken into and had their center console entertainment systems stolen around noon Friday, Nov. 21.

The suspects drove a dark-colored SUV.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Intoxicated

For speeding 49 mph along Moross at 1:41

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, a 73-year-old Detroit man was pulled over and subsequently arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Disorderly

A 45-year-old Detroit man was arrested for a disorderly conduct warrant out of the Farms at 5:43 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, after being pulled over at Mack and Moross for driving without headlights.

Expired

A 42-year-old San Antonio man was cited for an expired license plate and no insurance when pulled over on Mack at 8:14 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.

— Laurel Kraus

Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Caught in act

Three scammers were arrested shortly before 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, trying to track down a package of iPhones they are accused of fraudulently arranging to be shipped to a residence in the 1400 block of Bishop.

The Park resident was tipped off when a parcel company notified him the phones were on their way.

"The victim did not order phones and the package was stopped before it was delivered," a Park investigator said.

"The victim noticed (an) unknown person looking for the package on his porch and contacted police."

Arrested were a woman and two men, all from Detroit.

Car recovered

The alley between the 1400 blocks of Maryland and Lakepointe was the scene last week of a recovered stolen vehicle.

At 1:40 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, a nearby resident reported to police hearing a crash in the alley.

"Officers found an unoccupied 2009 GMC Acadia still running in the alley that had struck another vehicle," according to police. "No persons were on scene."

The Acadia owner said the vehicle had been

parked at his residence with the key fob inside.

"Surveillance video showed two suspects running from the area," police said.

Drunken driving

When Park police pulled over a 46-year-old female motorist from Detroit at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, for driving on Mack near Devonshire without using her vehicle's headlights, they discovered she was drunk and put her under arrest.

Stolen vehicle

A 2023 Ford Explorer, reportedly parked in the driveway of a house in the 600 block of Westchester with the key fob in the vehicle, was stolen at 3 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19.

— Brad Lindberg

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

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 Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— Ted O'Neil

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Ryan Wilson's daughters pin a lieutenant badge on their father during his promotion ceremony.

Shores promotes newest lieutenant

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The public safety department has promoted Sgt. Ryan Wilson to the rank of lieutenant, with Mayor Ted Kedzierski administering the oath of office at the Tuesday, Nov. 18, city council meeting.

Wilson, 36, has been with the department since 2016. He is a 2007 graduate of L'Anse Creuse High School and obtained an associate's degree in fire science from Macomb Community College.

"It took a lot of energy and focus," Wilson said of receiving the promotion three years after obtaining the rank of sergeant. "It was quite a bit of stress having a young family, studying for the written exam and getting ready for the oral boards, but I thought it could help the department advance."

Ryan and his wife, Caroline, have three young daughters.

"He is a great father, husband, police officer and a fantastic guy," Public Safety Director Ken Werenski said of Wilson. "He is a leader and an exemplary employee."

Wilson was hired by the Shores in 2015, and attended the police academy in 2016. He got his paramedic certification in 2013, and went through the Oakland Community College fire academy in 2014.

Wilson said he enjoys using all facets of his training and wants to retire from the Shores.

"I enjoy doing all three," he said. "Becoming a paramedic was hard and I don't ever want to not use that. It's how I got my initial start and then grew into the other things."

Wilson is part of the detective bureau and has taken classes on topics such as stolen auto identification techniques, evidentiary photography, speed measurement and investigative statement analy-

sis.

He's also a field training officer, a fire instructor and oversees the department's license plate readers.

"LPRs have some pretty strict guidelines, but they've been extremely beneficial to our investigations," he noted.

Since joining the department, Wilson has received several unit commendations, as well as a life-saving award in 2016, and the Director's Award in 2019.

It was a TV show that led to Wilson's career choice.

"We used to watch a TV show growing up called 'Rescue 911' and it really sparked my interest," he told the Grosse Pointe News in 2022, after being promoted to sergeant. "Being able to help people in their worst time of need is a great feeling."

The show, hosted by William Shatner, ran from 1989 to 1996, and featured reenactments, with occasional real footage, of 911 calls.

Council chambers named in honor of former mayor

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — As he passed the gavel to newly elected Mayor John Gillooly at last Monday's council meeting, former Farms Mayor Louis Theros was recognized with several honors — not the least of which was his name permanently placed above the room's entrance.

Within the newly christened "Louis Theros Council Chambers/Court," Sen. Kevin Hertel and State Rep. Veronica Paiz presented Theros with a special tribute from the state of Michigan congrat-

ulating him on his retirement.

"It is a great pleasure to congratulate Louis Theros on his retirement as Mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms," the plaque reads. "Louis's dedication and continuous efforts to better the lives of others have left an enduring mark on our community."

Theros was elected to city council in 2001, serving for 16 years until 2017, when he successfully ran for mayor in the city's first contested mayoral election in more than a decade.

He served as chairman of the audit and budget committee, chairman of the ordinance committee

and as a member of the personnel committee and retirement system boards.

The state's tribute — which also was signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II — recognized Theros' background as a labor lawyer, equipping him to push for policies that kept the city financially stable with a dedicated workforce. It also referenced the former mayor's work to secure a grant that reimbursed the Farms for costs incurred while maintaining the Highland Park Pumping Station.

"Throughout his time in public office, Mayor Theros consistently prioritized the needs of the community, working to ensure that Grosse Pointe Farms remain a community where families will thrive for generations to come," the tribute reads. "Therefore, this document is signed and dedicated to commending Louis Theros on his retirement as Mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms. We appreciate his dedication to our community and wish him continued success as he starts this new chapter with his wife, Patti, and their family."

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State Rep. Veronica Paiz and Sen. Kevin Hertel present Theros with a special tribute from the state of Michigan congratulating him on his retirement Monday, Nov. 10.

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The Grosse Pointe Farms council chambers and courtroom have been named in honor of former Mayor Louis Theros in recognition of his 24 years on city council, eight of those as mayor.



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OUR VIEW

Happy Thanksgiving

This is the transcript for President Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation from Oct. 3, 1863.

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggressions, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battlefield, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and union. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

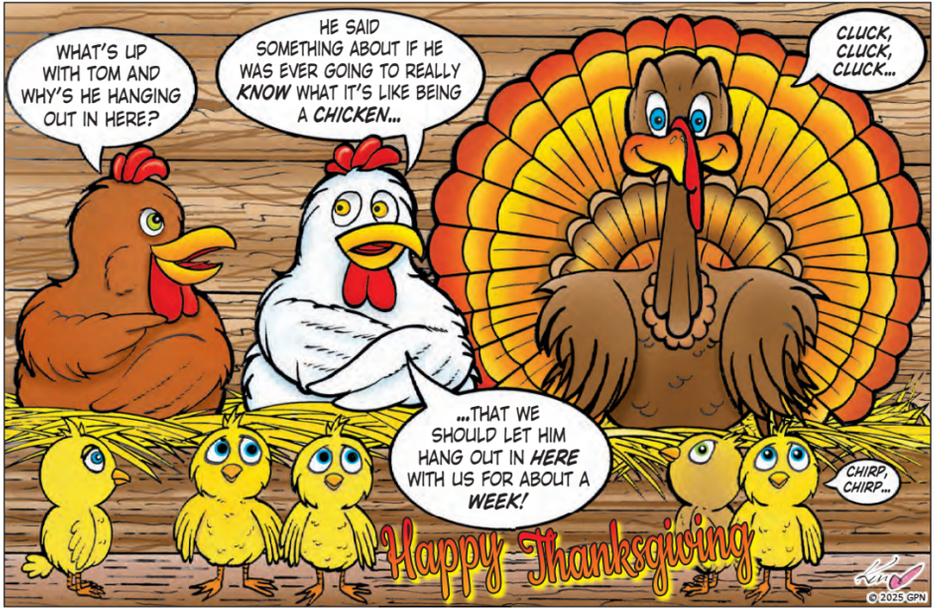


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GUEST VIEW By Jeffrey D. Brasie

Happy Thanksgiving from around the world

Research indicates that across the globe, numerous other nations celebrate their version of Thanksgiving.

The list includes Barbados, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, South India, South Korea, United Kingdom and Vietnam.

Here are the traditions in some of those countries:

Canada

Canada's first Thanksgiving was reportedly celebrated in 1579. A feast was organized by English explorer Martin Frobisher giving thanks for his sailing ship's successful voyage to North America. Thanksgiving in Canada is celebrated the second Monday in October. Their foods are similar to what Americans eat with turkey, stuffing and sweet potatoes.

China

On the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar cycle, Chinese families come together for a three-day feast known as the Moon Festival. It takes place during the harvest moon, which is the full moon closest to the Autumnal Equinox (beginning of the fall season.)

In addition to lighting lanterns and dragon dances, the most notable tradition is the mooncake that's offered as sacrifice to the moon and eaten in celebration of the holiday. Mooncakes are a spongy pastry filled with sesame seeds, ground lotus seeds and a salted duck egg yolk in the center which symbolizes the full moon.

Netherlands

The Dutch Thanksgiving has historic American ties. The holiday is primarily conducted in the city of Leiden celebrating the Dutch who settled in the American colonies (nearly 40 percent of adults on the Mayflower came from the Netherlands).

The Dutch also observe Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November. Rather than a meal, they attend a non-denominational church service followed by coffee and cookies being served.

Germany

Germany's Thanksgiving is known as Erntedankfest, which translates to "harvest thank festival." It and those from other European countries date before Christianity.

Their Thanksgiving image is a cornucopia (also known as a horn of plenty) that actually comes from a European pagan tradition where farmers would fill a curved goat horn with fruits, vegetables and grains as a thanks for the bounty provided by the previous season's labor.

Erntedankfest takes place the first Sunday of October. German communities take their festivities to the streets and town squares with

parades, music, dancing and, of course, food.

Because turkey, a bird native to North America, is not as common in Germany, their meal would offer chicken or goose.

Brazil

In the 1940s when a Brazilian ambassador returned from a November trip to the United States, he brought back with him the tradition of America's Thanksgiving.

Brazil's Thanksgiving, the fourth Thursday in November, is called Dia de Acao de Gracias. Their holiday begins with church service and then turns into a carnival-like celebration with a gigantic party in the streets. Like in America, festive meals are served around this unofficial holiday.

Liberia

Liberia's Thanksgiving was established when freed slaves from the United States returned to this country around 1820. It was declared a holiday in the 1880s and is predominantly celebrated by Christians. Their traditions include auctioning off fruit-filled cornucopias at their church and then returning home to enjoy a large feast with their families. The meal consists of a bird with plenty of spices as well as mashed cassava (also a root vegetable) instead of mashed potatoes.

Liberia celebrates on November's first Thursday.

Japan

Each Nov. 23, Japan celebrates Kinro Kansha no Hi, known as Labor Thanksgiving Day. Similar to America's Labor Day, this is a public holiday to honor and thank community workers. While there are no big meals or parades, there is the Nagano Labor Festival. Local organizations sponsor the festival bringing awareness to environmental and human rights issues. Elementary-age children also make crafts for labor workers as a sign of gratitude.

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LETTERS

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Expecting more

To the Editor:

I attended the public evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle last week and was one of many residents who spoke during public comment. What disturbed me most wasn't just the tone of the evaluation, it was the contempt shown for the public.

Many in the audience stood up to voice our support for Dr. Tuttle and to call out the hostility and lack of professionalism we were witnessing from the board. In response, Trustee Laura Hull dismissed us as merely a "vocal minority." That was not only insulting, it was revealing.

School board members are elected to represent their constituents, not to belittle or ignore them. To write off an engaged group

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I SAY By Mike Adzima



Feast Week: The Thanksgiving sports tradition sweeping the nation

Football, food and family. That is what Thanksgiving is and always will be about to most of us. No sport is more associated with Thanksgiving than football, especially here in Michigan, with the Detroit Lions playing their annual game each year the fourth Thursday of November. Believe me, there is nothing I look forward to more on

Thanksgiving each year than watching the Lions before sitting down for the big meal in my parents' dining room. However, a new sports tradition has emerged over the years that seems to perfectly complement the gridiron action we get treated to on Thanksgiving. That tradition has become known as "Feast Week," which brings us days of college basketball games practically from sunrise to sunset. The advantage college

basketball has over football is it can give us multiple days' worth of sports to watch as we both get ready for and recover from the indulgences of the holiday. Sure, football is great to watch on Thursday, but if you are looking for a late-night snack to enjoy on your days off leading up to Thanksgiving, Feast Week can give you a top-10 college basketball team playing a game at midnight on Tuesday. I know many people probably do not share the

same level of obsession with me. However, to me, any meaningful sporting event that is taking place at an obscure hour has a special place in my heart. Invationals and tournaments are the backbone of Feast Week, making up a majority of the big games being played. Some of the best teams from around the country travel to places like Las Vegas, Fort Myers, Fla., or even Maui to go head-to-head. It provides some of the best matchups college hoops

fans could see all season and a lot of the games could end up having an impact on the NCAA tournament when March comes around. Las Vegas will be hosting this year's biggest tournament, the Players Era Festival. Wolverine fans around town will be tuned in to watch the University of Michigan play in Sin City. I will be paying close attention to my Syracuse Orange as they travel to the desert to take on Houston and Kansas in what most

likely will be futile efforts, but I will enjoy them nonetheless. Spartan fans can enjoy a top-25 matchup against North Carolina on Thanksgiving Day, with Michigan State competing in the Fort Myers Tip-off. The Lions always will be the biggest show on Thanksgiving for me, but Feast Week has quickly become a favorite. It can give you pretty much anything you want at any time of day during this brief holiday break, so sit back, relax and enjoy.

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of parents and residents as insignificant is the height of arrogance. But coming from a former teacher in our district, it's even worse.

