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Body recovered from Lake St. Clair

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The body of a man who fell off a boat late Saturday, Sept. 5, on Lake St. Clair was recovered around noon Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Director Ken Werenski said the body washed up in the area of Lakeshore and Tonnancour, not far from Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms. He said a 911 call came in shortly before 7 p.m. Saturday.

"He fell in trying to retrieve the anchor," Werenski said. "A woman on board said she went to grab a lifejacket, but when she went to give it to him she couldn't see him. A private boater from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club gave one of our officers a

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Back to school

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high school students and advisory staff met in August to refresh skills and work on story ideas for the first issue of the school year for each student newspaper.

Top left, after a leadership meeting, standing by pages they designed, Grosse Pointe North's North Pointe editorial staff prepares to distribute a freshman issue for the first time in about 10 years. It is among eight issues printed during the school year and was produced by the class after the seniors graduated.

Standing, from left are Madisen Jackson, news editor; Zoe Profeta, features editor; Millie Moreland, sports editor; Josie Scarsella, on-campus life editor; and Jay Widzinski, web editor. Sitting are Lainey Beland, print editor-in-chief, left, and Yana Bottigliero, digital editor-in-chief.

Bottom left, leaders at Grosse Pointe South's student newspaper, The Tower, held a boot camp for all editors to review procedures and refresh their copy, design and editing skills. Students also created the print calendar and updated the designs of the Tower's print pages. The first issue will be out the third week of school.

Standing, from left, are Drew Hess, multimedia editor; Audrey McLean, business manager; Kassiani Norris, print editor-in-chief; Bella Maldonado, associate web editor; Harriet Kowalski, social media manager; Peter Howlett, associate print editor; and Jude O'Meara, print editor-in-chief.

Sitting, from left, are Christina Karcher, creative director; Millicent Vollmer, supervising page editor; and Isabelle Chaptini, supervising page editor.

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Patterson could get bike lanes

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Bike lanes are in the running for Patterson Park.

A recreation commission member proposed installing lanes along the park driveway.

Commission Vice Chairman Paul Spratt, a member of the board for six years, proposed the change for safety reasons.

Patterson's entrance is just that, a driveway. It used to lead to an estate, the remains of which are a decorative brick wall in front of what is now a hill covering an underground stormwater storage tank and related equipment.

Spratt proposed designating roughly 40-inch-wide bicycle lanes on the right sides of the entry and exit lanes and path

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Pointes hit hard by late-summer storm

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Storms that rolled through the Grosse Pointes late Wednesday, Sept. 2, were just a preview of what was to come the next day.

More than 3 million people in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw counties faced a threat of tornadoes the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 3, with warnings coming from the National Weather Service mid- to late afternoon.

The warnings stated: "TAKE COVER NOW! Move to a basement or an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows. If you are outdoors, in a mobile home, or in a vehicle, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Torrential rainfall is occurring with these storms, and may lead to flash flooding. Do not drive your vehicle through flooded roadways."



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An uprooted tree fell into Briarcliff in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Two tornadoes touched down last Thursday, according to the National Weather Service. Those were in Lincoln Park and on Detroit's east side.

Warning sirens around the Pointes went off between 4 and 4:30 p.m. as this area was hit by the far reaches of the storm. By Friday morning, around 1,000 Pointers were without power, part of 250,000 customers DTE reported faced the same dilemma.

Here is a look at the local impact.

The Park

Windpower practitioners banked kilowatts during tornado warnings issued midafternoon. Everyone else had cause to worry that a storm rag-

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Home: Grosse Pointe Park
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A large tree fell in Ghesquiere Park, knocking down power lines.

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ing through town from the west could do to them what it did to a couple of homeowners along the crescent curve of Essex between Barrington and Pemberton.

A mature silver maple between the road and sidewalk snapped under pressure of gusts peaking in the mid-40- mph range, according to an online weather service. The middle trunk and dense crown of silvery-green leaves landed partly on the driveway of one resident and on the garage of another. Remnants of the snapped bole revealed insides rotten and hollow with age, a major drawback that earns the fast-growing species a reputation for not withstanding the whims of nature.

The Woods

High winds took down a large tree in Ghesquiere Park, behind city hall, the second one there lost this year to storms, including one in early July.

"It took out two utility poles as well," Public Works Director Jim Kowalski said. "We also had a lot of large limbs down around the city and some trees that were split in half."

Kowalski said he expected cleanup to last a week.

The Shores

Public Works Director Mike Way said the north end of the city was hit the hardest.

Ford House also lost several large trees.

"We had some downed wires, but they didn't cause any fires," Way said.

The Farms

"There were several downed trees, tree limbs and power lines scattered throughout the city," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "One downed power line caused a small garage fire on the 200 block of Merriweather. Overall, it could have been much worse."

The City

Public Safety Director John Alcorn said he had nothing noteworthy to report.



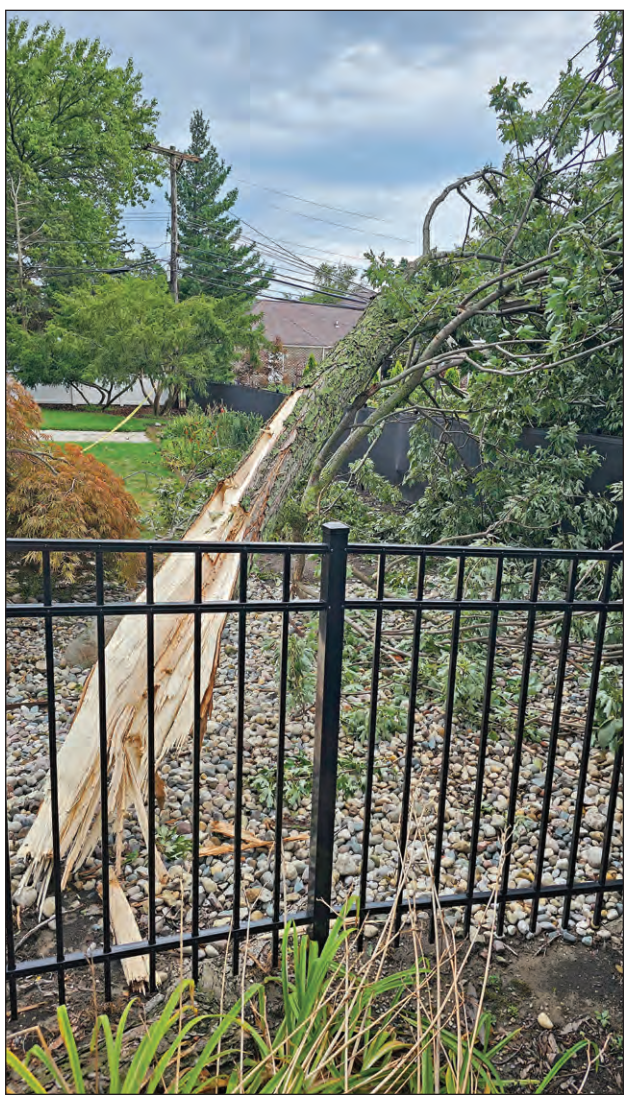
PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

This photo, taken on Essex between Barrington and Pemberton in Grosse Pointe Park last Thursday night, shows the dead insides of a silver maple that came down during heavy rains and high winds.



A large tree limb took out the overhang of a front porch of a house on Ballantyne in Grosse Pointe Shores.





Above, a Grosse Pointe Shores DPW worker removes downed branches and debris along Lakeshore. Right, a tree limb from a neighbor's house fell into the yard of the house next door on Ballantyne, also in Grosse Pointe Shores.

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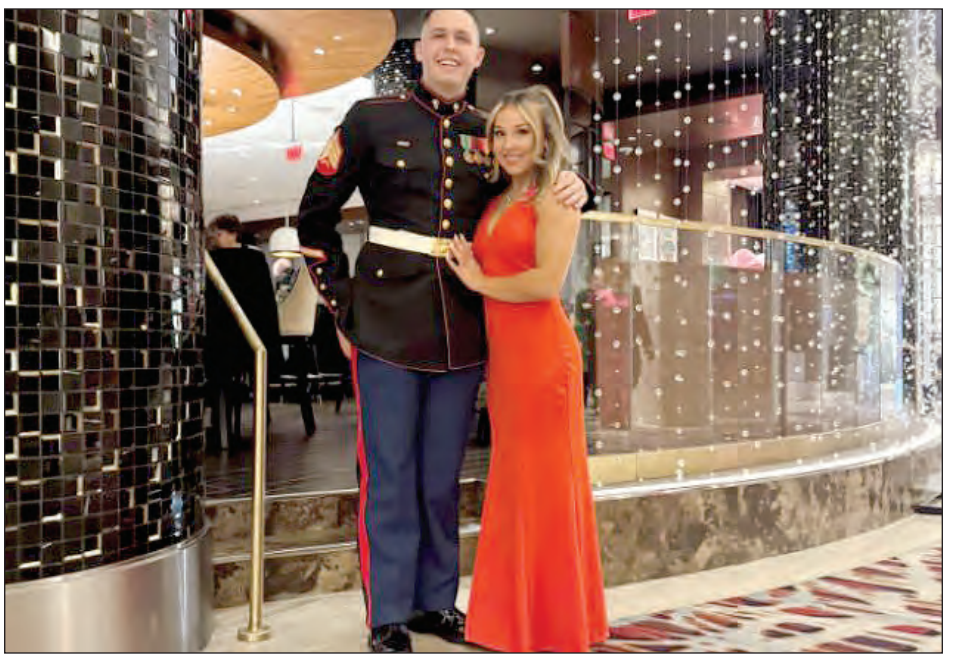
Public voting open for military wedding giveaway







Above left, Brandon Deaville and Mickayla Balser; above right, Torrey Gray and Camila Nicholson; and left, Tyler Proctor and Anne Cobble.