Trustee Hull spent years in our classrooms, shaping young minds. She should know the value of listening, the harm of dismissal and the damage done by modeling hostility and disregard. That she now shrugs off her own community speaks volumes. Frankly, it's a betrayal of everything we hope our educators stand for. We expect more from someone who once held the responsibility of teaching our children.

That night, I recited a few lines from Kipling's "If—" The words seemed appropriate given the ugliness unfolding:

"If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,"

RICHARD SCHROEDER
Grosse Pointe Park

Appalling

To The Editor:

I have been watching the school board meetings for many years, but never more closely than since January 2023. While there has always been some degree of contention at these meetings among board members, what I witnessed at the recent evaluation of Dr. Andrea Tuttle shocked the conscience.

I attended the meeting in person and could only sit through the first portion before I had to leave. It was that upsetting. Later, I steeled myself to watch the rest online. I have never seen anything so vindictive, mean spirited and personal in a professional setting. The animosity that board President Colleen Worden displayed toward Dr. Tuttle was beyond inappropriate. It was appalling.

I co-founded a company in 1997 that grew from seven employees to over 2,500. I served as chief operating officer for nearly two decades, with dozens of directors and vice presidents reporting to me. I conducted hun-

dreds of evaluations always focused on performance and professionalism. I also served on private boards, nonprofit foundations and charitable organizations. Never in any of these settings have I seen someone treated the way Dr. Tuttle was that evening. It simply does not happen in any functional professional environment. And for what? Dr. Tuttle is an objectively outstanding leader. Her results speak for themselves and were laid out clearly in her evaluation. But those results were dismissed and ignored by someone more interested in pushing a personal narrative than acknowledging real progress.

I hope Dr. Tuttle chooses to stay and continue leading our schools. But if she walks away after being publicly humiliated like that, I would not blame her one bit.

Watching a dedicated public servant be degraded by someone who clearly does not understand her role as chair of the board was one of the saddest moments I have witnessed.

SHERY COTTON
Grosse Pointe Park

See for yourself

To the Editor:

Anyone who cares about the future of Grosse Pointe schools should make time to watch the evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle. It is posted on the Alliance for Grosse Pointe Public Schools YouTube page and while it is difficult to watch at times, it reveals much about what is happening at the board table.

This board recently asked the community to approve a major bond and, in doing so, they spoke glowingly about our schools. They told us we had a strong district worth investing in, with a capable administration leading the way. That message, however, did not seem to match what unfolded during our

board's evaluation of Dr. Tuttle.

Board President Colleen Worden, along with trustees Valarie St. John, Laura Hull and Clint Derringer, took a very different tone. Their remarks were not only sharply critical, but often personal, and they spoke about our schools as if they were in crisis. The contrast from the bond messaging was striking.

At the same time, other trustees including Sean Cotton, Ginny Jeup and Tim Klepp, gave Dr. Tuttle a far more accurate and positive review. They highlighted the progress the district is making and the calm, professional leadership she brings. Their words aligned with the success many of us have seen firsthand.

This leaves residents with a choice to consider. Are we to believe the uplifting message shared when they wanted our support, or the negative version put forward during the evaluation?

The answers are not hidden. The video is there for anyone to see. If you care about the truth and the future of our schools, it is imperative that you watch and take part as a resident of GPPSS in support of our excellent Superintendent, Dr. Tuttle.

KATE HOPPER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Per tradition

To the Editor:

In her letter in last week's paper ("Holding Breath"), Ms. Ellis posed several answered questions, in between getting my politics a bit sideways. (Democrat? Sure, 2016 and 2020. Sanders supporter? Yes, along with 500,000+ other Michiganders. Socialist? No, and if you're asking, I'm perfectly comfortable with a mixed economy.)

It was surprising to see such concern from a Grosse Pointe Park resident about how we do things in Grosse Pointe Farms. Had she watched the council meeting (or glanced at the story on the following page), she

might have realized that her "concerns" about how I became mayor pro tem were addressed. When Councilwoman Konrad Wilberding declined another term as mayor pro tem, my colleagues nominated me as next in line, consistent with a tradition established after the Farms shifted to the direct election of its mayor in 2003.

More importantly, it reflected how our council works. In his first remarks as mayor, John Gillooly noted that well over 90 percent — likely closer to 95 percent — of our votes are unanimous. That's not because we think alike about state or national politics. It's because we don't bring state or national partisanship into the council chambers. We sit as neighbors, look for common ground and focus on the work of local government.

That's been my experience: seven people with different perspectives and backgrounds solving problems together with

mutual respect. That collaborative culture is why the rotating mayor pro tem tradition matters. It prevents factionalism, supports shared responsibility and reinforces that each of us is there to serve the entire community, not a political team.

At a moment when many Americans are exhausted by division, that neighbor-to-neighbor approach is worth protecting. It has been an honor to serve Grosse Pointe Farms in this spirit and I remain committed to doing so going forward.

NEIL SROKA
Mayor Pro Tem
Grosse Pointe Farms

Clear to the community

To the Editor:

So Grosse Pointe has received an unmodified or "clean" opinion on basic financial statements and the federal program audit for the 2024-25 school year. This is not an unusual occurrence for our school dis-

trict as even during the 2020-21 school year, when the district lost over \$5.1 million in fund equity under the guidance of then-Superintendent Jon Dean and Treasure Colleen Worden, the district still received and unmodified or "clean" opinion.

The required state audit conducted annually by Plante Moran bases its evaluation on following sound financial practices and principles of accounting. The audit is not rated on financial performance. Financial performance and fiscal stewardship show up in other financial ratings such as the Moody's investors service credit rating, which was just upgraded from A1 to Aa3. This credit rating upgrade will attract more investors and lower the interest rates Grosse Pointe pays for upcoming bond sale.

This improvement is a direct result of the work done by the board members in early 2023, despite

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Malaysia

In late May Malaysia celebrates a Kaamatan harvest festival with a two-day public holiday. The festival is in tribute to the goddess Huminodun, who was sacrificed to save people from famine. Rice is the main ingredient in dishes served during this festival, along with drinking Tapia rice wines. The festival ends with a ceremony complete with games, songs and dance.

United Kingdom

With a historic and turbulent revolution between America and the U.K., it is interesting they conduct a similar celebration. Britons, in fact, embrace

America's Thanksgiving tradition. Research conducted in 2014 reveals one in six Brits partake in Thanksgiving festivities. Some people celebrate because they experienced the holiday while abroad in the U.S. and fell in love with the traditions. Others celebrate because they're expats and want to keep the tradition alive. The holiday is unofficially dubbed "Brits-giving."

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GPPSS tackling bond, sinking fund projects

South football turf a hot topic

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — While the Grosse Pointe Public School System already had a thorough list of projects to complete with money from both the sinking fund millage and recently approved bond, it must now decide on how to prioritize them.

That was the main focus when the GPPSS Board of Education's Facilities Committee met Monday, Nov. 17.

Complicating matters are various state laws specifically overseeing school construction projects.

"The school code is very specific that you can't design or build anything unless it complies with the School Building Construction Act," Jeremy Motz, of the law firm Clark Hill, told the committee. "It gives the state superintendent jurisdiction over the review and approval of anything over \$15,000."

The laws also provide for fines and even jail time for those who violate them.

Paul Theriault of Plante Moran told the committee one of the next steps for the board is to come up with a governance policy of how the bond money will be spent.

"We went through that process after the 2018 bond was passed, so it's probably time to update that," he said. "It deals with things like who signs off on purchase orders, limits of authority, how things are reported to the board and how to communicate with the public."

He added most projects will take six to nine months of planning, including design work and bidding, before actual work starts.

Plans for spending sinking fund dollars over the next year include upgrades to sidewalks, fencing, HVAC systems, fire alarms and roofs at a cost of \$10.5 million.

Almost \$12 million in sinking funds will be spent during the 2026-27 fiscal year, including parking lots, roofs, security systems and the turf field at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Some 16 people, however — including parents of current and former athletes and current and former coaches — asked the committee to speed up the timing of that project. In addition to football, the field is used for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, physical education classes and youth teams.

They explained the turf is so worn down it poses a serious health threat, sharing stories of

concussions, joint injuries and broken bones. Rubber pellets, called infill and meant to provide cushioning, also cause problems due to blades of turf that have worn away. Parents said athletes bring the pellets home with them in cleats and on clothing and they can get in players' mouths, eyes and ears.

Cost for the project is pegged at around \$1.3 million. Theriault said it isn't too late to try to complete the project next summer, although he would have preferred planning to have started six months ago.

"It's not impossible, but there are very few companies that make the turf and few companies that install it," he said. "If we can get a contractor lined up by February, it might work."

Adding to the complexity is a change in county ordinances that could require a stormwater retention system be installed under the field.

"If they can schedule the first few football games away, that would buy us more time," he said.

Bond money to be spent in 2026-27 includes upgrading the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, relocating the main office at South, repurposing the pool at Parcels Middle School and resurfacing the tennis courts at Elworthy Field.

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City council also presented Theros with a proclamation for his more than two decades in public service, including four terms as mayor, and lauding his commitment to transparency, resident engagement and practical policy making.

"Throughout his years in office, Mayor Theros exemplified integrity, collaboration and civic dedication, working directly

with fellow council members, city staff and residents to preserve the character and excellence of the city of Grosse Pointe Farms," the proclamation reads. "And now therefore be it resolved that the city of Grosse Pointe Farms hereby expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Mayor Louis Theros for his outstanding leadership, tireless service and steadfast commitment to the residents of the city of Grosse Pointe Farms."

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objections from then-Superintendent Dean and trustees Worden, Valarie St. John and David Brumbaugh, and the work in spring 2024 by new Superintendent Andrea Tuttle, again despite the objections of trustees St. John and Worden, which helped get district expenditures under control and right-size the district.

What is shocking is how some board members rated Dr. Tuttle's performance in the budget and finance section of her annual evaluation this past week. Trustees St. John, Worden and Clint Derringer rated Dr. Tuttle's performance as a

2.1, 2.3 and 2.4. (out of 3). Trustee Derringer went as far as to rate Dr. Tuttle a 1 for budget reports despite the district releasing the exact same number of budget updates (G.A.A.A.1 and G.A.A.A.2, 2025-26 budget and 2024-25 audit) as any time in the last 50 years. Even Trustee Laura Hull rated Dr. Tuttle a 2.9 in the budget and finance section, despite rating her much lower in other areas.

What is clear to most in this community is the great work Dr. Tuttle has done since arriving in Grosse Pointe 22 months ago. When you see her around this Christmas season please say, thank you!

TERRY COLLINS
City of Grosse Pointe

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a board meeting is a bad look."

She was referring to a previous meeting where Tuttle, frustrated by

repeated questions from Trustee Clint Derringer, excused herself toward the end of the meeting.

Average votes by trustees were:

- ◆ Sean Cotton, 3
- ◆ Ginny Jeup, 3
- ◆ Tim Klepp, 2.7

- ◆ Laura Hull, 2.4
- ◆ Clint Derringer, 2.2
- ◆ St. John, 1.9
- ◆ Worden, 1.9

Worden also criticized Tuttle for using the phrase that she "right sized a sinking ship," calling it a false narra-

tive.

During Worden's first term on the board, before Tuttle's arrival, the district spent down its fund balance from 15 percent to just under 9 percent. The district also was using federal

COVID relief dollars to fund people, rather than programs as was intended. The district's fund balance under Tuttle has grown to 14 percent.

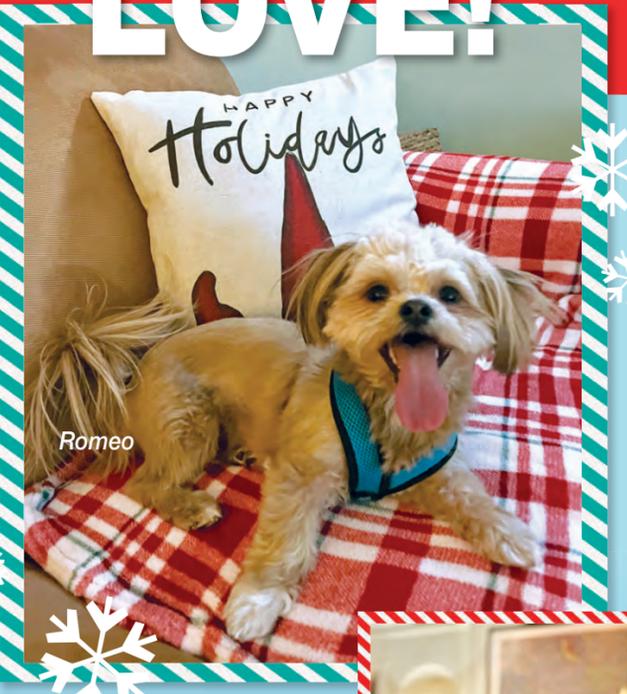
During her closing statement, Tuttle told

Worden she feels micromanaged.

"It feels like you don't want me here because I worked well with the prior board," she said. "I'm proud of what we as a team have accomplished."

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Two Dudes Coffee coming in December

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Fresh adornments to the façade of a vintage service station on Charlevoix indicate something brewing.

The site is the forthcoming location of Two Dudes Coffee.

“We specialize in protein lattes,” said Alex Georgoulis, one of the company founders. “Our signature drinks are going to be the Peanut Butter Salted Caramel Latte — it’s so good; our Bonfire, which is like a chocolate s’mores — it’s so good; our Banana Hammock, a banana-cinnamon with toasted banana chip on top. It is phenomenal.”

Two Dudes Coffee has grown from the initial proprietorship duo to now have five owners.

“We went from two dudes to five dudes,” Georgoulis said.

He’s a 1996 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and former resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

His goal is to open the store Dec. 1, in a nearly 100-year-old former automotive service station, 15200 Charlevoix at the corner of Lakepointe. Business partner and current Woods resident Tommy Vasilos scouted the location.

“The spot is perfect for our brand,” Georgoulis said.

Part of the appeal is the district’s vibrancy and streetscape renovations scheduled to start next spring.

“It has so much character to it,” Georgoulis said. “It’s exciting to bring energy to it, especially with the streetscape coming and all the things happening on that block.”

At only 158 square feet, the building won’t cramp Two Dudes. They’re used to operating the past couple years as a pop-up at special events.

“We wanted to take the energy of our pop-ups to a neighborhood,” Georgoulis said. “We want to be a community-based coffee shop. Our vision is to do community events, raise pop-ups at gyms and do outdoor workouts, DJs, bands, events for kids and Sunday football. We want to do more than just serve coffee.”

Recipes favor Michigan roasters.

“We try to use very pure products,”

Georgoulis said. “There are so many allergens and issues that we wanted to use pure products. Every month we come up with a new drink. In November, I think we’re going to be doing an American Pie, which is a takeoff on the

movie, with our apple pie à la mode protein.”

Dressing up the building consists currently of exterior accent painting.

“We’re also going to be putting a reclaimed wood wall between the two columns in front and adding corrugated metal to the overhang of the undercarriage to give it more of an industrial look,” Georgoulis said. “Indoor, we’re doing reclaimed wood and industrial as well.”

Park officials are flattered Two Dudes chose the city over Ferndale, Royal Oak and Birmingham.

“The Charlevoix streetscape plan points to an exciting and vibrant future, with the new coffee shop a great addition,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “The charm of the building, and the fact Grosse Pointers are behind it, suggests the shop will become a community gathering place of choice.”

All candidates of the Nov. 4 city council election welcome the store.

“I think it’s fantastic,” Councilman Tom Caulfield said. “It is the first new business addition that realizes the future vision of the Charlevoix business district.”

“Opening a coffee shop on Charlevoix is a great sign of confidence in



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Coffee-colored striping added to a former auto service station on Charlevoix at Lakepointe hint at the 158-square-foot building becoming the first brick-and-mortar location for the pop-up company, Two Dudes Coffee, starting December.

Grosse Pointe Park’s future,” Councilman Patrick Gleason said. “Transforming a historic service station into a community gathering space shows creativity and belief in what this corridor is becoming. As the streetscape nears completion, developments like this will help strengthen local business, support entrepreneurs and continue to make Charlevoix a vibrant and welcoming destination.”

“This is exciting news

for our community,” Olga Meremetdjian said. “It was encouraging to hear that these entrepreneurs chose Grosse Pointe Park over Royal Oak and Ferndale. Recently, I drove by the old service station. I saw the building being painted and complimented the painter on the colors. I had no idea it was going to be a coffee shop at the time. I’m looking forward to a new gathering place in the Park. I have hopes it will bring new patronage to the other businesses on

Charlevoix, such as Park Place Market. The bonus is a historic structure being repurposed. I wish the owners luck and prosperity.”

“I’m thrilled with the continued growth and development of our business community,” Councilman Max Wiener said. “One of the focuses of council and on my role as business association liaison has been to listen to, support and help foster a thriving business community in the Park.”

John Mogk honored with Lawyer Legacy Award

John E. “Jack” Mogk, distinguished service professor of law at Wayne State University Law School, is the 2025 recipient of the John W. Reed Michigan Lawyer Legacy Award, presented periodically by the State Bar of Michigan. The award honors a Michigan law school educator whose influence has elevated the quality of legal practice in the state.

Mogk, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, was presented the award Sept. 19, at the State Bar of Michigan’s inauguration and awards luncheon. The awards committee commended Mogk’s “outstanding contributions and achievements.”

Outstanding educator

For more than six decades, Mogk has been a beloved faculty member at Wayne State University, teaching since 1968 and inspiring generations of lawyers to connect their professional practice with public service. During his tenure, he has received the law school’s Donald Gordon Award for Excellence in Teaching, the university’s Outstanding Associate Professor Award, the President’s Bonus Award and a Presidential Citation. Students also

have voted him Outstanding Professor an unprecedented six times.

Students admire Mogk not only for his clarity and passion in the classroom, but also in his community engagement; he often has involved students directly in Detroit-focused projects, giving them opportunities to apply legal skills to pressing urban challenges. Under his guidance, students have helped the city of Detroit review its building code enforcement to combat slumlords, developed policy papers on urban agriculture and prepared housing strategies for the city of Highland Park. He also has led students in producing reports for the Detroit Downtown Development Authority, an analysis for the Michigan Bar on the Free Trade Agreement and a study for the Engineering Society of Detroit on tribal reservations as free trade zones. These hands-on experiences reflect Mogk’s philosophy that lawyers must give back to their communities and that law students should see public service as integral to their training.

Raised quality of the legal profession

Mogk’s influence extends beyond the classroom. His six decades of

teaching, mentoring and pro bono leadership have elevated the legal profession across Michigan. He has answered calls to service from Govs. William Milliken, James Blanchard and Jennifer Granholm, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and President Bill Clinton, while also working at the grassroots level through organizations such as the Jefferson-Chalmers Citizens’ District Council, New Detroit Inc., SEMCOG, the Michigan Energy and Resource Research Association and Habitat for Humanity Detroit.

Milliken appointed Mogk to the Detroit Board of Education, where he was instrumental in designing the district’s breakfast program and, following a federal court decision on discriminatory practices, developing a remedial desegregation plan. As executive director of MERRA for two decades, Mogk secured hundreds of millions of dollars for energy research and high-tech development in Michigan. As chair of the state’s Council on Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, he helped lay the groundwork for Michigan’s expansion of renewable energy.

His leadership has consistently been tied to

Detroit, whether through chairing Habitat for Humanity Detroit, serving as vice chair of the Michigan Construction Code Commission or advising city and state entities on housing, economic development and urban policy.

Continuing legacy

As he celebrates more than 55 years of service at Wayne State, Mogk con-

tinues to teach courses in property, state and local government law, land use planning and urban development. His commitment to fighting poverty remains strong: He recently joined The PuLSE Institute’s Academy of Fellows, where he focuses on how municipal government can shape anti-poverty policies. His scholarship and public advocacy have influenced debates on property taxation, housing stability and eco-

nomie equity in Detroit. “Professor Mogk’s passion for teaching, the law and helping those in our community is contagious,” said Richard Bierschbach, Wayne State’s interim president. “He has provided hundreds of lawyers with the training and preparation to go out into the world to not only prosper themselves, but also to emulate Jack’s legacy of community engagement and service.”

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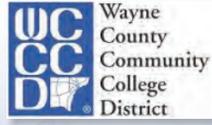


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Introducing Arcos Woods, GPAAS partner for new K-9 officer

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Though still in training in advance of joining the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, future K-9 officer Arcos knows how to take orders.

The 2-year-old German shepherd can sit pretty for photos with a smile on his face as long as necessary, but once that drill is called off, he's all about his red rubber ball.

During a meet-and-greet with media Monday, Nov. 17, he skittered across the hardwood floors of Cook Schoolhouse, chasing the ball wherever it rolled — even if a table or two got in his way.

"I'm beyond excited," said Sue Como, who will take over the role of Woods city manager in January. "I'm very appreciative for Corinne and GPAAS for selecting us for this program. This will be the first dog that belongs to the city — a new addition to the Grosse Pointe Woods family. He's going to be such a great asset to the department of public safety, but also to the safety and well-being of our residents."

Corinne Martin, founder and executive director of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, selected the Woods for the program

largely due to its central location.

"The Woods made the most sense to me," she said. "Also, Director (John) Kosanke is at every K-9 event I've done and he's had an interest in it. In my opinion, the chief's got to be 100 percent behind you."

The chief fully supports the program, which not only received full administrative support, but also generated interest from five potential K-9 handlers.

"We had a training day so they could see what it would entail," Kosanke said. "It's a huge commitment."

In the end, PSO Duncan Gill was named the handler of Arcos, who, once selected, immediately began training at K9 ATF in Taylor. "He's a great dog," Kosanke said, noting Arcos finished initial testing with high marks. "Duncan has put a lot of time and energy into training — one month full time so far and for the next two months, every day, six days a week."

Arcos is being trained in tracking, building and evidence searches, narcotics detection, handler protection and apprehension. Once he's officially on patrol, he will serve "any community that needs him," Gill said, "but primarily the Grosse Pointes and

Harper Woods."

"The more work he can get, the better he's going to get," Kosanke said.

Gill, who has served on the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team the last four years, said becoming the department's K-9 handler was an opportunity he didn't want to miss.

"I didn't think this was possible with a smaller department like ours, so this was something I couldn't pass up," he said. "... I'm honored the chief had faith in me to be successful in this position."

As handler, Gill also was tasked with naming his new partner in crime fighting.

"I wanted to pay homage to somebody that came before him," he said. "Arcos was a German shepherd who served with the U.S. Special Forces in Iraq. In 2005, he was killed in action protecting his team. I wanted to pay homage to him."

The newly formed duo has been inseparable since October. Gill has included Arcos in a family road trip, as well as taken him deer hunting.

Though Arcos may be spotted unofficially patrolling with Gill — to get used to those official car rides — he won't be certified as an officer until he completes training in January and is



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Woods soon will have a fully certified K-9 officer in Arcos, thanks to a partnership with the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

sworn in by the Woods city council at its February meeting.

"The goal with anything in law enforcement is to have a long and healthy career," Gill said. "I'm excited for him to be the bridge for the community. And to catch bad guys — that's what he lives for. You'd be hard pressed to find a dog that's happier; he knows what his purpose in life is. To be able to be

a part of that with him means a lot to me."

While the Woods will cover Gill's wages and benefits, GPAAS has a wealth of additional funds to raise.

"The first year, we need \$121,000," Martin said. "The biggest expense is the car, which is \$100,000."

A patrol vehicle will be outfitted specifically for use with a K-9 officer and include a "hot-and-pop" system that monitors the temperature inside the vehicle and automatically lowers its windows to equalize the internal temperature. It also allows the handler to release the dog from the vehicle via remote control.

Other expenses, apart from Arcos himself, include veterinarian care, food, supplies and equipment.

"Once we get the project going, we'll need \$10,000 a year to sustain it," Martin said. "It costs \$4,000 to go through training each year."

"When you can partner with another organization in the community, great things happen," Kosanke said. "This is a highly skilled officer. He's going to be an added benefit to the community."

Martin said she soon will start soliciting businesses for sponsorships, but also plans to host

fundraising events in 2026.

"GPAAS will start fundraising soon," she said. "Like with Harper Woods, GPAAS will raise the funds and then turn them over to Grosse Pointe Woods for their own K-9 program. This will be mutual aid, so he will be used throughout the community, including Harper Woods, so it's a win-win for everybody."

GPAAS previously operated a similar K-9 program in Harper Woods, but its service agreement with the city was terminated in January, followed by the retirement of K-9 Kaiser in February.

Co-chairing the Woods program with Martin is longtime law enforcement proponent and Grosse Pointe Shores resident Sharon Peters.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to see this program come into Grosse Pointe Woods," Peters said. "I'm excited for our citizens and businesses. We're going to do everything we can to make sure this program succeeds."

Gesturing to Arcos, who was sprawled across the floor and contentedly gnawing on his rubber ball, Peters said, "Half the battle is done."

Updates on Arcos soon will be available on Instagram @K9_arcos.



Arcos and his handler, Woods PSO Duncan Gill, currently are training together.



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The event includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, as well as a raffle and silent auction.

All proceeds will benefit the Jamie Daniels Foundation, whose mission is to provide support programs and

resources to address substance use disorder. JDF focuses on children and young adults through education, prevention, recovery and stigma reduction.

The Peyser family hosts this annual event in remembrance of their son, Matt.

For more information, visit the 2025 Matty's Friendsgiving — 9th Annual Facebook page.



Pitching in

Members of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church joined together Oct. 1, to help clean up the neighborhood around Anchor Detroit, the site of the former Dominican High School that now serves as the newest community center of Life Remodeled.

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Floating sound bowl therapy next week

The community's first floating sound bowl therapy offering will take place 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the aquatic center at The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Participants, led by instructor Melissa Masouras, will float on the surface of the pool surrounded by the soothing sounds of singing bowls.

"Sound bowl healing is a powerful practice in which the body resonates with the vibrations given off when the sound bowls are played," Masouras said. "The vibrations have the ability to penetrate the body to a cellular level. It is known to calm the nervous system, regulate heart rate, lower blood pressure, lower cortisol levels and assist in increasing the mental focus and overall well-

being of the recipient."

Floats and blankets will be provided, though participants are encouraged to bring eye masks to enhance the experience.

The session is \$30 per participant and open only to Neighborhood Club members. Register online by Monday, Dec. 1, at bit.ly/4oW2T3O.

The session will be capped at 15 participants.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Henry Ford St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, 28300 Rockwood, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lathrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

East Village

The East Village Holiday Market — a collaboration between Vesey Lane Goods, Redesign and Restoration, Grandeur Cru Wine Shop, Moonlight Arts Collective and Grand Trolley — takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 28 to Dec. 20. Each five-hour tour starts with shopping at the David Sidney Building, 9916 Kercheval, Detroit, and continues to other businesses and art centers in East Village. Trolley tours take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. A complimentary cup of hot chocolate, tea or coffee, a 5-ounce glass of wine and a thank-you card are included with each ticket, which may be purchased online at tinyurl.com/vej5mpm8.

Library

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

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Christmas Crafting, 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime Shuffle

with Miss Mo, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Little Learners Coding with Brenda Ban, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Leadership Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Comic Club Pop In, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Youth Coding with Brenda Ban, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

POST Detroit

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

◆ Ceramics Workshop: Critter Dish Trinket Tray, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Cost is \$60.

◆ Mending Workshop: The Magic of Pockets, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Cost is \$65.