COURTESY PHOTOS

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Voting opened this week to determine which of three military couples will win a free all-inclusive wedding and reception at The War Memorial.

A committee at The War Memorial whittled more than 30 applicants down to the three finalist couples: Tyler Proctor and Anne Cobble of Columbia, Md.; Brandon Deaville and Mickayla Balser from Troy; and Torrey Gray and Camila Nicholson from Detroit.

A short video on each couple has been posted to The War Memorial's website. Votes may be cast at warmemorial.org/weddings-for-warriors.

Proctor currently serves in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"Winning this giveaway would give us the wedding our love deserves — something we could never afford as a teacher and military member living out of state," Proctor and Cobble said. "The War Memorial is deeply meaningful, honoring our military-connected love story and family history. This gift would also help us build our future home and family."

Deaville currently serves in the U.S. Coast Guard.

"Winning this giveaway would allow us to celebrate our marriage without the financial stress of wedding costs," Deaville and Balser said. "It would help us save toward our first home, avoid asking family for financial assistance and focus on what truly matters: celebrating our love surrounded by those closest to us as we begin our future together."

Gray currently serves in the U.S. Air National Guard.

"We're still exploring our dream wedding, but we agree we don't want to begin our marriage with financial stress," Gray and Nicholson said. "Winning this giveaway would transform our celebration into a meaningful, unforgettable experience shared with our family and friends. Without it, we'll likely only afford an intimate gathering with a few loved ones."

Votes are limited to one per person by requiring a unique email address.

Voting will be open two weeks and close Tuesday, Sept. 22. The winning couple will be announced the next day.

Decorative lighting proposed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — New LED streetlights are being considered for the Downtown Development Authority district.

The area is anchored by the city hall campus and runs up Jefferson from the Detroit border to Somerset.

"Costs aren't available right now," said Nick Sizeland, DDA director and city manager, during the August DDA board meeting. "I'm working with DTE Energy to provide me with options. I wanted to at least get the ball rolling with the DDA board about what they think of the idea."

"LEDs provide brighter, more reliable lighting that improves visibility and safety for drivers and pedestrians alike," according to an Oct. 14, 2024, posting on the company's official blog, empowering michigan.com, about installing LED lights in Monroe. "Additionally,

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that leads to the parking lot.

Recreation Director Chad Craig and Commission Chairman Michael Hindelang agreed to put the matter on the agenda of the group's next meeting. The next meeting listed on the municipal calendar is Nov. 18, but commissioners have been discussing having an earlier one due to interest in a recreation bond appearing on the November ballot.

The commission is an advisory body. Members can only make recommendations to city administrators and elected officials for or against installation.

In technical terms, Spratt proposed installing Type II bike lanes, which are designated by striping on a road surface for one-way bike travel.

Type I lanes, on the other hand, are completely separate from auto usage. An example has been installed around the perimeter of Belle Isle.

Type III lanes describe roads in which cyclists and motorists share the roadway, as in most cases throughout the Park and Pointes.

Type IV lanes are separated from lanes of motor vehicle traffic by various barriers, whether curbs, bollards or other types. Sections of East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit have bike lanes of this type.

—Brad Lindberg

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ride to the boat.

"The woman didn't have any boating experience and the boat was drifting when our officer got to her," Werenski added. "We think he fell in somewhere between Oxford and Lochmoor, in terms of landmarks."

The Farms Public Safety dive team responded, as did the U.S. Coast Guard and Wayne County Sheriff's Office. Divers and a helicopter searched for the man overnight Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6.

The Coast Guard said Monday, Sept. 7, no other search efforts were planned unless more information became available. No further details were released, other than that the boat was from Canada.

The Farms postponed its End of Summer Bash fireworks from Saturday night to Sunday night.

—Ted O'Neil

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

- Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

- Senior Citizens' Picnic at Lake Front Park, 11 a.m.
- Rescheduled Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Harbor Committee meeting, 7:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

- Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to noon at Kercheval and Lakepointe.





Pointer fences through life

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Dave Foley is single-handedly keeping fencing in Grosse Pointe alive — and has been for quite some time.

He's a creature of habit and it's a matter of inertia.

Once he starts doing something, he's likely to continue doing it for the next several decades. (Aside from smoking, which he had the good sense to give up many, many years ago, he said.)

Dreams of breaking into radio in the Midwest brought him from New York to Grosse Pointe almost 50 years ago, following a friend whose father helped engineer I-696.

"You don't break into radio in New York — it's where you end up if you're good," Foley said. "I thought I'd have a better chance in the Midwest. I was terrible at it, so I went into engineering."

He landed as an engineer at WXYZ-TV, where he came to know more about current events than he would have liked.

"We had to be on call if something happened on a newscast," he said, "so you basically just sat there and watched four or five hours of TV news and if something went wrong, you got up and took care of it."

He stayed from 1978 until his retirement in 2023.

"I got paid to watch TV for a living," Foley said. "It was pretty nice."

Accusations of a sedentary lifestyle have nowhere to land.

The Park resident has taken horseback riding lessons the last 25 years, runs, swims, builds bookshelves and has taught fencing in Grosse Pointe since the mid-'90s.

"There was a show on New York Channel 9, called 'Super Adventure Theater' and they ran Errol Flynn movies, pirate movies, 'The Three Musketeers,'" Foley said, "so you go outside, pick up a stick, your friend picks up a stick and fencing ensues. Then it was, 'Let's see if I can do it for real.'"

> *"I have a great respect for teachers, but they never have to face a room full of kids with swords."*
>
> DAVE FOLEY
> *Grosse Pointe Park*

He took up fencing late — he already was a father — but in many ways was just in time.

Back in the day, the Grosse Pointe Condottiere Fencing Club — a condottiere is a Florentine soldier of fortune — trained kids for competition three days a week at the Lakeshore YMCA and then the old Neighborhood Club. Fencers also could, if they liked, drop in, pay a $5 floor fee and fence all night.

"It was much more intense," Foley said. "I don't really do much competition training anymore."

The Condottiere's heyday faded with time.

One fencing instructor left in search of a "real job." Another was a med student and secured an out-of-state residency. The Neighborhood Club rebuilt.

Foley stuck with it.

"I went over to The War Memorial," he said.

He teaches 45-minute beginner, intermediate and adult fencing classes Monday nights. His students range from 6 years old to men in their 80s.

"Kids love it — they really, really do," Foley said. "They don't all stick with it, but a lot of them just think it's so much fun. I have a whole shtick. I mean, it's like a comedy routine that I go through."

Some kids do stick with it, like Jeidus DeSeranno from Grosse Pointe Shores, who is a three-time USA Fencing national champion.

"I was his first teacher," Foley said. "Some kids have gone on to do very well and I'm very proud to say I didn't mess them up."

Grosse Pointe's sole fencing instructor speculates he's got about 10 more years in him before someone else will need to take over.

"I have a great respect for teachers, but they never have to face a room full of kids with swords," he said, "so the stress level is completely different."

Classes resume Monday, Sept. 14, around the same time as the start of wine-making season.

Foley has been making wine even longer than he's been fencing — since 1984.

"I make the most unpalatable wine as you can ever imagine," he said. "Even I don't drink it, but I try to."

There's a California wine grape company Downriver where he goes each year to buy 300-odd pounds of destemmed grapes. He puts them in a big vat in the basement of his 100-year-old home and takes out a press.

"I press it and hope it's better than the last year," he said, "but it never is."

Inspired by his daughter, a polyglot, Foley also is teaching himself Arabic and Russian.

"I have a Russian poet that I'm very fond of — Alexander Pushkin," Foley said. "I started translating one of his very long poems and I expect to be done in about 125 years given the pace that I'm on."



COURTESY PHOTOS

Instructor Dave Foley, center in back, with an adult fencing class at The War Memorial.



Foley teaches students from 6 years old to men in their 80s.

100 Women GP completes first year

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — 100 Women Grosse Pointe recently completed its first year with a fourth round of giving and a $12,000 donation to the Rory Belle Foundation.

The foundation assists people who have been diagnosed with NARS1, a recently identified and rare genetic disorder that causes neurological and developmental impairments.

Based in Minnesota, the RBF is assisting a local girl, Sophie Wait of Grosse Pointe Farms, one of fewer than 100 people worldwide diagnosed with NARS1.

Sophie's parents, Geoff and Andrea, hosted the foundation's 2025 fundraising gala last November at Eastern Market.

100 Women GP has given out more than $40,000 over four meetings and had 120 members at its last meeting. It was formed by Lori Brophy, Marlene Heitmanis and Judy McGoughlin in 2016, and ran through 2020. Former members Jeanne Lizza and Christie Scoggin led efforts to reestablish the group last summer.

Here's how it works:

◆ Members gather once a quarter and pledge to donate $100 per meeting to a nonprofit group.

◆ Members nominate a charity and three are chosen randomly.

◆ Representatives of those groups or the member who nominated them give a three-minute pitch.

◆ Members vote and either write a check to the winning charity that night or promise to donate on that group's website within seven days.

◆ The winner comes to the next meeting to give a five-minute update on how the money was spent.

"Those who aren't selected can be nominated again at a future meeting," Lizza said. "Those who do win are eligible again after a year."