◆ Macrame Workshop: Hanging Wood Shelf, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Cost is \$75.

◆ Intermediate Knitting Workshop: Cable Knit, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. Cost is \$50.

Live music

Planet D Nonet, with special guests Duncan McMillan on keyboard and Alex Harding on baritone saxophone, will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Visit cadieuxcafe.com or call (313) 882-8560.

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:

◆ Holiday Wreath Making, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, with presenter Kathleen Robinson Young.

◆ Lunch & Learn: Finding Meaning and Purpose in Life as We Age, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, with presenter Garry Cole, author of "Are We Old Yet?" Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for guests.

◆ Holiday Snowman Craft, 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, with second graders from Richard Elementary School.

◆ The movie "Holiday in the Wild" is shown at noon Friday, Dec. 12. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests.

◆ Holiday Party, noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for guests.

◆ The movie "Christmas with the Kranks" is shown at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests.

◆ Out to Lunch Bunch, noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. The group is going to Cracker Barrel, Roseville. Bus transportation is \$6 for members, \$8 for guests.

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

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

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

◆ New Games at The Helm, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost is free for members, \$3 for guests.

Ford House

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

◆ Home for the Holidays at Ford House, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays, Nov. 30 to Dec. 21. Admission costs vary.

◆ Nooks & Crannies behind-the-scenes guided tour, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2. Admission is \$10 for adult members, \$5 for members ages 3 to 17, \$20 for the public.

◆ Cookies with Santa, noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3.

◆ Sensory-friendly Cookies with Santa, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3.

◆ Coffee with Collections, 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 4. Cost is \$25 for Friends.

◆ Free Drop-in Studio: Decorate an Ornament, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

◆ Brunch with Santa, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Costs vary.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Frank Palazzolo will give a new member talk. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

The War Memorial

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

◆ Vet-to-Vet, 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4.

◆ Middle School Dance: Holiday Sweater Edition, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, for Grosse Pointe students only. Tickets are \$22 in advance, \$25 starting Dec. 1.

◆ Bedtime Stories with Santa, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7; 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9; and 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. Cost is \$28 for children, \$5 for adults.

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OBITUARIES

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Michael T. Carmody

Michael T. Carmody, 86, passed away Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, after a courageous battle against medical complications from West Nile Virus.

Mike was born April 17, 1939, in Omaha, Neb., where he spent most of his youth, to Emmett and Lillian Carmody. He was a devoted son and especially loved spending time on his grandparents' farm. One meaningful and significant achievement of his youth was earning the Eagle Scout badge.

After graduating from high school, Mike attended the University of Nebraska to study marketing. He left school to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps. He never forgot those years and proudly carried with him the lifelong honor of being a Marine. He returned to complete his studies at the University of Nebraska and earned a degree in marketing. While attending U of N, Mike played football and cherished being a member of the team, wearing No. 97. He remained an avid football fan for the rest of his life. He then pursued graduate studies in law at the Indiana University.

After receiving his degree, Mike moved to Paris to work for Cathay Pacific. After several years, he returned home and spent the next 18 years with Wilson Learning Corp. He was the recipient of the Wilson Learning Agency of the Year Award. He became president of Marketing Managing Concepts and spent countless hours training business leaders and staff in China and other parts of the world.

During his retirement years and after attending the Skip Barber Racing School, Mike raced Formula cars and Indy Lights. He and a friend started RAOFT Motor Sports. He raced his vintage Brabham race car and his Formula Mazda for several years. He had great fun driving his race car.

As a proud member of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, he believed deeply in service above self and dedicated countless hours to community projects. He truly loved being a Rotarian and cherished the dear friends he made. He served as executive secretary for many years and actively worked on the "Three Million Pound Challenge." He became Rotary assistant governor and ran the Friday Lunch Bunch. One high point was proudly leading a team on a humanitarian mission overseas to East Timor.

Later, Mike, along with other Rotarians, happily planned and oversaw the renovation and reimagining of the Rotary Tot Lot, a premier Rotary project that will serve children of the community for many years to come.

His other community efforts include being division manager of United Way and an executive member of the

Buckeye Council for Boy Scouts of America.

Michael is survived by his longtime partner, Mary Tipp. He also is survived by his son, Scott Carmody, and daughter, Kelly Carmody. He leaves behind his granddaughters, Hope and Kylie Carmody, as well as his niece and nephew, Becca Baggenstoss and Robbie Baggenstoss. He was predeceased by his parents, and sister, Patty Baggenstoss. He will be fondly remembered by his friends and all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Mike was happiest sitting at his computer planning what to do next, watching football, loving his dog, Willow, and spending time with Mary. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48230, bit.ly/4pm2o34.

Virginia "Ginny" Alexander Large

Virginia "Ginny" Alexander Large, 66, of Vero Beach, Fla., passed away suddenly Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025.

Born and raised in Grosse Pointe, Virginia was the youngest of six children. She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1977, and earned a degree in accounting from Hillsdale College.

Virginia began her career with EDS Corp., in Troy, and later worked for PaineWebber, where she earned her Series 7 license. She also was a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital. Most recently, she devoted her talents and energy to the Women's Refuge of Vero Beach.

A gifted singer, Virginia shared her love of music throughout her life. She was an active member of Grosse Pointe Theatre for many years and sang joyfully in her church choir.

Virginia was predeceased by her parents, Dr. Alfred and America Large; and brother, Al Large. She is survived by her brother, Dr. James Large (Nancy); sisters, Cissie Cappola, Vicky Storey and Mary Short (George); and many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Her family said Virginia didn't have a mean bone in her body. She will always be remembered as the baby of the family and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services are pending. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Women's Refuge of Vero Beach, 1850 Lemon, Vero Beach, FL 32960, womensrefugevb.org/donate/.

Linda Marie Mammen

Linda Marie (nee Lobdell) Mammen, 60, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, surrounded by the love and comfort of her husband and children.

Linda was born Aug. 24, 1965, in Detroit, to Phillip and Joan Lobdell. She grew up in a warm, loving home alongside her two brothers, David and Greg. After graduating from Paul K. Cousino High School in 1983, she pursued audiology and speech sciences at Michigan State University.

During her time at Michigan State, Linda met the love of her life, Rolf Mammen. Following a whirlwind romance, Rolf proposed in his dorm room just before leaving for flight school in Texas. Though her parents were understandably anxious when Linda decided to leave university to marry someone she had known less than six months, time has proven her intuition was exactly right. After 40 years together, their unwavering bond remains a tribute to a woman who followed her heart and devoted herself wholeheartedly to those she loved.

Rolf and Linda spent nearly eight years in Texas, making their home on Sheppard Air Force Base. When recounting these years to her adult children, Linda often said those were amongst her happiest memories. During this time, she welcomed two daughters, Erika and Alyssa, and found a vibrant, close-knit community within the military family that surrounded them.

In 1994, the young family returned to Michigan and made their home in Grosse Pointe Woods. In Michigan, Linda once again was blessed with the gift of chosen family, forming deep and lasting bonds with an extraordinary group of women — friends who became sisters in every sense; they know who they are.

In 2003, Linda received a surprise gift from God in the form of her son, Sean Mammen. One of the family's favorite stories is discovering she was pregnant during a vacation in California. Sean has continued to bring joy and laughter to the family with his endless antics.

Few roles are more demanding than nurturing a family and maintaining a home. As a devoted homemaker, Linda's greatest priority was the well-being and success of her three children and husband. Their achievements stand as a testament to her unwavering grit, determination and love.

Linda was predeceased by her father, Phillip Lobdell. She is lovingly remembered by her mother, Joan Lobdell; brothers, David and Greg Lobdell; husband, Rolf Mammen; and children, Erika Seeto, Alyssa Mammen and Sean Mammen.

Visitation took place Friday, Nov. 21, at A.H.



Michael T. Carmody



Virginia A. Large



Linda Marie Mammen



Richard E. Nugent



James F. Thompson

Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass was held at Saturday, Nov. 22, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of the giver's choice.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Richard E. "Dick" Nugent

Richard E. "Dick" Nugent, 79, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died peacefully Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025. Dick was born June 1, 1946, in Evanston, Ill., to Vincent "Red" and Rosella "Rose" Nugent. He grew up in Chicago and Des Plaines, Ill., the oldest of six children. He graduated from Loyola Academy, Wilmette, in 1964.

On Aug. 10, 1968, Dick married Mary Diane Franta at St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge, Ill. Mary D. was his best friend and the person who brought great joy to his life. They welcomed three boys and raised them in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Dick attended John Carroll University and University of Illinois Chicago and graduated in 1968, with a degree in history. He began his career in the Chicago area with V. Mueller before relocating to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1972, where he lived for the remainder of his life. He later pursued a master's degree in physics at Wayne State University, graduating in 1979, which launched a long and successful career with Hewlett Packard before he retired in 1997.

While at HP, Dick managed the Ford account for many years, helping the team at the Engine and Electrical Engineering (EEE) building navigate the technical shifts from mainframe to mini to personal computers. Though his title was "sales representative," he also was a trusted strategic advisor, always at the forefront of technology, learning and adapting throughout his career and his life.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1988, Dick managed his condition for decades with quiet dignity. After retiring, he established a small business in Grosse Pointe, creating cherished collections of photos and videos to commemorate special milestones. He was recognized as a Pointer of Interest for his work helping others compile their memories, long before the technology made this work easier for people.

Dick was predeceased by his wife, Mary Diane, who passed away in 2015, after a long battle with cancer. Her absence left a big hole the last 10 years and Dick's family takes comfort in their reunion.

Dick had many passions in life. He passed on his love of baseball to his sons and grandchildren and coached Little League starting in the early 1970s, before his sons even played. They all fell in love with the game and have great memories of first being batboys, then playing and finally coaching. He also loved music, first playing the guitar and then finding new folk singers to share with his friends and family. He was an avid reader and history buff, particularly focused on the Civil War, and was a dedicated fan of JRR Tolkien's works. He often regaled his children with stories of the Battle of Gettysburg, especially the defense of Little Round Top.

Dick leaves behind his sons, Tim (Amanda) of Wilmette, Ill., Kevin (Jane) of Grosse Pointe Farms and Brian (Jill) of Laguna Beach, Calif.; and nephew, Paul Franta. He also is survived by eight grandchildren, Thomas, Peyton Kevin, Grayson, Daniel, Victoria, Patrick, James and Alec.

A memorial Mass was held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

James Francis Thompson

James Francis Thompson, 89, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, surrounded by family. He was just 14 days shy of his 90th birthday.

Jim or Jimmy, as he was affectionately known, was born in Wyandotte, in 1935, to Stephen Thompson and Rose (nee Texter) during the Great Depression. He was the third child in a family of five, with his older sister, Ruth, older brother, John, and two younger sisters, Ann and Mary. His youth was spent playing Tippy and hooking car bumpers during cold River Rouge winters while delivering papers and working at the bowling alley and theater. His parents taught him honesty, work ethic and balance and instilled in him a faith he would embrace his entire life.

After graduating from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in River Rouge in 1953, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and earned a ticket to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa just after the Korean Armistice Agreement. He would say, "I was the Radar O'Reilly of the 18th Fighter Bomber

Group." He was discharged in 1957.

Returning to Detroit, Jim started his career working at Great Lakes Steel and found himself at the start of an industry that was migrating to a computer-controlled rolling process. After Great Lakes Steel, he spent his productive years working at Dodge Main and then United Technologies as a mainframe computer specialist. Long before remote work was common, he telecommuted while recovering from back surgery in the 1980s. Through it all, he earned a reputation for speed in problem solving and the soft skills of dealing with difficult colleagues while under pressure.

Jim devoted much time to family. He was ever-present, always making time for vacations and events. He married Bernadette Marie Jobin in 1960, and immediately started building a large family. Their eight children are separated in age by a total of 19 years, so the house was always filled with action.

He was a devout lifelong Catholic. While he acknowledged his flaws openly, he was deeply committed to his faith. This faith presented itself in the way he appreciated and connected with people. He was tough on principles and believed honesty was policy No. 1. He was stubborn, once walking home in the rain from downtown Detroit to River Rouge because he accidentally spent his bus fare. Through it all he appreciated the struggles and joys of life and maintained a strong sense of humor. Those who knew him will recall some of his one-liners and hopefully repeat them for many years.

Jim is survived by his wife of 64 years, Bernadette; their eight children, Jeannine Dutko (Robert), Timothy Thompson (Maria), Lenore Guarino, Alice Semon, Andrea Koppy, Katherine Sparkman (Patrick), David Miah (Trisha) and Joseph Thompson (Jaclyn); as well as 32 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mary Evans (Fred).

Visitation occurred at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass was held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

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Carol Lees Williams

Carol Lees Williams, 79, of New Lebanon, N.Y., passed away unexpectedly Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, due to the effects of a fall the previous day.

Carol was born in Bedford, Mass., to Harry and Marjorie Young Lees, both now deceased. She graduated from Greenwich Academy and later from Bradford Junior College.

Carol began her career at Citibank, where she worked in the economics department. For several decades, Carol also taught parenting at the Early Childhood Development Center in New York City. She was a member of Brick Presbyterian Church, the New York Junior League, Colony Club of New York, Stockbridge Golf Club, Lenox Club and Lenox Garden Club.

Carol's greatest joy was her family, including her sons and five grandchildren, whom she showered with unwavering love and affection.

Carol is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Robert Williams of New York City and New Lebanon, N.Y., whom she married in May 1971. She also leaves behind her son, Thomas, (Elizabeth) of Los Angeles, Calif., and their children, Henry and Anne; and son David (Kathleen) of New Canaan, Conn., and their children, Andrew, Ryan and Jack. Carol was predeceased by her parents; and brother, Richard Lees.

A celebration of Carol's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may



Carol Lees Williams



William Patrick Gough

be made to the Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 W. Stockbridge, MA 01262, berkshirebotanical.org/donate-now.

Share condolences and remembrances at dwyerfuneral.com.

William Patrick Gough

William Patrick Gough, 77, passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, at his home in Ann Arbor.

A loving husband and father, Bill is survived by his wife, Carolyn Gough; her son, Matthew Gittleton (Amanda); his sons, Bill, Dan (Jean) and Tom; and their mother, Jeanne Madigan Gough. He also was a proud grandfather of Elizabeth, Patrick and Colin Gough and Oliver and Violet Gittleton. Always a caring older brother, Bill is survived by his siblings, Mary Price, Peggy Kross (Peter), Maureen Nally (Mike), Colleen Jablonski (Ron), Jim Gough (Yoshi), Bob Gough (Fran), Patti O'Hare and Jeanne Danubio (Joe); and many nieces, nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, William J. Gough and Marybell Gough, and his sister, Lucy.

Bill was born in Detroit and raised in Grosse Pointe. He attended St. Paul on the Lake Catholic

School and graduated from Sacred Heart Major Seminary, after which he taught theology and English at Rosary High School and Bishop Borgess High School. He then followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather in joining Ford Motor Co., retiring after more than 30 years with the company.

Bill was an avid fan and player of many sports over the years. He was always present in the stands and dugouts at his sons' baseball, soccer and football games. While he was a fan of all of Detroit's teams, he was particularly fond of the Detroit Red Wings and loved going to their games, in good seasons and bad. Bill enjoyed golfing and bowling, but more than anything he cherished spending time with his family and friends. Sharing his last years with his wife, Cari, made them especially more joyful.

An open house to celebrate Bill's life will be held for family and close friends from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at 18062 Wildemere, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, bit.ly/4ogjIFT; or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food.

GPUC welcomes new settled minister

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Rev. Aaron Wisman was perfectly happy serving as senior minister at First Parish of Framingham in Massachusetts.

However, when the congregation of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church came calling, he made a point to answer.

"The congregation was looking for a minister for two years before I got here," said Wisman, who received the call as its settled minister in May.

After several getting-to-know-you opportunities, as well as a weekend visit and a 10-day interview, the church put out the offer and Wisman accepted the call. He and his wife, Lizzie, moved to the area with their dog, Nox, this summer.

He began leading services in August, then, after returning from a preplanned trip to Scotland, resumed preaching late October.

"A couple of things appealed to me," he said of GPUC, "including the awareness of the challenges of being a congregation. They'd done significant work on what it means to be a congregation."

"And my wife's family still lives in west Michigan," he added. "My wife has been away from her family for five years. It was time to consider moving back."

"We are thrilled to welcome Rev. Aaron Wisman to Grosse Pointe," said Jerry Herron, president of GPUC. "His warmth, curiosity and deep grounding in Unitarian Universalist values are already resonating with our community. We're excited to begin this new journey with him — one rooted in shared purpose and fresh vision."

Since accepting the call, Wisman has settled in nicely at GPUC, where the congregation has given him a warm welcome.

"I'm impressed with the level of spiritual maturity here," he said. "On paper, it's a smaller congregation than the church I'm coming from, but you wouldn't know it by the percentage of people turning out. It's quite high."

He said one challenging aspect of taking on the new roll is having "150 bosses in the congregation. Everyone has different expectations of what their goals for me might be."

Wisman also has a few goals of his own.

"First, I want to get to know as many people in the congregation as I can and listen to what their hopes and dreams are as a congregation," he said.

Wisman has met one-on-one with most of the church's committee leaders and board members. He soon will launch a series of dinners to meet members of the congregation outside of church leadership.

Other goals include settling into his new routine, getting to know



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The Rev. Aaron Wisman is the new minister of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

the area and its ministerial leaders — within and outside of the Unitarian Universalist faith — as well as finding a support network.

"Beyond that is developing spiritual maturity in the congregation and getting clear on what it means to be Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church in 2025 and 2026," he said.

"... In our faith tradition, every congregation is unique and makes decisions on their own," he added. "I'm excited to see what the possibilities are for this ministry going forward. I'm excited about getting to know the congregation — our youngest members and our oldest members."

Wisman said he's looking forward to leading Christmas Eve worship and, come January, offering adult religious education classes about spiritual practices, schools of theology and other topics.

"Teaching is my passion," he said, "and I want to get to know more people."

Wisman, who hails from Massachusetts, earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education and English. He is licensed to teach high school in his home state, but "never used it professionally," he said.

Though he was advised as an undergrad to pursue a different career path as a means to explore his options, he already knew his true calling — a path he credits to his home congregation and its minister.

"First Parish Church of Groton did a wonderful job of empowering youth to feel like a part of the congregation," he said, noting he was not raised in the church. His parents, he said, opted for sleeping in on the weekends and taking him on Boy Scout camping trips.

"A lot of my classmates in middle school and high school were Unitarian," he added. "They shared with me what they did on the weekends."

Once he started

attending regularly, he was hooked.

"I preached my first sermon as a junior in high school," he said. "My minister encouraged me. She said she was seeing gifts in me. She was helpful by asking good questions and affirming I was on a good path going forward."

Despite studying for an education degree, he decided, "If I'm doing anything that's not preparing me for ministry, that's wasted time."

He applied to Andover Newton Theological School and earned a Master of Divinity degree. He then completed a two-year church internship, as well as two 400-hour hospital chaplaincy internships, and was ordained in 2015, at First Parish Church of Groton in Massachusetts. He currently is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Direction degree.

Wisman, who has served congregations in Texas, Kansas and Massachusetts, said he is passionate about good preaching, mentoring and helping communities uncover the unique spiritual and historical threads that define them.

"The public aspects of ministry I found the most interesting, but also social justice work, speaking truth to power and leading a community," he said. "... This faith embraces science and world religions, as well as the world around us. Unitarian Universalist is an old faith tradition, but our thinking isn't old. We embrace wisdom from different sources looking at the world. We welcome and celebrate different kinds of people. ... We affirm and welcome all gender identities, atheists, agnostics, theists and everyone in between."

"Come on down. We'd love to see you."

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church services take place 10:30 a.m. Sundays. For more information, visit gpcuc.org.

Tree sale kicks off Friday

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts its third annual Christmas tree sale, which opens to the public tomorrow.

The sale runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29.

"After that we will be available on Friday afternoons and Saturdays all day until the trees are gone," parishioner Michael Thompson said.

"We have added a nice feature on our website, under the link 'Christmas Trees,' to purchase ahead of time," he added. "You can also add delivery."

All the trees are a minimum of seven feet tall and many are eight to 12 feet tall, for those looking for something bigger.

Cost is \$85, Thompson said, and local delivery is



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church member Michael Thompson welcomes the community to the church's third annual Christmas tree sale.

available for an additional \$15.

"This sale has been well-received and proceeds go to the church," he added. "We are grateful for every sale and these locally grown

Fraser firs will hold their needles into the new year. We look forward to seeing everyone."

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— Jody McVeigh

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From left, author Matt de la Peña, Literacy for Kids founder Jayne Rose-Vallee, author Soman Chainani, author Kelly Baptist and poet Joel Fluent Greene.

1,600 students meet acclaimed authors during pair of Literacy for Kids events

More than 1,600 middle school students from 10 schools across Wayne County — Detroit, Hamtramck, Redford and Harper Woods — had the opportunity this week to meet acclaimed authors Matt de la Peña, Soman Chainani and Kelly Baptist in celebration of their inclusion in the anthology book, “Flying Lessons and Other

Stories.” The events took place at Music Hall Detroit and the Detroit Public Library as part of a program orchestrated by Literacy for Kids. “Literacy for Kids is running one of the most impressive literacy programs in the country,” said de la Peña, a Newbery Award winner and returning author to the Detroit-based non-profit’s Authors:IN-

Detroit series. Moderated in a panel discussion by Joel Fluent Greene, a celebrated Detroit-based poet, author, spoken-word artist and creative curator, the authors talked to the students about their careers as writers and read passages from the book. Each student received in advance of the event autographed copies of

the book. Their teachers used coordinated lesson plans as part of the classroom curriculum leading up to the event. “These nationally regarded authors exemplify Literacy for Kids’ mission,” said Jayne M. Rose-Vallee, president and founder of Literacy

for Kids. “They want to get young people excited about writing and reading. Together, we bring world-class creative talent and authentic storytelling to Detroit and Wayne County students and provide them with an experience they’ll remember.”

Literacy for Kids promotes literacy, imagination and poetry, as well as inspires young minds to stretch their talents and passions. Literacy for Kids was founded in 2019, to teach children to recognize the art in reading. For more information, visit literacyforkids.org.



Student visitors packed Music Hall Detroit.



Students were given copies of “Flying Lessons and Other Stories,” prior to the author panel.



Author Soman Chainani answers a question during the panel discussion.



Students were eager to participate while attending Authors:IN-Detroit at the Detroit Public Library.

Students lined up to ask questions of the panelists.



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Budget-friendly Christmas gift perspective



Dear Gabby: It is officially gift list season and my kids have submitted what can only be described as novellas. Pages. Bullet points. Hyperlinks. One child even provided an annotated priority ranking. Meanwhile their friends seem to get everything they ask for and then some.

I want my kids to feel excited and grateful, but I also cannot and will not buy the entire Target catalog.

How do I keep the magic alive without draining my bank account or my sanity? — Maxed Out in the City

Dear Maxed Out: Children today are not

writing wish lists. They are preparing investor pitch decks. PowerPoints. Market analyses. They are out here asking for \$600 gadgets like they have a brokerage account. You are not imagining it.

The good news is that a long list does not mean they expect everything on it. It means they are giving you a menu. And like any fine restaurant you are allowed to choose one appetizer, one entree and one dessert.

Do not compete with their friends' parents or Instagram. That is a losing game and it ends with someone crying — and it usually is the parent holding the credit card bill.

Here is a holiday formula that works:

- One thing they want.
- One thing they need.
- One thing to read.
- One thing to wear.

Then add one surprise. It can be small. Kids think anything they were not expecting is delightful.

You are not responsible for keeping up with anyone. You are responsible for raising children who know that joy is not measured by pile height.

Wrap with pride.

— Gabby

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

Grateful today and always

DEAR ANNIE: Though I'm young, I often feel as if I'm living the life of someone much older. This past year, many brewing family crises collided between March and April.

One relative passed away from a condition we all knew about, but the loss still hit hard. Around the same time, my father lost our family home, and

we were evicted in March, losing many things of sentimental and monetary value. I learned of the final eviction at the funeral. Soon after, my mother initiated a long-awaited divorce and begged me to lie to my newly homeless father about her and my sister's situation.

In early April, two more relatives died suddenly.

While the signs were there, they'd hidden how sick they were. These two were the emotional backbone of our family, hosting Christmas every year of my childhood. I was incredibly close to them, and taking both off life support was devastating. Around that time, my own health began to falter, whether from stress or something else. Another

relative was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer but is hanging on.

More has happened, but things have mostly shaken out OK. My family is now scattered across states and time zones, and my father travels regularly for work, staying with friends when he does.

How the heck do I celebrate Christmas? Should I skip it? We have no plan and no home base, and my father's side is unavailable. Some relatives are fighting, and the thought of celebrating without everyone breaks my heart. But I realize that's already happening.

I want to buy a few things to keep for future Christmases to remind me of — and honor — those we've lost (one person especially loved the holiday and passed that joy on to me). I just fear the day will feel depressing and tense. My partner's family would be happy to have me, but I think that would upset me more, having to smile through my sadness. And despite it all, I find myself wanting to sing Christmas songs already. — Caroler in Crisis ?

DEAR CAROLER: You've endured more in a year than many face in a lifetime. No wonder Christmas feels impossible.

It's natural to feel lost after so much change and instability, and it's OK to not celebrate the way you used to. If all you can manage is something small, such as lighting a candle, hanging one ornament or playing a single carol, that's enough. Your wish to honor your relatives who loved Christmas is enough. Give yourself grace, let emotions come and go as they do and remember you're doing your best.

If you spend the day with your partner's family, don't put on an act. Let them know it's a tender time; I'm sure they'll understand. Or, if you'd rather keep it small this year with your mother and sister, lean into that.

This first Christmas will be hard, but it's also a beginning. You're not skipping this day but simply reshaping it around what's still here.



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane





DEAR READERS:

Thanksgiving has a way of sneaking up on us, doesn't it? One minute we're rushing through the year, taking the kids to games and meeting deadlines, and the next we're standing over turkey and wondering how the year flew by so fast. But beneath the noise of the dinner table and all the pie crusts, this day gives us something rare: a reason to pause, look around and feel grateful. Life isn't perfect, but it's *life*, and we're all blessed to live it.

The poet Rumi once said, "Wear gratitude like a cloak and it will feed every corner of your life." I like that image because it suggests gratitude isn't something we express once a year; it's something we live in. It keeps us warm when life feels cold, and it reminds us that grace often shows up in small, unremarkable ways.

Marcus Aurelius wrote, "When you arise in the morning, think of what a privilege it is to be alive — to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love." He wasn't talking about grand success or perfect days. He was talking about ordinary mornings — the kind most of us rush through without a thought. Gratitude, at its core, is simply paying attention.

I know that not every Thanksgiving table feels easy. Some of you are carrying grief or sitting across from someone you don't quite know how to talk to. Some are eating alone, remembering years when the house

was louder. Gratitude doesn't ignore that; it coexists with it. It says, "Even here, even now, there is something worth holding on to."

Maybe this year, gratitude means calling someone you've been meaning to forgive. Maybe it's finding humor in the burnt rolls or the mismatched chairs. Or maybe it's just saying thank you — not for anything fancy, but for the everyday kindnesses that often go unnoticed.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously." That's what I hope for all of us — that gratitude becomes less about a single Thursday in November and more about how we move through the other 364 days of the year.