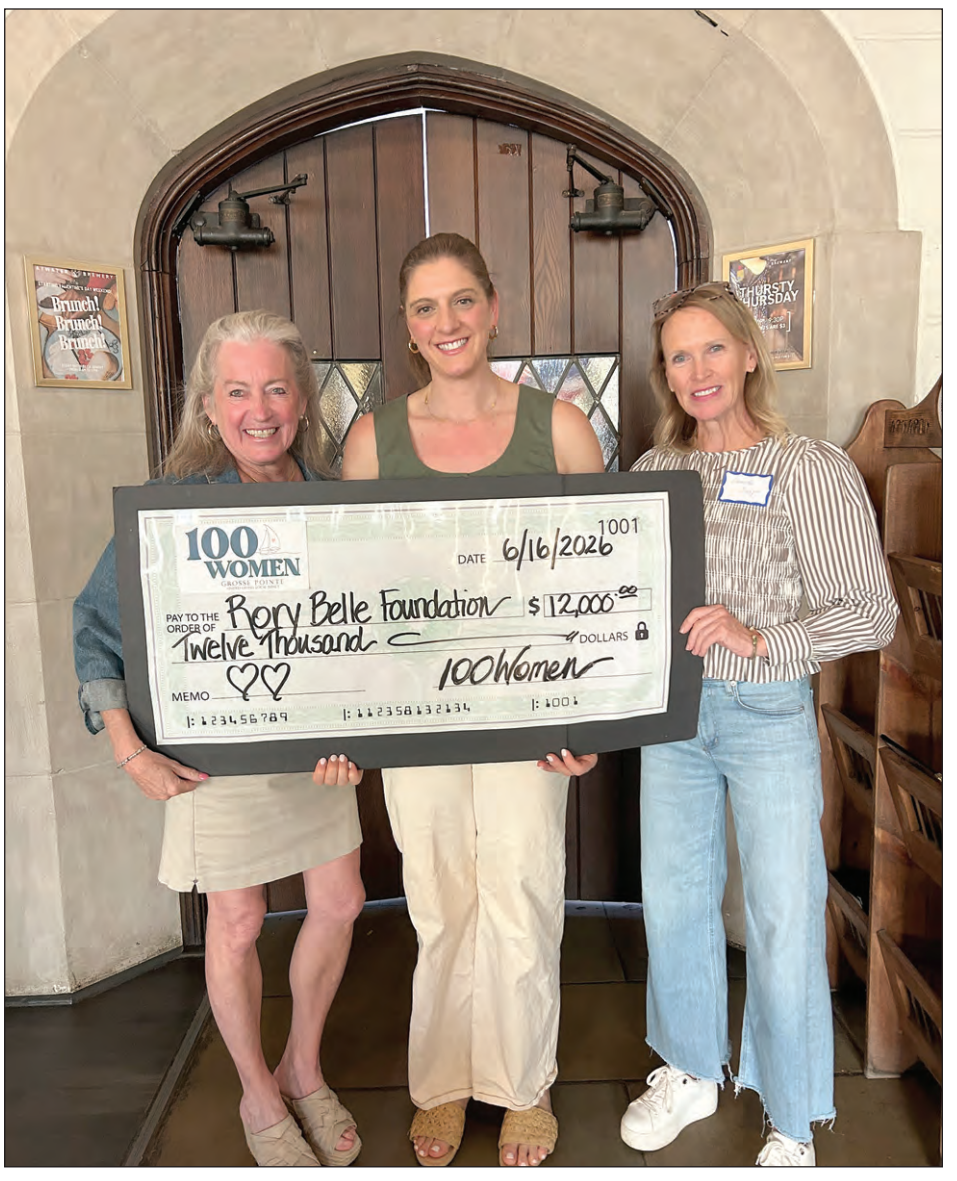
There also are rules winners must follow.

"They aren't allowed to solicit members for future donations, although we're free to give them more money," Lizza said. "They also can't create, sell or distribute any list of our information, so women who join can be confident in that. If they break the rules, they can never be considered again."

The group's next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Atwater Brewery, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park. A mixer begins at 6 p.m., with the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

See 100womengrossepointe.com for more information.

"We're always looking for new members," Lizza said.



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100 Women Grosse Pointe members, from left, Jeanne Lizza, Andrea Wait and Christie Scoggin, hold a check for $12,000 the group recently gave to the Rory Belle Foundation.





PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Farms

Life-saving

Officer Paul Lyke, a recent Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, was put up for a life-saving award after responding to the scene of a Department of Public works employee who had accidentally and severely cut his arm at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4.

The officer arrived to find a deep laceration rapidly spurting blood and applied a tourniquet until it stopped flowing. A MedStar unit was still at least seven minutes away, so the officer transported the man to a nearby hospital.

"It is clear if not for the quick actions of PSO Lyke, the patient may have exsanguinated from his injuries," the police report states.

Bible theft

A delivery containing a personalized Catholic Bible was stolen from a porch in the 300 block of Lothrop at 4:42 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.

Per camera footage, the suspect is a black man with short hair wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Car crimes

Parked cars piqued the interest of crooks last week.

During two consecutive nights, one vehicle was stolen and another was tampered with.

In both cases, police said three unknown male suspects were involved.

At 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, three males wearing dark clothing, their faces largely hidden by hoodies, appeared on security video stealing a 2024 Ford F-150 pickup parked in the driveway of a house in the 1200 block of Bedford.

The pickup's ignition key fob was in the vehicle, according to police.

"Detroit police recovered the vehicle north of Mack near Outer Drive," Park police said. "Five males were observed by the vehicle. (They) ran from Detroit police. No arrests were made."

At 5 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, a resident saw three males rifling through two unlocked vehicles parked curbside in the 1100 blocks of Bishop and Harvard.

"No items were missing," police said.

Investigators suspect the same people committed both incidents, but lack evidence to prove it.

Roaming the streets

A Detroit runaway contributed this week to the adage about nothing good happening after midnight.

At 1 a.m. Monday, Sept. 7, Park officers detained a 12-year-old male for allegedly breaking windows of JJ's Custard Company on Kercheval near Beaconsfield.

"(He) was found to be a runaway from Detroit," police said. "(He) was turned over to his mother."

Charges of malicious destruction of property were submitted to the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center, according to Park authorities.

— Brad Lindberg

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Fraud

A DTE Energy account, paired to an address in Detroit, fraudulently was opened in a Grosse Pointer's name Friday, Sept. 4.

Intoxication

After speeding 62 mph on Jefferson at 1:55 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, a 49-year-old Farmington Hills man was pulled over and arrested for intoxication.

— Laurel Kraus

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

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

A clean shave

An unknown male stole $100 worth of cleaning supplies and razors from a store in the 20400 block of Mack Monday, Aug. 24.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Chamber presents first Retail Week

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is trying something new with the introduction of its first Retail Week, planned Sept. 20 to 26.

The brainchild of chamber board member and business owner Jenny Buda, Retail Week aims to connect shoppers with businesses throughout the Pointes.

"Owning IRIS on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, she's a firsthand expert in the importance of continuously building awareness of the retailers that make our community vibrant," Chamber Director of Engagement Abigail Barroso said of Buda. "For over a decade, the chamber has hosted Restaurant Week and, seeing that the theme of highlighting our local restaurants is strong and always results in new business, Retail Week was born."

Leading up to and during Retail Week, the chamber will feature participating businesses and emphasize social media content that will serve as a shopping guide, Barroso said.

"We aim to bring new customers to our participating stores and raise awareness of the diverse offerings across the Pointes," she added.

The chamber created an interactive map, accessible on its website — grossepointechamber.org — and social media pages. Physical copies of the map also will be available at all participating businesses.

"The map will feature store specials and information on special events," Barroso said. "In addition to the map and social media highlights, we will be promoting the event through our region to give people from outside the Pointes the chance to learn about the event as well."

Barroso said many participating stores will offer a mix of discounts, gifts with purchase, in-store pop-ups, extended hours and raffles.

"The events will align with each individual store and we encourage shoppers to keep an eye out for daily details," she added.

"Independent retailers and small business owners are the backbone of our local economy," Chamber President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher said, "and Retail Week gives us a dedicated platform to highlight their impact. These businesses do far more than generate sales; they create jobs, keep dollars circulating within the community and contribute to the unique character and charm that define shopping in the Pointes.

"Retail Week is important because it publicly recognizes and celebrates the entrepreneurs who strengthen our neighborhoods, support customers and fuel economic growth in meaningful ways," she continued. "Showcasing them is both a thank-you and a reminder of how vital independent retail is to the health and vibrancy of our community."

There's still time for businesses to sign up to participate in Retail Week. To do so, email the chamber at info@grossepointechamber.org, visit grossepointechamber.org or call (313) 881-4722.

LIGHTS:

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these lights are more energy efficient, reducing emissions and lowering costs for the city. The new lighting requires less maintenance, which not only reduces long-term expenses, but also means fewer disruptions in service — resulting in a noticeable improvement in public satisfaction."

DDA board members gave Sizeland approval to continue researching options and costs.

"This would be a project we'd have to finance over two or three years," Sizeland said.

There are around 25 streetlights in the DDA.

Funding for lighting in the district comes from the DDA. The authority's budget comes from capturing a portion of property taxes in the district that must be spent within the same area.

Sizeland said he's considering three types of upgrades.

"We could just change the light fixture at the top to a teardrop style," he said. "Or we could paint the pole and change the fixture, or replace the whole pole, which costs the most."

Teardrop fixtures are appropriate for downtown districts, campuses, village squares, plazas and commercial developments, according to DTE.



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OUR VIEW

We remember

There were 43 people with some sort of tie to Michigan who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, including Grosse Pointe native David Alger. He was 57 at the time, serving as executive vice president and CFO at Fred Alger Management, a company founded by his brother. He was among 35 Alger Management employees who were on the 93rd floor of the North Tower that day, all of whom perished.

In all, 2,977 people died on 9/11. The official count, rightfully so, does not include the 19 hijackers.

As this Friday marks the 25th anniversary of the attacks, we asked our Grosse Pointe News team to share what they remember about that day.

I was at Doner advertising in Detroit. It was obviously scary and upsetting. A couple of years later I moved to New York City and to hear the stories from my friends, who were there, was unbelievably horrible. One of my best friends lived in Tribeca and was on her way to work. She was covered in soot and ash, wandering around, and couldn't get back to her apartment as the city was in chaos. She was supposed to fly to France for her wedding, which was canceled. If you talk to anyone who was in NYC that day, you will understand the sadness and gravity of the situation in an entirely different way. "Never forget" has a whole different tone for the ones who lived it.

— Anne Gryzenia, publisher

I was working in the Grosse Pointe News classifieds department when our office was at 96 Kercheval on The Hill. The news was on the radio and phones were ringing like a normal deadline day. Then the phones all stopped. The radio guy was yelling, but I couldn't understand what was happening. Then the second plane. We all stopped and just listened in total disbelief. That night I watched the news all night.

— Melanie Mahoney, classified advertising

I was 5 years old on 9/11, so my memories of that day are vague. But the impact of it has never felt distant. Visiting the 9/11 Memorial in NYC brought the feeling of loss home in an unexpected way. I found myself thinking about the children — those my age, some even younger — who lost parents and family members that day and who have now grown into adults still carrying those losses. I may not remember the day clearly, but its impact remains.

— Kyla Bazzy, obituary writer

I was 10 miles away from Ground Zero at Seton Hall University Law School. I had to take the PATH Train back to Exchange Place to get to Hoboken. People were pouring out of the tunnel from the World Trade Center, many covered in blood.

— Sean Cotton, owner

I was living in Midland at the time, working for Bill Schuette as district director when he was in the Michigan Senate. As it was a Tuesday, we were heading to Lansing for him to attend session and I was going to sit in on a lunch meeting about charter public schools. Like many, I recall the initial radio reports talking about a small, single-engine plane hitting one of the towers. As more information came out, reality began to set in. The Capitol was put on lockdown and there was a heavy Michigan State Police presence around all of the government buildings downtown. I watched the news well into the night.

— Ted O'Neil, associate editor

I was working for Spartan Stores and we'd just gotten the internet on our work computers. We all were glued to the internet news sources all day. One of our co-workers kept saying that the whole country was being bombed. She was really losing it. I was very grateful that she was wrong. That night I got several nice messages from people I had met when I traveled internationally saying their thoughts and prayers were with the United States.

— Rick Muzingo, general counsel

I was 6 years old and in first grade at Kerby Elementary School. I remember not being told what was happening, but having to sit in the hall for an extended time. The teachers were congregating and I think one of them had their classroom TV on. The school was trying to figure out if they could let kids leave with their parents who were calling to pick them up. I think we were eventually able to leave early if our parents came to get us. I didn't truly grasp what happened that day until years later.

— Ellie Carter, circulation

It was a bright and sunny Tuesday morning and I was in my office at the Macomb Daily in Mt. Clemens. A friend called to tell me that a plane had just crashed into one of the towers. I initially thought it was a terrible accident, so I walked across the hall to the newsroom. All of our reporters were staring at the television. A short time later, we watched the second plane hit. In those early moments, it was difficult to process that this was no longer an accident but an intentional attack on America. As the tragic events unfolded that horrific morning, it became very clear to me that our world had just changed and we would never be the same.

— Shelley Owens, retail advertising manager

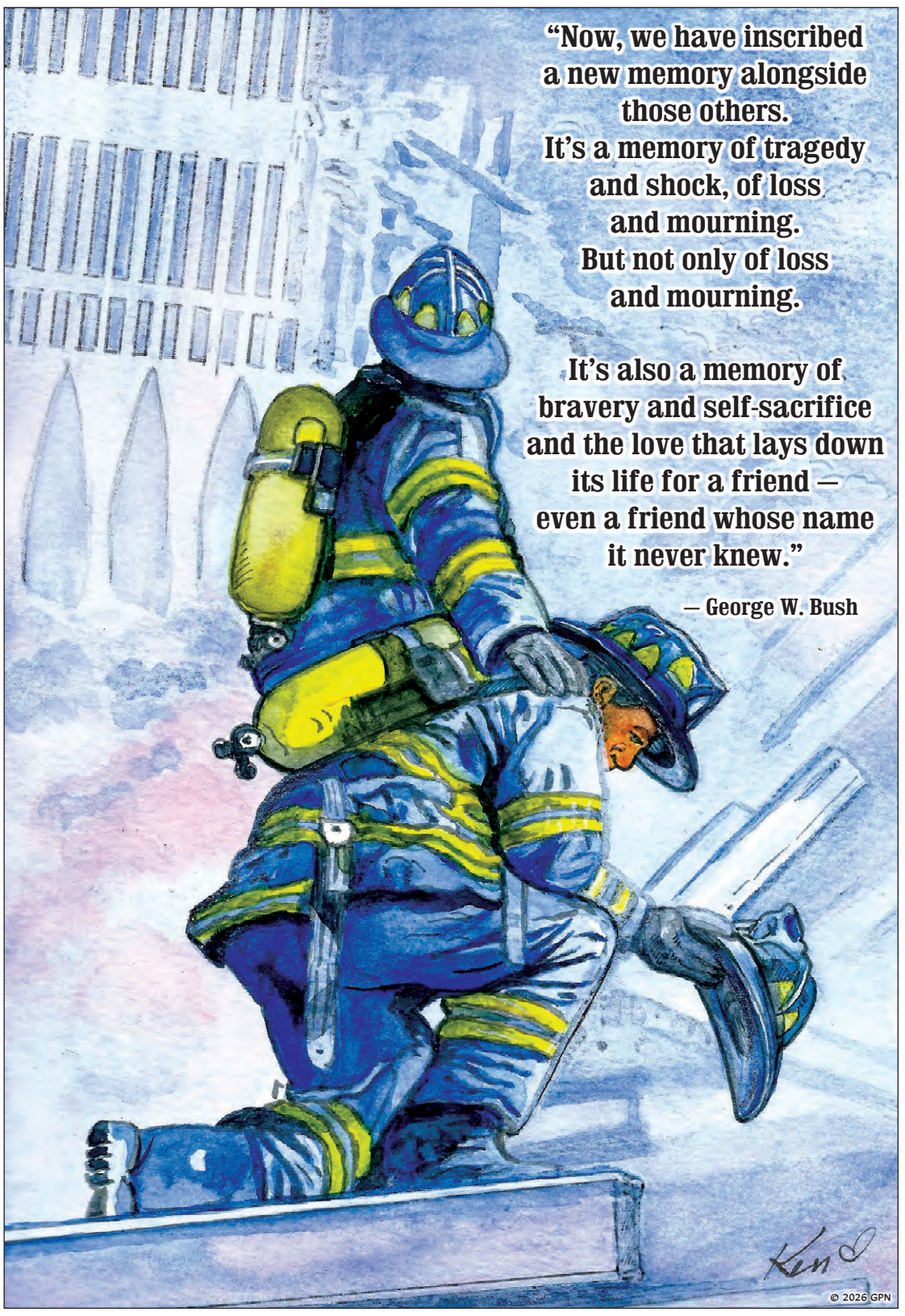

ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

I was working at a radio station and our weekly meeting had just begun. Through the glass windows of our conference room, we could see the studio where the TV news was playing. We watched as the second plane hit the World Trade Center. I left work early that day and went home to watch the horrific events unfold. I also remember the incredible sense of unity that followed — the way Americans came together, looked out for one another and stood together as a nation.

— Ken Ong, retail advertising account executive

I was on my way to work — I was a schools reporter for a Macomb County weekly — when the first plane hit the WTC. Those days, I typically drove listening to music, but I happened to be listening to the radio that morning. The deejays were talking about the crash and I initially thought it was some "War of the Worlds" type shtick.

When the second plane hit, just before I turned into the office parking lot, it became evident those deejays were far too shocked, far too serious, for this to be a joke.

I remember having assignments in the days that followed and, where I had typically been allowed to walk into any school I'd covered for years, there were new policies in place fairly quickly. And they only got more stringent as the deeper story unfolded.

— Jody McVeigh, editor-in-chief

I was 4 years old. My mom had taken my little brother and me to Meijer that morning. My dad called and told her to leave right away and get home. No one knew if more attacks would happen or where. We spent the morning in the basement watching the news. That upcoming January, my class in school decorated paper calendars and were tasked with drawing something for each month. I came home with a child's drawing of two rectangular buildings on fire for the month of September. My mom has it to this day.

— Laurel Kraus, staff writer

I was working for GP News at 96 Kercheval. It was a Tuesday, deadline day, and the paper

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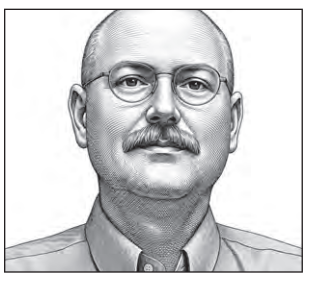

How does your garden grow

I received a jar of pickles recently that my brother-in-law canned from cucumbers he grew. Every year he does an assortment of kosher, dill and — eww — sweet pickles. He should soon have jars of salsa and spaghetti sauce to hand out as well.

The pickles were great. I had them with sandwiches and hot dogs and made some egg salad and tuna salad with them. Both were pretty straightforward and definitely not fancy like my mom used to make. The egg salad was just eggs, pickles and mayo and the same with tuna, pickles and mayo. No cut-up onions, celery, lemon juice, spices, etc. Some people add relish to their egg salad, as well as deviled eggs, but again, I hate sweet pickles.

The tuna salad reminded me of a funny story from my freshman year of college, when I attended a small school in Indiana called Valparaiso before transferring to Michigan State. We only had Good Friday off for Easter weekend and my roommate lived about an hour away in southwest Michigan, so he invited me home for the weekend.