So as you sit at your table, take a moment, whether it's full of family and friends or not. Look around. The world is far from perfect, but there's still love, warmth, laughter and second chances.

Thank you, dear readers, for being part of this column, for sharing your stories and your hearts. You remind me every week what connection really means.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving full of peace, honesty and the kind of gratitude that lingers long after the dishes are done.

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

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



At this point, this column could not be more random.

I'm just embracing the fact that there are many different facets of my life that can be fixed, improved or at least slightly enhanced with a good Amazon gadget. One of those facets is balloons.

I love birthdays. And celebrations. If there's a birthday in this house, you can bet the birthday fairy is showing up to decorate the kitchen or someone's room with so many balloons it looks like a high school prom setup. It's something my



parents always did for me and I love carrying on that tradition, because it really does make the day feel extra special.

But let's be honest. It's 2025. We are not going to be manually inflating 100 balloons. First of all, I'd go into cardiac arrest. Second of all, it's just not necessary when there's the Nulink Electric Balloon Pump for \$14 on Amazon. This little machine is my secret weapon.

I've used it dozens of times for balloon arches, birthday displays and party setups. It can inflate two balloons at

once, which saves so much time, and it comes with small hand guards that make tying the balloons a lot easier and faster.

It's lightweight, plugs right into the wall and works like a charm every single time. It also has a continuous mode if you're doing a big arch and a touch-to-inflate mode if you just need a few. It's not loud, it doesn't overheat and it turns what used to be a miserable task into something I actually don't dread. I've used it for birthdays, graduation parties, team cel-

ebrations and random Tuesday surprises.

Final verdict: Five out of five alligators for the balloon pump that has truly changed the birthday game at my house.

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

5 Out Of 5



Sunday breakfast

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

There are many Sunday mornings when I wake up early and make a quiche for my family. It all started when I discovered how easy a refrigerated pie crust could make my life. In fact, I get snide comments weekly about how many pie crusts are frozen and taking up space in the freezer. But that's for another day. Today, I'm here to share how easy and attainable a quiche can be made from scratch.

Now that we are in full holiday swing, I anticipate many Sunday morning breakfasts. If your family wakes up to the smell of a quiche in the oven, trust me, they'll come congregate in the kitchen. If that makes you happy then you're in luck. A good quiche is always a crowd-pleaser. It's fancy sounding and tastes special but can be made in a breeze. The key is having a pie dough in the fridge, thawed and ready to go.

I decided to use sweet

potatoes in this recipe. Grated sweet potatoes can be cooked quickly in a covered pan. Then they just melt into the ham and cheese filling while adding a slightly sweet and earthy flavor. Smoked gouda goes great with ham and gives just a hint of smoke. Plus it melts smooth and creamy.

This dish is for the mornings when family gathers around to talk about the upcoming day over a cup of coffee. You can make it the night before and keep it in the fridge ready to be reheated in the morning. Or better yet, give it as a holiday gift to your neighbor. We all have so much to be thankful for.

Cheers, Mombeau

Quiche with Sweet Potatoes, Ham and Smoked Gouda

1 tbsp butter

1 medium sized sweet

potato, grated (about 2 cups tightly packed)

1 shallot, minced

8 eggs

1/3 cup whole milk or half and half

1 tsp dijon mustard

1 cup smoked gouda, grated

1 cup diced ham

Salt and pepper

1 refrigerated pie crust

Preheat your oven to 375 degrees. Melt the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add in the grated sweet potato, shallot and a pinch of salt and pepper. Stir, cover and cook for about five minutes flipping halfway through. The bottom should be a bit brown. Turn the heat off and work on the filling.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk and mustard. Add another pinch of salt and pepper. Then fold in the cheese and ham.

Unroll the pie dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Gently roll the dough, to fix any ripped

seams, into a slightly larger circle. Wrap the dough around a rolling pin to unroll it onto a large pie dish. Then use your thumb and forefinger to pinch the edges to make a crimped edge. Spoon the sweet potato mixture onto the bottom

of the dough in an even layer. Then pour the egg mixture over top. Place the pie dish onto a cookie sheet and bake for 50 to 55 minutes or until the center is puffed.

Remove from the oven and let cool for about 10 minutes before slicing.

Describing wine

"Gardenia?" he asked. "Is that what you smell?"

It was Thanksgiving decades ago, and my father said he loved the Navarro Gewurztraminer I had opened, but implied that he didn't smell gardenias. So I asked, "What do you smell?"

"Uh, wine," he said, "and it's really nice, but gardenia?" He said the wine smelled a little like carnations. "I really like it," he said after taking a sip, then added that when he had wine with dinner, he never thought of trying to describe it.

"Well, dad," I said, "that's what I do — what all wine writers do. We have to come up with words to describe this stuff." And because I don't rate wines using numbers, I'm reduced to the inexact process of describing wines in words.

How accurate are such descriptions? Not very. They can never be more than vague approximations. When a columnist suggests that a particular cabernet smells like cherries, he or she isn't talking about cherries as much as the impression they got after sticking their nose in a glass and reducing their options down to that particular fruit.

Another writer smell-

ing the same wine might suggest that the aroma is more like cassia. A third might say blackberries. All three aromas mentioned here differ slightly, and none is exactly what that wine smells like.

We wine writers use a set of terms drawn from a basic wine vocabulary, to which most writers subscribe. Included are vague terms, such as "clean," "fresh" and "fruity," and more specific words, like "lime," "blueberry," "mocha" and "bell pepper."

Indeed, "nuts," "coffee," "bacon" and other similar terms all relate, not to fruit but to smoke from an oak barrel.

Wine descriptors are nearly endless, especially if you deviate from standard words and add in the obscure, such as "shoe polish," "thawed frozen spinach," "aged Turkish tobacco," "shiitake mushrooms" and "acetone."

Sauvignon blanc is one of the world's most descriptive grape varieties, with a multitude of personas based not only on the grape variety, but also on where it grows, how it's made and what the vintage delivered.

New Zealand saui-

gnon blanc, notably from Marlborough, is about as classic a descriptor-heavy variety as exists. Many NZ sauvignon blancs are said to smell like cut grass, bell pepper, tropical fruit, stone fruits, minerals and pineapple. In warm to hot regions, the variety is nearly scentless.

Among the most common descriptors for Marlborough sauvignon blanc are "cilantro," "green pepper," "gooseberries" and even "cat pee" — even though that last term conjures up something unappealing.

These terms do apply to many inexpensive wines (\$7 to \$10 per bottle). But when you move up the price scale, aromas become more classic, finer, less radically vegetative.

Between \$15 and \$25, New Zealand sauvignon blancs deliver aromatics that relate more to terms that are less rustic.

Lower-priced NZ sauvignon blancs also can have one additional drawback. Typically, they have a little less personality in the aftertaste and are slightly neutral.

So, yes, paying more for a New Zealand sauvignon blanc often gets you a lot more in terms of aroma and flavor — especially when the wine isn't served nearly frozen.

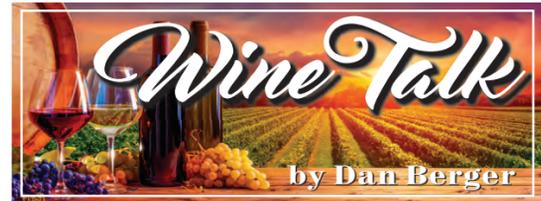
For those who prefer all whites served stone-cold, lower-priced wines serve fine as thirst quenchers.

But wine purists usually don't serve wines frozen. For them, paying slightly more usually gives them so much more in aromatics, mid-palate tastes, and sublime aftertastes. Such wines are superb when cool.

Drink responsibly and have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

Wine of the Week:

2021 Allan Scott Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough (\$16) — Southern hemisphere wineries harvest grapes six months ahead of



those in the northern hemisphere. A result: The wines from this year's harvest typically are available that much sooner here. This exceptional producer has some of the oldest sauvignon blanc vines in New Zealand, and its most recent version has just been released. I adored the 2020 vintage version of this wine, and this one is even better with traces of lime and grapefruit,

delicate tropical/floral notes and none of the sweetness that marks many of the cheaper versions. An exceptionally good wine worth paying slightly more to get.e.

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Movie poster for the 2023 movie "The New Boy," written and directed by Warwick Thornton.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "The New Boy"
 2023 - Not Rated
 1 hr 56 min
 ★★★★★

I'm a big fan of Australian films. Over the past several years, the country has released a number of excellent movies, which for some reason, didn't receive the attention I thought they deserved. So a few months ago, I searched the internet and drew up a list of notable films from Down Under to watch. And I've slowly been working my way through them. This is the latest one I had the pleasure of viewing.

"The New Boy" is from Australian native Warwick Thornton, who wrote, directed, and filmed the movie. Apparently the movie was two decades in the making, and it was through the help of Cate Blanchett, that the project finally came to fruition. She produced it along with her husband Andrew Upton.

The movie deals with a difficult subject—the way native children were taken from their homes, in an attempt to assimilate them into society, and as a result, came close to eradicating their indigenous cultures. This was done here in this country with Native Americans, in Canada with First Nation children, and in Australia with the Aborigines. In many cases, this was done with the assistance of organized religions. Thornton himself was raised by Benedictine monks, so he understands first hand what was involved.

Going into the movie, I had an idea of where the story was going since I've seen several films dealing with the topic before. I thought it was going to involve a youngster tearfully taken from his parents, given to an orphanage where he'd be endlessly teased because of his looks, and eventually be transformed into

a model child. Was I ever in for a surprise. And in a good way. While "The New Boy" does deal with a clash of cultures, it handles it in a more allegorical way. There's a pleasant dose of magical realism, which helps differentiate it from most films of this ilk.

The film opens in the harsh Outback of Australia in the 1940s when a nine-year old Aboriginal boy, played by Aswan Reid, is captured by British policemen, put into a burlap sack, and dropped off at a rural missionary/orphanage. There he's taken in by the head nun, Sister Eileen (Blanchett). The dark-skinned lad has a shockingly bright head of curly blond hair, and is reluctant to speak

either to Sister Eileen or his peers at the orphanage. Actually, the new boy hardly says a word throughout the film, and lets his facial expressions do most of his communicating.

We learn early on that the priest who once ran the missionary, Don Peter passed away a year ago, and Sister Eileen is now in charge. She keeps this news from the authorities, and forges his signature whenever forms need to be signed. She's assisted by Sister Mum (Deborah Mailman) and George (Wayne Blair). The goal of the three is to "civilize" the youths, and eventually turn them out into the world. At one point, a 13-year old reaches the stage where

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



The New Boy arrives.



The New Boy played by Aswan Reid.



Pure magic.

that's one for the books. It adds a quietly haunting, and almost sacred tone to the movie.

I'll conclude by saying that this movie isn't for everyone. It unfolds gently, and doesn't lecture the audience about the wrongs of colonialism or religion. But if you're in the mood for a gorgeous film, with great acting, stunning cinematography and scenery, and some lovely music, I think you enjoy it.

Note to parents: The film is not rated but I'd give it a PG-13.

Currently streaming on Kanopy (free with your library card) and Hulu. Also to rent on YouTube, Fandango, Apple TV, and Amazon.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually 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.



Aswan Reid & Cate Banchett star in "The New Boy."



Harvest time.



A moment of prayer.



George takes the boys firefighting.



Deborah Mailman as Sister Mum and Wayne Bair as George.

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

11/27 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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11/20 Solution

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A 20-POINT INVESTMENT

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 10 6 3
♥ A J 5 2
♦ 10 3
♣ Q J 9

WEST

♠ K 8 5 4 2
♥ Q 10 7 4
♦ 5
♣ 8 7 6

EAST

♠ J 9 7
♥ K 9 6 3
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ A 2

SOUTH

♠ A
♥ 8
♦ A K 7 6 4 2
♣ A K 10 5 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	6♣	

Opening lead — eight of clubs.

But if South gets careless, he goes down. If he wins the club lead and attempts to cash the A-K of diamonds, West ruffs the second diamond and returns a trump, and the slam goes down the drain. Declarer can ruff one diamond in dummy, but not two, and must concede a diamond trick to East to hold himself to down one.

However, if declarer exercises his natural instinct to survive, he cashes the ace of diamonds at trick two and leads the deuce of diamonds at trick three! The defense is helpless against this play. East can win dummy's ten with jack and return a trump, but declarer is now in full control. He ruffs a low diamond with dummy's last trump, establishing the suit, and scores the rest of the tricks.

It's true that declarer will lose a trick by adopting this line of play if the opposing diamonds are divided 3-2. North might even rebuke his partner for so blithely tossing away a trick.

But the fact remains that South will collect 1,370 points by deliberately giving away a 20-point trick, and at the same time will nullify the possibility of losing 100. The trick he gives away is simply a matter of self-preservation.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) or important decisions from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST today (9:30 a.m. to 12 noon PST). After that, the Moon moves from AQUARIUS into PISCES.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, November 27, 2025:

You're fiercely individualistic. You are positive-minded, independent, mentally active and sympathetic to those in need. This is a slower paced year. Take time to rest and rejuvenate yourself. Practice kindness, helpfulness and assistance to others. Concentrate on your needs and what brings you happiness.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Many times you have a short fuse (and you know this). Today is the perfect day to practice patience and cultivate diplomacy, because you might feel impatient with friends and groups, especially about finances, shared expenses or your possessions. Stay frosty. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

On the whole, you are charming and easygoing. You are also an excellent host who enjoys good food and drink. Remember these good qualities today if you feel challenged when talking to parents, bosses or authority figures, as well as partners and spouses. Keep smiling. Tonight: Be friendly.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Pay attention to everything you say and do today. Travel plans might be challenged. Give yourself extra time so you will have wiggle room if you need to deal with the unexpected. Interactions with co-workers or caregivers might be challenging. Patience. Tonight: You're noticed.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Parents must be patient with their kids today because there's a lot of tension in the air and kids can pick up on this. It just so happens that Venus is at odds with the Moon, and at odds with unpredictable Uranus. People are prickly! Stay calm. Tonight: Explore.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

This is a challenging day for family members, parents, spouses and close friends. Yes, practically everyone! You are a natural performer and actor. Choose to be part of the solution today and not part of the problem. Look for ways to soften hard edges. Tonight: Check banking.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for your sign. (Definitely.) Keep your eyes open and think before you speak or act. Give yourself extra time. Transportation delays are classic today. Stay focused by being helpful. Tonight: Cooperate.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Goethe said, "Correction does much but encouragement does more." Keep this in mind today, because tempers are frayed and adults might be impatient, which makes it easy to express frustration with the boisterousness of children. Likewise, be patient with romantic partners. (It's just one day.) Tonight: Work.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Do what you can to keep the peace and help things flow smoothly today. The vibes in the air are challenging. This is a fact. It's easy to be charming when things are smooth; the real challenge is to be charming when there's smoke in the kitchen. Tonight: Socialize.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

By nature, you are a friendly, breezy sign. Fortunately, you're also very organized. Use your smooth communication skills and ability to pull things together to make this a better day for everyone. With the Sun and fiery Mars in your sign, you can do this! Tonight: Relax.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

More than any other sign, you value tradition and family. Stay flexible today if your plans fall apart. Be patient with friends, groups and children. Everyone is dealing with their own challenges today. This means you can demonstrate grace under pressure. Tonight: Conversations.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with fair Venus and Uranus. Almost certainly, things will not flow as planned. Something unpredictable on the homefront might take place — shortages, delays, breakages, even accidents. Therefore, be cool. Keep the peace. Tonight: Check your belongings.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

This is an accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Think before you act or speak. Drive and walk carefully. Be magnanimous and forgiving if others make a boo-boo. That's life. Tonight: You win!

BORN TODAY
Director, producer, screenwriter Kathryn Bigelow (1951), actress Samantha Bond (1961), martial artist, philosopher, actor Bruce Lee (1940).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg November 27, 2025

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10 Puts chips on red, say	3 ___ mater
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15 Western lake home to Emerald Bay	5 Figure skater Midori
16 Jane of Gothic fiction	6 Tic-___-toe
17 *Easy opponents in the boxing ring	7 Committee leader
19 Show to a table	8 Odyssey creator
20 Secret hoard	9 Polite response to the boss, perhaps
21 Things shown at the airport or bar	10 Overwhelm with requests
22 PCs introduced in 1981	
23 *Video game featuring Lara Croft	
27 Mono alternative	
29 Difficult conditions	
32 Footed the bill	
33 West African nation known for desert blues	
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37 And so forth: Abbr.	
38 *River through Washington, D.C.	
40 Miracle-___	
41 Capital trashed by Godzilla	
43 Dance part	
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55 Like 2024, in comparison to 2025	
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59 *Absolute lowest point	
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67 Alone in a cockpit	
68 One may hold a B.S.	
11 Cosmetic product for shaping arches	
12 Melbourne transport	
13 Theater backdrops	
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24 Note from the boss	
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26 Frisbee's shape	
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30 Out in the sticks	
31 What adult jaguars have that adult pumas don't	
32 Furry adoptees	
34 Real estate parcel	
35 "To clarify ..."	
38 "Don't ___ the bear"	
39 Date with a doc	
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46 What rises from a cathedral roof	
48 Sport with ponies	
50 Owl noises	
51 Dried poblano pepper	
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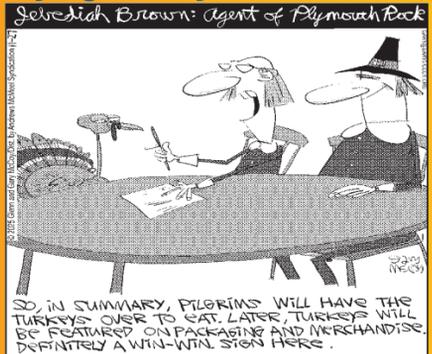
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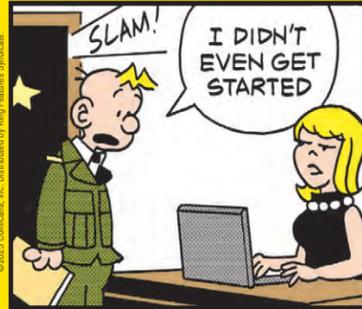
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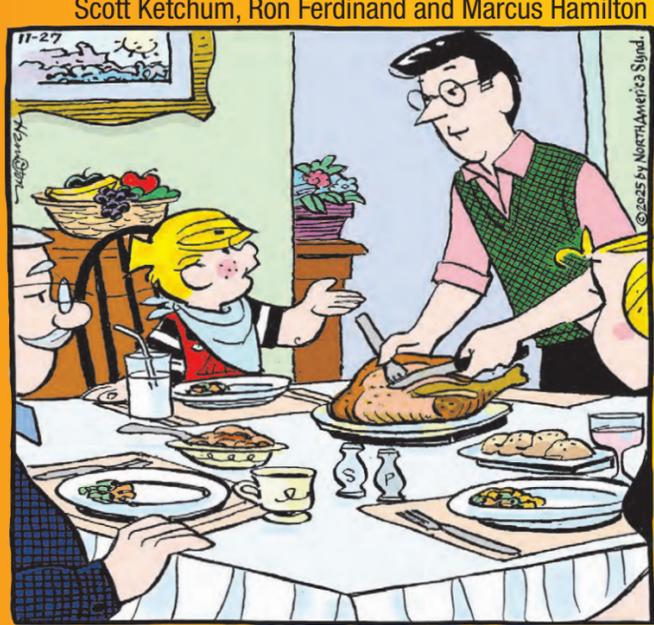
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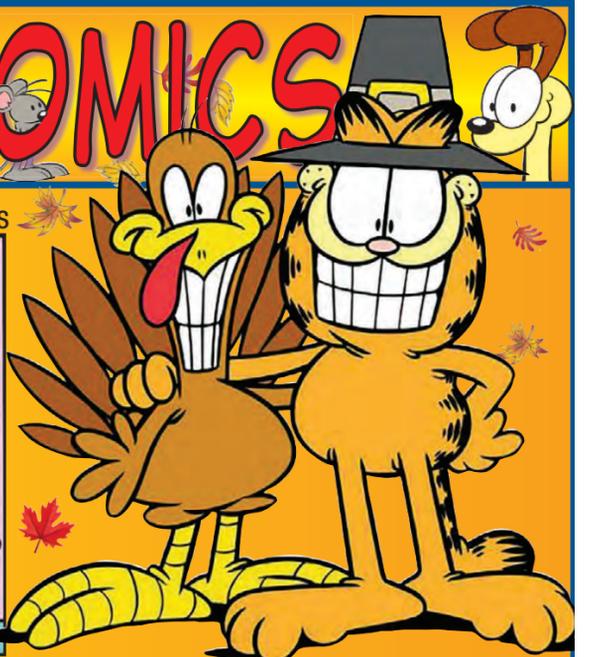
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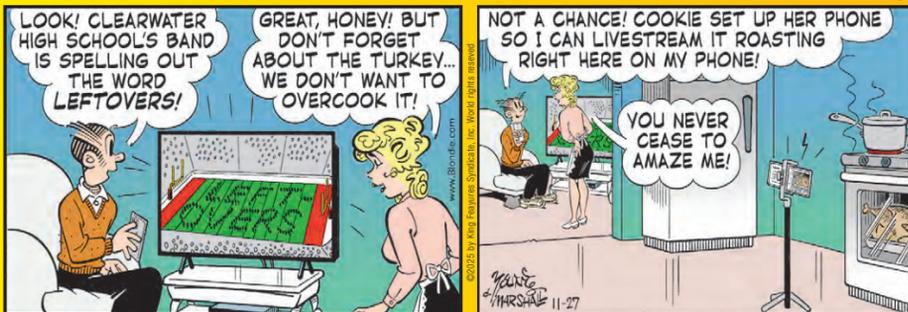
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South swims to second-place finish

Grosse Pointe South varsity girls swim and dive took to the pool one last time this fall for the MHSAA Division 2 state finals Saturday, Nov. 22. The Blue Devils finished the weekend as the state runner-up, coming in just two points behind state-champion Farmington Hills Mercy, but several South swimmers did end up on the podium as individual and relay state champions. Come back to the Grosse Pointe News next week for full coverage and results from the state finals.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Gould brings veteran leadership, skill to Liggett boys hockey

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

A senior season can be a special one for any athlete when it is the last time they get to suit up and compete alongside some of the best friends they have made along the way. That is how this winter feels for Nick Gould

plished some pretty good things so far in Gould's career. However, there

reached, like winning another Catholic League title, finally winning a regional title and making a deep run in the playoffs, but they know the weight rests on their shoulders to get there.

"We've been talking about it a lot for the past three years, always saying wait until this year," Gould said. "We're finally seniors and the team's success

Knights as part of the team's top forward line. Along with fellow winger Griffin Marchal and center Luke Slanec, the three make up what is expected to be a dynamic trio for Liggett this season. All three are close both on and off the ice; they seem to have that perfect chemistry that makes a forward line click.

"They've been my best friends for a while now and playing with them for years has really helped me get to know them better on and off

having guys on your team that you're friends with means you can have a lot of success."

That chemistry has helped so far in the few games the Knights already

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has focused on more in his approach to this season is strength and toughness, while also being more selective with his opportunities.

"Shot confidence," Gould said about what he focused the most on improving. "Not shooting too much and just having confidence when I do. It goes a long way, especially after last year. It wasn't a bad season, but not a season I hoped for. ... Coming

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and the University Liggett School varsity hockey team.

Gould has been with the Knights' program all four years of high school and has bonded well with every teammate with whom he has shared that time. Liggett hockey has accom-

is still based on us as leaders, so it's definitely important, but also exciting." Gould definitely will be one of the players leading the way for the

the ice," Gould said. "That's what's going to make our team closer. All of the good teams are close and

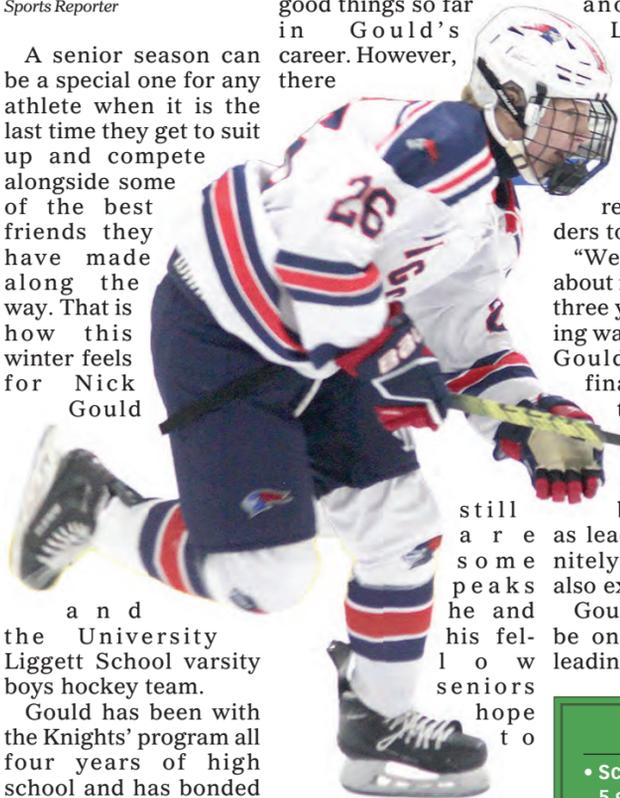


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Nick Gould

Striking Gould

- Scored 7 goals and recorded 2 assists through 5 games this season
- Led Liggett with 19 goals in 2024-25 season
- In 4th season with Liggett boys varsity hockey

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UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

Boys Varsity Basketball

Liggett boys hoops under new leadership

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School varsity boys basketball team once again is ushering in a new era this winter. New head coach Jaylen Rutherford takes over the program following the departure of former head coach James Scott. Rutherford enters the position with dreams of taking the Knights to new heights. Rutherford, who became the all-time leading scorer for Mid-Michigan College's men's basketball team in 2020, previously served as an assistant coach at Detroit Catholic Central. With Liggett being his first job as a head coach, he is confident the team he is inheriting already has the drive and dedication to be successful. "These kids are amazing kids and there's

nothing more you could ask for," he said. "They want to be coached. They're OK with putting in the work and that's the biggest thing. You have to be OK with the process. ... The process is so much fun, of going and competing and getting better." The Knights have a solid group of returning players who are ready to build up the team. Last year, Liggett finished with a 9-11 record and made it to the CHSL St. Anne Division championship game, but saw the season end in the first round of districts in the playoffs. Last year's leading scorer, Justin Gibson, returns to the lineup and is expected to be a big contributor again. Sean Harris, Nathan Sliwinski and DeVon Abbott also are back this year, ready to take on bigger roles in

the lineup for the Knights. Those players will help Liggett hit the ground running. The Knights may not have much trouble scoring, but Rutherford also is putting an emphasis on toughness as a characteristic that could define this year's group. "We're going to play fast and we're going to be physical," Rutherford said. "We're going to shoot a lot of threes and hopefully we make them and we want to be on pace and get to the basket. We want to be tough on defense. We want people to know when they see Liggett they have to bring their best, because we're going to bring our best every single time." The Catholic League again will present a tough road for the Knights, with familiar foes on the schedule such as Everest Collegiate, Bishop Foley and Shrine Catholic. Liggett also travels across town for a matchup against Grosse Pointe North in early January. Liggett believes it has the pieces to compete right away in Rutherford's first year.