We arrived midafternoon and he asked if I wanted some tuna salad. My first reaction was no way, that would take way too long to make and by then it'll be dinner time. He opened a can of tuna, mixed it with some mayo and that was it. I was shocked because I had only ever seen my mom make the full-blown thing.

Reminds me of a girl I knew who said she didn't know boxed macaroni and cheese existed until she got to college because her mom only ever made it using real cheese and milk.

I'd like to give gardening a try, but I live in the Cabbage Patch on an alley street and there probably are more squirrels than people living there. I can't imagine anything growing to the point of ripening and being picked. I learned my lesson years ago living in Midland, where I tried to plant a raspberry bush and proceeded to give one or more rabbits a tasty treat.

Besides, I don't think I have a green thumb. Myself and three buddies had an apartment at State our junior and senior years (in Cedar Village, home of the infamous Cedar Fest some of you of a certain age might remember) and we bought some sort of hanging potted plant. We thought it would make us seem "cultured" to the girls.

Well, everything was going great for Robert, as we named it — as in Robert Plant, the lead singer of Led Zeppelin — until Christmas break when no one thought to take it home and continue watering it.

Robert was in bad shape when we got back, but being college guys we had the bright idea to pour beer on it. That surely would have more nutrients than just tap water, right? Robert came back to life and did just fine. Until spring break.

For now I'll just have to rely on my brother-in-law's talents and generosity.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1951

75 years ago this week

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 389 ABOVE FIGURE OF ONE YEAR AGO: Unofficial enrollment figures obtained on the third day of school in the Pointe's public school system indicate that 389 more pupils were in attendance on Monday than on the corresponding day a year ago. There were 6,349 children at all of the schools in the district. This represents an increase of 6 1/2 percent over a year ago.

LIBRARY BID APPROVED BY D. M. FERRY: The Board of Education was scheduled to meet after the NEWS went to press, to review bids for the proposed Ferry-Sales Central Library building. Bids were received Monday but were not made public. It was announced on Tuesday that Dexter M. Ferry Jr. had been apprised of the bids and had stated he would assume the cost of the building, as originally announced.

ST. MICHAEL'S DEDICATION SERVICE HELD: Grosse Pointe's newest church, St. Michael's Episcopal Chapel, Sunningdale Drive, was opened with impressive ceremonies last Sunday. At 11 a.m. the congregation participated in a Service of Thanksgiving at which the Vicar, the Rev. Edgar H. Yeoman preached. He was assisted by his father, the Rev. Alfred Yeoman, of Tillsonburg, Ontario, and Maurice Wood, lay reader of Christ Church Parish.

1975

50 years ago this week

GPEA CALLS FOR STRIKE: Grosse Pointe Education Association officials called for a teacher strike at a September 7 meeting of their membership, calling the latest Board of Education contract proposals a threat to the very viability of their union. Teachers were scheduled to vote on the issue either Wednesday night or Thursday morning, September 8 or 9, according to GPEA President Doris Cook. Sixty-five percent of the membership must approve the strike before teachers walk out.

POINTE OFFICIALS VIEW PROPOSALS ON DRINKING AGE: Four years ago a wave of enthusiasm about giving younger people the opportunity to assume the rights and responsibilities of adulthood became a reality in a State legislative package granting full legal status to 18-year-olds. Now a similar wave of emotion may reclaim one of the most critical rights included in that package, the right of 18-year-olds to buy and consume alcoholic beverages.

AMAZING DISCOVERY MADE IN BACKYARD EXPLORATION: Richard Klotz loves to garden and his backyard shows it. Things are popping up everywhere. Tomatoes, melons, beans, tombstones. Tombstones? "I know it seems weird," said Mr. Klotz, of Hampton Road, "but I was digging in the yard last week, leveling a mound, when I struck something about three inches under the ground." The something was a tombstone over 100 years old.

2001

25 years ago this week

POINTE KIDS WIN BIG AT STATE FAIR:

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LETTERS

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

Thanks for the coverage

To the Editor:

I want to thank the Grosse Pointe News for featuring my daughter Monica Loveley's Education Plus Nicaragua, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, in the Aug. 6 and Aug. 13 editions. It provided a window into her 13 years of hard work to help lift the sweet children of Pantanal out of poverty. Monica and her staff felt a healthy meal and education were the children's ticket to a better life. Thanks again, Grosse Pointe News!

SUE LOVELEY
Grosse Pointe Farms

(Editor's note: For more information about the program, visit edplusnicaragua.org.)

Curious in the Pointes

To the Editor:

As another school year begins in the lovely Pointes, and while my youngest child has been out of the school system for eight years, I am curious about many issues in our public schools. I am still very much invested in the education of our children as a homeowner, former substitute teacher, nanny, Sunday school teacher and a friend of educators.

I am still shocked to learn that not all Grosse Pointe Public schools have air conditioning in the year 2026. It is always hot at the end of the school year and of course the beginning weeks as well. It is interesting that some classrooms have air and some do not. For example, Kerby school, where I was a parent for 14 years, was raising money for air conditioning at the start of the century. And now I am hearing that some classrooms have air and some still do not. How was it decided who gets to teach and learn in comfort and who suffers in the heat and humidity? I am guessing that none of our administrators are not working in an office that is currently 88 degrees.

I am also shocked to learn that our teachers, who are among the best in the state, are starting the school year without a contract. Again curious, how many districts in Michigan are back in school without a contract? This historic and highly ranked school district should do better to put teachers and students first in the school year ahead and into the future.

AMY SANFORD
Grosse Pointe Farms

OUR VIEW:

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was shipping that evening. A small television in the production department was on all day so we could catch updates. My feelings were similar and different than when I was in middle school and heard the announcement that President Kennedy had been assassinated.

After work, my husband and I had plans to take a friend to dinner for their birthday. We went to the Beach Grille and the few other people there must have been there for the same reason, a pre-planned event. It was very quiet and somber and the waitress gave us a free dessert and thanked us for coming.

— Julie Sutton, retail advertising account executive

"Within days of the terrorist attacks that turned New York's cathedrals of commerce into a valley of death, Americans looked to their clergy for strength and to the armed services for justice."

So began news coverage of a prayer service I covered the evening of 9/11 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Leaving the church, which was packed, the night was quiet and still.

Yet, high up in the air could be heard the crinkling and crackling sound of an F-16 fighter jet.

It turned out that a Pointe resident and major in the Michigan Air National Guard was on duty patrolling the skies of southeast Michigan. He and his mates with the 107th Fighter Squadron at Selfridge had been operating since the attacks.

"The squadron is looking for anything," he said, "especially rogue aircraft and anything flying that isn't doing what it should be doing."

— Brad Lindberg, staff writer

There are two local events tomorrow for those who want to gather with others to honor those killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The War Memorial hosts a program beginning at 8:30 a.m. The event is free, but registration is required at warmemorial.org/events/911service2026. It also will be live-streamed on The War Memorial's Facebook and YouTube pages. The second is at AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods, starting at 6 p.m.

Please also keep in your prayers the more than 9,400 people who have died since 9/11 — primarily first responders and those who lived and worked in the area — due to exposure to the toxic air that day and the days that followed.



Helping through hunting

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Growing up on a farm in Armada, Avery Slanec learned deer hunting from an early age.

"We have a lot of hunters in our family and we'd harvest a lot of deer every year," the 2024 University Liggett School graduate said. "I approached some food banks and they said donations of canned goods are great, but they don't provide the nutritional value of venison."

After a discussion around a bonfire one night with her parents, Kristy and Jared Slanec — owners of PGS Dentistry and Growing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry — Hunters Service Society was born in 2023 while she was still at Liggett.

"We pay the cost of processing for hunters who want to donate deer, then deliver it to local food banks," Slanec said. "I talked to a lot of hunters who were interested in donating venison, but it can be cost-prohibitive with all the money spent on gear and ammo and what not to then also pay for processing and not keeping the meat."

Slanec said processing costs around $150 and hunters can donate as much or as little venison as they want. According to the foundation's website, "HSS grinds all of the venison to make it most accessible for those in need. Prior to, should you elect to remove select cuts of meat, we will still take the balance of the deer and grind the remaining protein for those in need."

The venison is then donated to the Macomb Community Warming Center, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, PBJ Outreach, Gleaners Community Food Bank and Santa's First Responders.

HSS so far has paid for processing more than 160 deer, resulting in more than 10,000 pounds of venison and more than 40,000 meals.

Processing is done at Almont Country Smokehouse in Almont and Frank's Processing in Richmond.

"We have to use processors that are USDA-approved because that's the only way the food banks can accept the venison," Slanec said.

Slanec, who attended Liggett from kindergarten through graduation, said her family moved to the Shores about a decade ago.

"My mom got sick of the daily commute," she said, laughing. "I'm so glad we moved here because families in the Grosse Pointes are so generous. There are also a lot of hunters here, so we get monetary donations and deer from them."

Slanec, now a junior studying real estate and finance at Indiana University, received her real estate license as a senior at ULS and plans to go into real estate development after graduation. She also tries to get back to Michigan during bow and rifle season to do some hunting in October and November.

"There are places around here I can hunt, but Indiana deer can't compare to a good Michigan buck."

See huntersservicesociety.org/ for more information.



COURTESY PHOTO

Avery Slanec and her dad, Jared, are ready to hunt.

Waxing the City opens on Mack

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Waxing the City opened its second Michigan location at the corner of Mack and Rivard Thursday, Aug. 27.

"Waxing the City is really all about the skin and helping our guests feel smooth and confident," Studio Manager Tabitha Mielke said. "We offer more than just waxing. We have treatments and enhancements that can be added to many of our services, along with brow and lash tinting. Eventually, we will be getting into brow lamination and lash lifts as well."

Mielke, as well as investor Billy Crawford, grew up in the Pointes and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

After years of managing SalonCentric, Cosmo Prof and several European Wax Center locations, she found in Waxing the City the opportunity she was looking for to rejoin the Grosse Pointe community.

"I'm really excited to be back in my hometown and create that experience here," she said. "I'm really looking forward to building relationships and partnerships within the community. Grosse Pointe has such a strong sense of community and we're excited to become part of it."

The team of cerologists at Waxing the City is knowledgeable, experienced and places an emphasis on walking guests through the process and making them feel comfortable — especially as waxing can be intimidating to first-time guests.

"We have a beautiful, fun and welcoming studio, but what really makes the difference is our team and the experience we provide," Mielke said. "We want every client to feel comfortable and taken care of. We're not a speed wax. We take our time and pay attention to the details. For us, it's less about watching the clock and more about the result. We want every client leaving feeling confident and smooth."

First-time guests may receive a free eyebrow, upper lip, underarm or basic bikini wax, or 50 percent off a Brazilian wax.

A grand opening — including raffles and a ribbon cutting — will be held at a date to be determined in October.

"I want people to walk through our doors and immediately feel welcome," Mielke said. "It really is all about our clients. We want to build relationships with them, make them comfortable and give them an experience that makes them want to come back."

Waxing the City is located at 17770 Mack.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Book an appointment online at waxingthecity.com/locations/w679/us/mi/grosse-pointe/ or by calling (313) 395-4123.

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Local kids showed their colors by winning a rainbow of ribbons at the Michigan State Fair. The awards, ranging from first premium to honorable mention in a number of youth divisions, came in community arts contests such as baking, photography and arts and crafts. Ashley Smith, 13, of the City of Grosse Pointe, won two blue ribbons for best in shows and a red second place ribbon in photography.

PARCELLS' CHOIRS MAKE AWARD-WINNING DEBUT: Parcells Middle School's 2000-2001 Mack Avenue Magic Concert/Show Choirs took top honors during their national debut at the Mid-West Festival of Music in Chicago, Ill. The program, which combines the talents of 44 students from grades 6 through 8, was launched in September of 2000 under the direction of Mary Jane Failla and Glen Hipple.

2016

10 years ago this week

BLUE DEVILS RECLAIM ROCK: A group of Blue Devils girls with tall, thin statures betraying membership on the varsity volleyball team, defended their home turf and court this week against Norsemen invasions. It started with the girls painting "Beat North" on a boulder outside the Fisher entrance to Grosse Pointe South High School Tuesday, Aug. 23, in preparation for hosting their opening match of the season against Grosse Pointe North High Thursday, Aug. 25. Then, learning North merry pranksters snuck on South's campus late that night and overpainted the boulder with a challenge of their own, "Go North #don't fret RIP Harambe," in green letters, the South squad got fired up Wednesday afternoon to reclaim their domain in blue lettering.

CHAMBER DONATES BIKES TO EACH POINTE, HARPER WOODS: The retired handler of a goose-chasing border collie at Pier Park told how fowl learned to take wing at the sound of the pair arriving for work in a pickup truck, thwarting the dog's chance to ruffle feathers. Sharp-eared criminals try the same thing to avoid getting caught at night. "When it's quiet at night, you can hear a patrol car five blocks away coming at normal speed," said Grosse Pointe Farms Lt. Andrew Rogers. Officers on the midnight shift sometimes trade cruisers for bicycles to patrol side roads and alleys in silence. For crime-fighting reasons and more, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is donating patrol bikes to each of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.



New city signs for Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Updated municipal identification signs will be installed at three city gateways, including both ends of Jefferson.

All new signs are components of overall enhancement of the city, particularly on a traffic island at the Detroit border on Jefferson and Barrington near the Schaap Center for the Performing Arts that opened last summer.

Approval for the signs came during a meeting of the Downtown Development Authority last month.

City Manager Nick Sizeland, who also serves as DDA director, presented the idea. He intended it as part of an update of signage at three of the city's main entryways.

The entryway on lower Jefferson at Detroit is within DDA boundaries; two are not.

The sign at the Detroit border will replace a smaller one and cost $13,631.

As with the one it replaces, the sign reads, "City of Grosse Pointe Park" and is supported between two wooden pillars set upon imitation stone bases. The difference between old and new versions is the new one is larger and contains the updated municipal logo that was created a couple of years ago by a former city hall employee with a background in commercial design.

"We thought, let's show off our new city logo," Sizeland said. "The Schaap Center is there. I recommended to the board, 'Let's do a proper sign instead of a little one.'"

Purchase and installation of the Jefferson sign are funded by the DDA as part of its mission to enhance the district bounded by Jefferson from the Detroit border to Somerset, including the municipal campus. The authority's budget comes from capturing a portion of property taxes in the district that must be spent within the same area.

Some $8,467.20 from the city's budget will be used to pay for two smaller entrance signs of a simpler design.

They'll replace signs at the corner of Jefferson and Cadieux bordering the City of Grosse Pointe, plus Mack Avenue and Wayburn at the Detroit border.

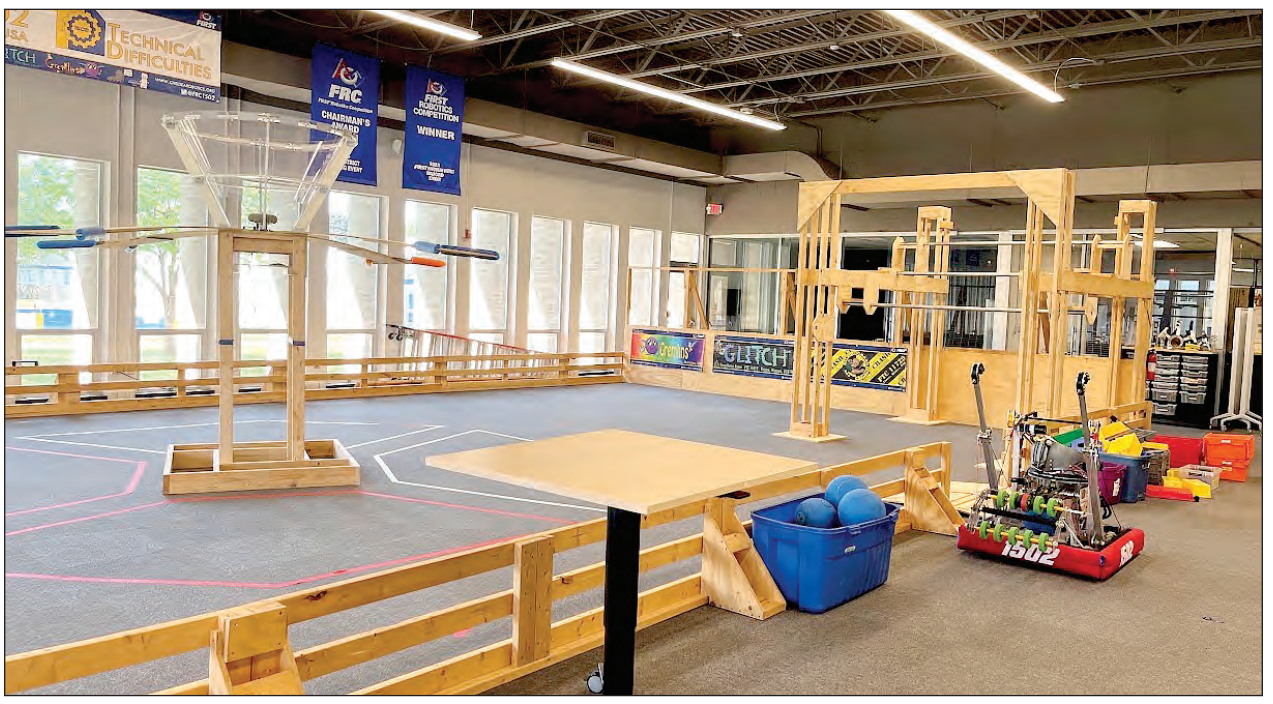
Those signs contain only the logo braced by black metal columns.

Robotics center in the works

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — As robotics grows in popularity across public and private schools in the Pointes, a group of mentors is hoping to open a location for teams to build, practice and store equipment.

"There is talent everywhere in the district, but unfortunately not as much opportunity," said Sherry Betcher, coach of the all-girls Botmasterz from Grosse Pointe South and North high schools. "We want to remove the barriers and provide hands-on innovation."



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The Grosse Pointe Robotics & Innovation Center would have full-size high school, middle school and elementary school practice fields to allow students to train and prepare under real competition conditions.

Betcher is a co-founder of the Grosse Pointe Robotics & Innovation Center and serves as board president. Joshua Wools, a business owner and robotics coach at Pierce Middle School, is the other co-founder and board treasurer. Ellen Chapin is a lifelong STEM advocate who helped launch the Botmasterz in 2016 and serves as board secretary, while Charlene Pettaway, who coaches the robotics team at Monteith Elementary School, is a trustee.

"Right now, we're limited to places like garages and basements," Betcher said. "It can take hours to set up a field for practice and hours to take it down."

The GPRIC, which is set up as a nonprofit, is attempting to raise $1.3 million.

"We have a five-year plan," Betcher said. "That would cover rent, equipment, utilities and insurance."

The group is looking at the former Bank of America building on East Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park.

"It would be so great to be across the street from the Schaap Center and all that creative energy," Betcher added. "We want to be part of the revitalization of that area."

The facility wouldn't be just for robotics, however.

"We're envisioning a makerspace as well that people could come in and rent," Betcher said. "It could be small business owners, entrepreneurs or hobbyists. I'm blown away by how many talented people are in this community."

Workshops and summer camps also would be offered.

"We plan to start small and prove our success," Betcher said. "It's all about the kids growing their skills."