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Justin Gibson, pictured playing in last season's CHSL championship game, was Liggett's leading scorer last winter and returns to the team this season.

Having a good amount of returning veteran leadership helps and the different skill sets those players bring to the table could be a recipe for success. "Everyone else does something different," Rutherford said. "If you

want to make a bowl of gumbo, somebody has to bring the onions. Somebody has to bring the meat. Everyone is adding to this pot and at the end of the pot, we all want to eat. We want to eat a state championship. That's our goal to

get there. Everyone has to put their stuff in the pot. We have to cook it all up and it has to be perfect." The Knights begin the season at home Friday, Dec. 5, hosting Southfield Christian at 7 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jaylen Rutherford takes over for his first season as head coach of Liggett varsity boys basketball this winter.



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Nick Gould, right, lines up for a faceoff during last season's War Memorial Cup rivalry game against Grosse Pointe South.

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into this year, I wanted to focus more on weights and stuff to be stronger and bigger and win more battles." All of the work to improve his game on the ice also helps when it comes to another sport that is going to play an even bigger role in Gould's future. While he is an outstanding player on the ice, he has made a big enough name for himself on the field as a lacrosse player to earn himself a spot playing at the collegiate level. Next year, Gould will join the men's lacrosse team at Otterbein University in Ohio. Plenty of hockey players also play lacrosse, and the skill sets trans-

late well between the two. What makes Gould successful in both and should help him continue to succeed in the future is his dedication and ability to instantly click with whoever he shares the ice or field with. "It's kind of similar with stuff like shot selection, bonding with your teammates, and just making the right plays," he said. "Hard work definitely is going to give you success in both. That's one thing that both of our teams last year had, and it paid off." That dedication all comes from Gould's passion for the game in both hockey and lacrosse. It has made him a natural leader, one who his coaches enjoy teaching and seeing drive the team on

the ice or the field. "Nick leads by example," Liggett boys hockey coach Colin Smith said. "His attitude, humor, and steady presence make him one of the best locker room teammates you could ask for. What sets him apart, though, is his genuine love and passion for the game. Every night he's texting me — whether it's updates from around the league, systems he notices other teams running, plays he sees in NHL games that we're working to execute, or highlight-reel goals he wants to share. That kind of enthusiasm is contagious, and when one of your players loves the game the same way you do, it makes coaching him a truly memorable experience."

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Boys Varsity Basketball

Young core looks to return South boys basketball to winning ways

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For Grosse Pointe South varsity boys basketball this winter, youth does not necessarily equal inexperience. The Blue Devils had a good amount of veteran, senior leadership last season, but have just one senior on the roster this year.

However, several of the players expected to be key pieces in this year's lineup for South saw their fair share of time on the court last year and feel more than capable of building on that development to bring the Blue Devils back to top form.

"They gained so much experience last season with the amount of minutes they played and the talent of the teams we played," South boys basketball coach Steve Benard said. "... The experience was invaluable. To parlay that into the game experience in the season and then playing 30 games with the same group in the summer, we're going to be young on paper, but we're not young. We have high expectations this year and we're treating it as a bit of a revenge tour for us."

South is looking to get revenge on some of the MAC Red Division and return to its winning ways after a season that did not quite meet expectations last year. The Blue Devils finished the 2024-25 campaign last in the MAC Red, had a 9-15 record and were eliminated in the district tournament semifinals. It did not help that much of the challenging schedule South built for itself last year was predicated around having star guard Tory James, who ended up missing much of the season due to injury.

The Blue Devils know that is all in the past and the new season means a



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Junior Kooper Richards will be in a key position as the Blue Devils' starting point guard in 2025-26.

fresh start. James and other key players from last year's senior class are gone, but the younger members of the lineup seem eager to step up and prove themselves.

One of the players leading that charge will be junior point guard Kooper Richards. Richards saw plenty of time on the floor as a sophomore last year and his role as a focal point on both offense and defense is only expected to get bigger.

"Kooper has really taken his game to the next level with a lot of hard work and a lot of strength work," Benard said. "He's a clear leader on the team and when your point guard is a leader of the team, you've got a chance to be in every game."

While Richards runs the backcourt, another big leader for South will look to control things in the paint. Six-foot, 9-inch center Julian Lancaster is the Blue Devils' only senior on the roster this winter. This will be his

first year taking over a full-time starting role, but his development over years with the program could make him a potential game-changer.

"(Julian) had a couple of weeks during the summer where he was just incredible and was a big difference-maker," Benard said. "Hopefully, he'll be able to bring the consistency, being a first-time starter in his senior season. When he puts it all together, we're a different team out there."

Helping in the front court will be 6-foot, 6-inch forward sophomore Jamison Spratt, who received solid minutes as a freshman last year. Other names that could make significant contributions for the Blue Devils include Charlie Michelotti, Nolan Gross and freshman guard Sam Conn.

Perhaps South's biggest strength this year is the diversity of size and athleticism it has throughout the roster. Having so many different players with a range of

size and skills makes it easy for the Blue Devils to be ready for any situa-

tion throughout the season. "We're going to be able to put different lineups out on the floor based on our opponent and the situation," Benard said.

Benard tries to challenge his team by setting up a strong schedule to make sure his players are battle-tested by the time the playoffs come around. This year is no different.

South once again competes in the MAC Red alongside the likes of two-time defending Division 2 state champions Warren Lincoln, Port Huron Northern, Chippewa Valley, Roseville and Dakota. Outside of what might be the most competitive league in the state, South also has games on the schedule against teams like Brother Rice, De La Salle Collegiate, Romeo and Detroit University Prep, to name a few.

With plenty of tests lying ahead, South is

confident the skill and talent on this year's team can lead them far. However, consistency is what is being looked at as the thing that can take this team over the top.

"I know we have a chance to be good," Benard said. "Whether we're great or not depends on how consistent a few players are. We're either going to be really, really good, or we're going to be great. The MAC Red this year is as deep as it's been since I've been here at South. ... I look for whoever wins the MAC Red this year to have probably three losses in the league. For us, we want to win the district. As much as we want to beat North and win the MAC Red, we want to advance in the state tournament and that's why we play those good teams."

South begins the regular season Tuesday, Dec. 2, with a road game at Romeo starting at 7 p.m.



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Guard Nolan Gross is one of eight juniors on this season's roster for South, making up a young but experienced core.



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Above, South's Caroline Bryan stands atop the podium after winning the state championship in the 100 butterfly at the MHSAA Division 2 girls swim and dive state finals Saturday, Nov. 22. Fellow Blue Devil Corinne Stencel, middle left, made it on the podium as the runner-up in second place. Mischa Eng, second from right, finished fifth. Left, South's 200 freestyle relay team of Whitney Handwork, Corinne Stencel, Nicole McEnroe and Caroline Bryan take the top spot on the podium as state champions in Division 2.

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Boys Varsity Basketball

Young stars hope to build on Norsemen hoops' success

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The 2024-25 season was one of the best years in recent memory for Grosse Pointe North boys basketball. The Norsemen won 20 games, were MAC Blue Division champions and made it to the district championship game in the playoffs, pulling off an upset of Detroit Cass Tech in the process.

However, like any high school team, the Norsemen now must face the challenge of trying to build on that success without the senior leadership that helped them get there last year. North's lineup might be younger this winter, with only four seniors compared to the nine it had last year, but the roster's youth seems ready to step up and continue the path to success.

"There's a lot of youthful energy and enthusiasm right now," North boys basketball head coach Rob Johnson said. "We've had some really good first days of practice. Guys are excited and they saw last year what it takes to put a stamp on this program. There are a lot of young guys now who want to make their mark on the program here, too."

One of the players expected to step up and make an impact is junior forward Lewis Simmons. He began to come into form during his sophomore season last winter, finding himself getting more and more minutes on the floor even in big games. Simmons should be a regular fixture in the starting five this season and could continue evolving into one of

North's most important pieces.

"He played a lot of minutes last year as a sophomore, even in a senior-heavy lineup," Johnson said about Simmons. "He took a real big step this summer. ... He hit a lot of clutch shots for us last year and played in big minutes down the stretch. We're looking forward to seeing his development and think he has a chance to be another one of our pretty good ones here."

Of course, Simmons cannot do everything on his own. The Norsemen have what they believe is an extremely capable and talented lineup to go along with him, including some emerging names with whom North fans might be familiar.

Senior Aidyn Brown steps into the starting point guard role this season, taking over after the graduation of longtime hoops and gridiron standout Leo Peretti. Cole Champine is another one of the team's few seniors who is expected to step up and lead. Juniors Peter Rheume and Jason Hubbell also could bring a strong, physical presence to the Norsemen lineup.

All of those expected key players for this year's North team have experience on the varsity roster. They all were able to see what it takes to get the Norsemen to the level of success they achieved last winter and are now being looked at to continue that standard.

"They learned a lot from those guys last year and those guys did a great job of leading them



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Aidyn Brown, pictured in last season's district championship game, takes over the role of starting point guard for North boys basketball this season.

and taking them under their wing," Johnson said. "That's what we've been preaching to Lewis and Aidyn and Jason and some of the other returning players is that these young guys are looking at you now and you guys know what it takes. ... We talk a lot about establishing that winning mentality and that championship culture that we've been building with these guys over the last couple of years and that's a strength because these guys know what it takes to get there."

Leadership certainly will be key for the Norsemen as they navigate some of the challenges on the schedule

the team has set for itself. North once again competes in the MAC Blue Division alongside Henry Ford II, Warren Cousino, Anchor Bay, Fraser and L'Anse Creuse, but the biggest tests this year will likely come outside of league play.

One of the first big matchups will be North's rivalry game against Grosse Pointe South, which it hosts Dec. 12. The Norsemen also face another MAC Red Division team when they travel to Roseville Dec. 16. A matchup with Plymouth awaits in the Summit Holiday Showcase in late December and North

also faces Eisenhower from the MAC White in the D Zone Showcase at Grosse Pointe South in February.

"There are a lot of teams that we're excited to play," Johnson said. "We know, based on last year, that teams are coming for us now, so we have to be ready to go."

Plenty of tests await and the Norsemen know there may be some growing pains with a lot of new starters stepping into key roles. However, what they feel is most important is keeping everyone together as a team and remembering that the team chemistry that made last year successful is still there.

"With such a young group, what we're emphasizing is the level of communication and sharing the ball," Johnson said. "Our theme of last year was all about taking the next step as a program and we feel like we did that. This year, what I've been preaching is to uphold the standard that we set every day. We need to communicate at a high level, we need to play great defense and we need to be great teammates."

North begins the 2025-26 season at home Tuesday, Dec. 2, hosting Warren Woods-Tower. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Boys hockey teams face early challenges

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The action on the ice is starting to heat up in the first weeks of the varsity boys hockey season. The squads from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School took on some of their toughest tests early in the season last week, finishing with mixed results.

Grosse Pointe South

The Blue Devils found themselves in three competitive games last week, but were on the losing side of all three close results.

South traveled on the road Wednesday, Nov. 19, to take on Novi. In a

game where the Blue Devils seemed to be in control, things fell apart at the end in an 8-7 overtime loss.

South was up 6-3 at the end of two periods, with a pair of goals from both Lucas Reynolds and Cole Zaccagni, with more scored by Marty Wayman and Brewer Puma. However, that lead quickly disappeared in the third period. Will Gryzenia added one more to South's total, but four goals by Novi in the final frame helped tie the game 7-7. Novi's Grant Erskine scored the overtime game-winner to complete the comeback.

The Blue Devils returned to their home ice of Eastside

Foundation Hockey Arena Friday, Nov. 21, looking to rebound from the loss with a game against Walled Lake United. Instead, another lead turned into a loss for South, as Walled Lake came back from being down 2-1 going into the third period to win 4-2. South's goals in the loss were scored by Gryzenia and Liam Bernard.

The next night, Saturday, Nov. 22, saw South lose by the same score of 4-2, this time to Salem. Wayman and Gryzenia scored both of the Blue Devils' goals in the second period to help tie the game going into the third, but the Rocks pulled back out in front before the end.

The Blue Devils took on University Liggett Wednesday, Nov. 26, after press time. South travels north to Alpena for its next two games after the Thanksgiving holiday. The Blue Devils face East Grand Rapids Friday, Nov. 28, and Mattawan Saturday, Nov. 29.

University Liggett

The Knights went on the road Friday, Nov. 21, for a tough Metro League matchup against Detroit Country Day. In a close, evenly matched game, Liggett fell just short with a 3-2 loss. Landen Maltby and Griffin Marchal helped the Knights keep the game tied going into the third period, but Country

Day's Parker Hopkins scored the difference-maker in the final frame to ultimately seal the win.

Liggett hosted Grosse Pointe South Wednesday, Nov. 26, after press time. The Knights go on the road Wednesday, Dec. 3, to take on Jackson Lumen Christi at the Optimist Arena at 5:30 p.m.

Grosse Pointe North

The Norsemen picked up a win over the weekend after bouncing back from a pair of losses before that.

The first loss last week came Thursday, Nov. 20, against Lakes Area United, with Logan Perry scoring the only goal for North in a 7-1 game.

Perry, Charlie Mueller and Brandon Jarvis all scored for North in the team's game Saturday, Nov. 22, which was a 7-3 loss to Marysville.

The Norsemen bounced back the next night, Sunday, Nov. 23, to get their second win of the season by defeating Utica Fraser United 7-4. Jarvis and Perry both scored twice, with Brandon Shock, Andrew Phillips and John Cueter adding goals as well in the victory.

North enjoys a long break for Thanksgiving before returning to the ice in early December. The Norsemen head on the road for a game against St. Clair Shores Unified Wednesday, Dec. 3.