To learn more or make a donation, visit gpric.net.

League to host school board candidate forum Sept. 22

The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe will host an in-person forum featuring candidates for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, in the Brownell Middle School auditorium.

The forum is free and open to the public.

The following candidates have agreed to participate:

- Walter Fitzpatrick
- Jake Howlett
- Ginny Jeup
- Michelle White

Community members are invited to submit questions for consideration by noon Friday, Sept. 18. Questions should be directed to all candidates and must be submitted in advance; questions will not be accepted at the forum.

To submit a question, visit lwvgrossepointe.org and click on the link to the question submission form.

A recording of the forum will be available on the LWVGP YouTube channel on or after Wednesday, Sept. 23.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

So long, summer

Maureen Carter, Ferry Elementary School crossing guard, crocheted this sunglassed sun and summer popsicle art for the fence at the end of the school year in June, but left it on the fence so it would greet students as they came back to school for their first day of classes Sept. 8.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Kate Moores of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications.

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Layla Marlena Demir of Grosse Pointe Park recently was accepted into the University of Dayton School of Business Administration.

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Rachel Rybicki of Grosse Pointe Farms recently earned Scholastic All-America honors through the Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association.

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Cameron Thompson of Grosse Pointe Park was included in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic Honor Roll for the 2025-26 school year. Thompson was a member of Albion College's men's swimming and diving team.







Sunrise Rotary 47th Annual Run

Runners and Supporters Come Together Once Again to Help Others

On Saturday, September 19, 2026, the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club will host its 47th Annual Grosse Pointe Run, continuing a tradition that brings together runners, walkers, families, and community supporters for a day centered on service, wellness, and connection.

This event serves as the Club's primary annual fundraiser. One hundred percent of proceeds remain in the community and are reinvested locally. Funds support a range of needs including charitable initiatives, community assistance, and college and trade school scholarships for high school students in Grosse Pointe and surrounding areas. Sunrise Rotary's commitment goes beyond a single event. It reflects an ongoing effort to strengthen the region through consistent support, local partnerships, and long-term investment in community well-being.

A central focus of this work is encouraging and supporting the next generation. Through scholarship opportunities, Sunrise Rotary helps students pursue higher education and career pathways. These investments not only support individual students but also contribute to the future strength and vitality of the entire community. The Grosse Pointe Run plays an important role each year in making this support possible.

The event is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for participants of all ages and ability levels. Competitive runners can take advantage of a USA Track & Field certified course along with a professionally managed chip timing system that accurately records finish times. Participants who prefer a more relaxed experience can choose the One-Mile Fun Run or the 5K Leisure Walk, making it easy for everyone to participate in a way that fits their goals.

Throughout the event, Sunrise Rotarians will be on site at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, welcoming participants and supporters and providing snacks and beverages. More than just a race, the Grosse Pointe Run reflects Rotary's broader mission of service above self and highlights its continued commitment to the Grosse Pointe community and surrounding areas.

5K and 10K Run | 5K Competitive Walk | 5K Wheelchair
One-Mile Fun Run | 5K Leisure Walk | Middle School Invitational

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park

Registration/Check in at 7:00 am - 8:30 am

Fun Run starts at 8:30 am • Middle School Invite starts at 8:45 am

All other events begin at 9:00 am

Register Online at grossepointerun.com or use the QR code

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club is part of Rotary International, one of the largest humanitarian service organizations in the world. Through its 501(c) (3) foundation, the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club supports many charities.









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Grosse Pointe Theatre opens 79th season with 'Les Misérables'

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Theatre will take audiences back in time to 19th-century France with its season-opening production of "Les Misérables," running Sept. 18 through Oct. 11 at the Schaap Center.

"'Les Misérables' is about the human condition," said director Danielle Caralis, who appeared as Fantine when GPT last produced "Les Misérables" in 2014. "It explores love, sacrifice, redemption, justice, forgiveness and the lengths people will go to care for one another. Every audience member can find someone in this story they identify with and that emotional connection is what keeps it relevant decade after decade."

The musical, adapted from the novel by Victor Hugo, follows the epic redemptive arc of Jean Valjean, after he is imprisoned for 19 years for the crime of stealing a loaf of bread.

"The message to the audience is that really one act of compassion for others can change the course of another person's life," Caralis said. "We see that in the show a couple times, which set this man on a trajectory for peace, the service of God and love for others, when his life didn't necessarily have to go that way."

The cast features 35 performers — who together play about 100 characters — and is accompanied by a 14-piece professional orchestra performing Claude-Michel Schönberg's score live.

Valjean is played by Gary LaKind, a West Bloomfield resident who is making his GPT debut.

"In 1985, I was a 15-year-old kid who received a tape of a brand-new musical in London and to say I was hooked on the first listen would be an understatement," LaKind said. "In the late '80s, I had an opportunity to see it a number of times when it came to Detroit and again, it blew me away. It's really an honor and privilege to be playing this part, given I used to perform the musical as a one-man show in my living room."



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The main cast of "Les Misérables."

GPT will perform a new cut of the show, which was released by the original writers and composers in April 2026.

"To our hardcore fans, the story does not change at all. You probably won't notice," Caralis said. "Frankly, the everyday music lover probably won't notice the changes. They will notice, though,

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The cast

- Gary LaKind as Jean Valjean
- Mario Simone as Javert
- Ken Keel as Marius and understudy Javert
- Landon Black as Enjolras and understudy Valjean
- Paige Chapman as Fantine
- Jayshona Boxx as Eponine
- Peyton Black as Cosette
- Tim Schoenherr as M. Thenardier
- Liz Schultz as Madame Thenardier
- Nate Moutzouros as Gavroche
- London Hansen and Sawyer Baxt as Young Cosette/Young Eponine
- Student/Ensemble: Ryan Lutes; Adam Kosznicki; Kyle Weatherbee; Andrew Schrader; Gabriel Coates; (Bishop) P.J. Roberts; Daniel Walleman
- Gang/Ensemble: Sterling Orlowski; Patrick Sullivan; Dakota Dalton; Alan Semonian; Charlie Rinderknecht; (Fight Captain) Zak Shugart
- Ladies Ensemble: Hanna Roth; Manda Borden; Olivia Skierski; Danielle Patterson; Ayres Went; Hanna Ashburn; Deb Dworkin; Cecilia Lang; Chloe Ann Grisa; Cara Motzkus.



From left, Gary LaKind as Valjean, Mario Simone as Javert and Paige Chapman as Fantine.

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Second annual Warrior Run is Sept. 20

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

J.T. Mestdagh has been something of a daredevil most of his life. His more recent adventures have included the Grand Canyon Rim to Rim hike, the Broken Arrow Skyrace in Lake Tahoe and the 29029 Everesting event in Utah.

"We ran up a mountain and took the chairlift down 13 times in 36 hours," he explained of the latter.

Often joining Mestdagh in his escapades are his pals, P.J. and Nick Vlahantones, the owners of Fusion Integrated Training.

"P.J. and Nick are lifelong friends," Mestdagh said. "They go on adventures with me. We thought, how can we bring an event to Grosse Pointe that's different than a 5K or a golf outing?"

Last year they teamed up to present the inaugural Warrior Run, which drew a crowd to Vernier Field and Hill in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"It was a great success last year," Mestdagh said. "Grosse Pointe Shores was so kind and accommodating for us. With their help and with Fusion's help, we had 100 participants. We realized we could grow this year."

The trio is teaming up again for the second annual Warrior Run, which kicks off at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Vernier Hill in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"It's a 60-minute run or walk," Mestdagh said. "It's family-oriented. You go around the hill and then over the hill twice; that's one lap. It's not a race. It's an event to bring people together and to challenge yourself."

Mestdagh knows a thing or two about challenges. He was born with VACTERL syndrome, for which he had 16 major surgeries before age 16.

Proceeds from the Warrior Run will benefit the JT Mestdagh Foundation.

"We provide medical supplies to help kids that have similar medical conditions to myself," he said. "For 30 years of my life, I've been blessed to have great insurance, but insurance companies don't cover my supplies. I saw a need. Five years ago I decided I really wanted to give back to families and kids with similar conditions."

Thanks to support from the community, the JT Mestdagh Foundation is expanding through a partnership with the University of Michigan Health's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, to which it's also providing medical supplies.

"The biggest thing I've learned through the challenges I've been through, the medical challenges in my life, is I really feel the blessings that God's given me the ability to still do these things, to challenge myself and push through adversity," Mestdagh said. "With the Warrior Run, we wanted to make it local and challenge ourselves as a community. I talk about finding your tribe — finding the people that inspire you and push you. That's what this event is all about: challenging yourself for 60 minutes and finding your next mountain to climb."

Ages 12 and older are invited to participate; there are slots for 200 participants.

All ages are welcome to attend and show support.

"We'll have Basecamp with music and local vendors," Mestdagh said. "Basecamp is for people to hang out and support the runners and cheer them on. And there will be information about the JT Mestdagh Foundation and Fusion."

Basecamp sponsors include Lululemon Grosse Pointe, Two Dudes Coffee, Aura Fizz, Rhythm & Blue Juice and Subway Grosse Pointe Woods.

Cost to participate in the Warrior Run is $99. Mestdagh said he hopes to beat last year's $90,000 tally by reaching $100,000 through sponsorships and participation.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/8799we6j or jtmestdaghfoundation.org



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Event organizers, from left, P.J. Vlahantones, Nick Vlahantones and J.T. Mestdagh after last year's Warrior Run.







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From left, London Hansen as Young Cosette, Sawyer Baxt as Young Cosette and Landon Black as Enjolras

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that it's shorter.

"The show gets a lot of heat historically because it's so long. It goes three-plus hours back in the day on Broadway and this show is going to be noticeably shorter than that. We're going to tell the same story with the same music everybody loves in about two hours and 40 minutes, including intermission."

"Les Misérables" will be GPT's second production in its new performance home at the Schaap Center.

"If Michelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel on a canvas, it would be pretty incredible, but the fact that it's in the Sistine Chapel is what makes it what it is," LaKind said. "I would say the same thing about the fact that Grosse Pointe now has this incredible theater where they can perform shows. It raises the level of everything — the experience, the sound, there's not a bad seat in that entire theater.

"I did professional theater when I was a kid and I can tell you this is as close to professional as you're going to get in metropolitan Detroit."

Performances run Sept. 18 to 20, 24 to 27, Oct. 1 to 4 and Oct. 8 to 11 at the Schaap Center, 15001 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Tickets, starting at $29 including fees, are available at gpt.org/lesmis. Or call the ticket office at (313) 881-4004.

The crew

- Danielle Caralis, director
- Charles Kruse, stage manager
- Diane Schoff, vocal director
- Marie Boyle Reinman, music director
- Catie Hauff and Tim Higgins, co-choreographers
- Randie Kohler, Cynthia Kempton and Arlene Schoenherr, co-producers
- Justin Hawley, technical director and co-set designer
- Stella Woitulewicz and Lyndsey Briggs, co-properties
- Jackie Manczyk and Alexa Baxt, co-costume design
- Theresa Selvaggio and Moni Valentini, co-hair and makeup design
- Eric Leszczynski and Kristina Kamm Mardlin, co-lighting design
- Eric Sieh and Jeff Ver Beek, co-sound design
- Soula Burns, assistant stage manager
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OBITUARIES

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



Mary Catherine Huebner



Brooke Adams Bertolini



Joanne Hookey Maxon

Mary Catherine Huebner

Mary Catherine Huebner, 75, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026, surrounded by her family. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, sister, businesswoman and dear friend to those who knew her well.

Mary was born March 8, 1951, in Algonac, to Bernard and Carol Nugent. She was a graduate of Algonac High School and Eastern Michigan University. Following graduation, she moved to Detroit and lived with her sister, Rande, who introduced her to her future husband, Ted.

Mary was an astute businesswoman. She began her career at Central Transport, where she rose to become director of human resources. After more than 20 years at Central, she decided to start her own personnel agency, Hire Resources Inc. When Rande became ill, Mary sold her company and devoted her time to caring for her sister. Following Rande's passing, Mary co-founded and became president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, growing the chamber and serving the Grosse Pointe communities for many years.

In her spare time, Mary also was very active in volunteer activities. At Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, she served as a Deaconess and chaired the Caring Committee for several years. She was also active with the Belle Isle Conservancy, the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, Life Remodeled, Gilda's Club Detroit, Fostering Futures, Child's Hope and the Libri Club of Grosse Pointe, where she served as secretary and president. She also served as First Lady of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club when Ted was Commodore.

Mary and Ted traveled extensively in retirement. They enjoyed cruising, crossing both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans and traveling as far west as Perth, Australia, and as far east as St. Petersburg, Russia. In the summers they cruised the Great Lakes and Georgian Bay aboard their beloved sailboat, Scholar Ship.

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Ted; son, Ted Jr.; daughter, Betsy; grandson, Jaxon; and sister, Ann Caiger.

Mary was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and a loyal friend. She will be remembered by all who knew her for her generous spirit, positive outlook, creative mind and boundless energy. Her family and friends are left with many wonderful memories and the love and affection she shared with all will be forever treasured.

A celebration of life is planned for mid-October.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, onrealm.org/GrossePointeMem/-/form/give/GPMC; Gilda's Club Detroit, 3517 Rochester, Royal Oak, MI 48073, gildasclubdetroit.org/get-involved/donate/; or the Fostering Futures Scholarship, P.O. Box 30462, Lansing, MI 48909.

Brooke Adams Bertolini

Brooke Adams Bertolini, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away Sunday, Aug. 30, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family and close friends.

Brooke was born and raised in Grosse Pointe and was a proud graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School's class of 1980. She dedicated many years of her life to the Grosse Pointe Public School System, where she worked until her retirement. She was also a familiar and friendly face behind the bar at Marge's Bar and Grill, where she worked as a bartender for many years and made countless friendships.

Brooke found joy in the simple things in life. She loved walking along the beach, searching for beautiful pieces of beach glass and turning her finds and creativity into arts and crafts. She cherished time spent with her friends and family and had a gift for making those around her feel loved and welcome.

Above all else, her three grandchildren were the light of her life. She treasured every moment with them and was endlessly proud of the people they were becoming. The memories, love, laughter and traditions she shared with them will remain with them forever.

Brooke is survived by her loving husband, Peter Bertolini; two children, Kelly Bertolini (Malyssa Suarez) and Joseph Bertolini; three beloved grandchildren, Holden, Sawyer and Lincoln; and five brothers and sisters, Kurt Adams, Kris Kosinski, Clark Adams, Jeff Adams (Marcie) and Todd Adams (Maureen). She was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Camilla Adams; as well as her brother-in-law, John Kosinski.

Brooke will be deeply missed by her extended family, friends and all those fortunate enough to have known and loved her. Her absence leaves an immeasurable hole in the hearts of those who loved her, but her memory will live on in the countless lives she touched, the friendships she made, the treasures she found along the shore and, most of all, in her family.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, bit.ly/4lBvECe.

Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Joanne Hookey Maxon

Joanne Hookey Maxon, 97, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Friday, Aug. 28, 2026, at Henry Ford St. John Hospital in Detroit, surrounded by family and friends.

Joanne was born Sept. 25, 1928, in Rochester, Minn. She spent much of her childhood in Wyandotte, where her family owned Armstrong's, a clothing store on Biddle. Her time around the family business sparked a lifelong interest in fashion.

Adventure found its way into Joanne's life early on. Her father was a U.S. Army doctor, which led the family to be stationed in Palm Springs, Calif., where Joanne attended Palm Springs High School. She embraced every aspect of school life, participating in sports, clubs, cheerleading and numerous class leadership positions before graduating in 1946.

After high school, Joanne and her family returned to Wyandotte. She attended Alma College and earned a degree in elementary education. Her first teaching position was in Houghton Lake. Joanne met Robert J. Maxon and they were married in 1952. They moved to Detroit, where Joanne began teaching at Monteith Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods. She retired from teaching in 1955. After living in Grosse Ile and Jackson, the couple made their way to Grosse Pointe in 1965.

Joanne remained active and engaged throughout her life. She enjoyed golf and was a member of two golf leagues, including one at Partridge Creek Golf Club. She and Robert eventually became members of Lochmoor Club, where golf and friendships became important parts of their lives. Joanne also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club and enjoyed aerobic dancing.

Giving back to her community was another important part of Joanne's life. She volunteered at the Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop, where she enjoyed being involved and helping others.

After Robert retired, the couple moved to Palm Desert, Calif., where they enjoyed their life together. In 2014, they returned to Grosse Pointe Woods and lived at The Rivers Grosse Pointe, where they remained until their deaths.

Joanne had an adventurous spirit and a gift for storytelling, often bringing people and places to life with warmth and humor. She had a remarkable collection of stories from the many chapters of her life and she loved sharing them with family and friends.

Joanne's life was more than a list of milestones; it was defined by curiosity, activity, friendship and a genuine love for the people around her.

Joanne is survived by her sons, Robert J. Maxon Jr. (Robin) and Richard A. Maxon (Karlyn Miilu-Maxon); daughter, Barbara J. Calkins (Robert J.); as well as four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Maxon; brother, John Hookey; and parents, Beatrice and John A. Hookey.

Joanne will be deeply missed by her family, friends and wonderful caregivers, who loved and enjoyed her sense of humor, quick wit and the colorful stories she shared about her life.

A celebration of life will be held at The Rivers Grosse Pointe at a future date.

Peter A. Dow

Peter "Pete" A. Dow, 92, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026, after a brief illness.

Pete was born Oct. 7, 1933, in Detroit, to Douglas and Mary Louise Dow.

Pete attended The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey from 1945 to 1950, graduating with honors. From 1950 to 1951, he attended Rugby School in Rugby, England, on an English-Speaking Union fellowship, where he won the Mills Barton Prize. He enrolled at the University of Michigan (U of M) in the fall of 1951 and graduated in June 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. At U of M, he was president of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity (DKE), a varsity swimmer for four years, a member of student government and was tapped for the Michigamua, Sphinx and the Hectoring honorary societies.

From 1955 to 1958, Pete served in the U.S. Navy as an air intelligence officer with Fighter Squadron 22, serving on five different aircraft carriers.

Pete spent his working career in advertising. In 1958, he joined Campbell-Ewald as a trainee on the Chevrolet account. He joined Young & Rubicam when the agency won the Plymouth account, then subsequently worked for Chrysler Corp. for 10 years, ultimately becoming director of marketing. In 1979, he returned to Campbell-Ewald as executive vice president before being named president, chief operating officer and chairman of the executive committee in 1982. In 1993 he was named vice chairman and held that position until his retirement in 1995. He also served professionally as chairman of the Michigan Advertising Alliance, president of The Adcraft Club of Detroit and on the board of the Association of National Advertisers.

In addition to serving on the board of Campbell-Ewald, Pete was elected as an outside director on 12 corporate boards, including two New York Stock Exchange boards, three NASDAQ boards and seven private company boards.

As an active community member, Pete served as president of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, trustee of the College for Creative Studies, trustee of DMC Harper University Hospital and served on the executive committee of United Way. He was a trustee of The Lawrenceville School, the Alice Kales Hartwick Foundation, the THA Foundation and a longtime elder at his Presbyterian church.



Peter A. Dow

Over the years, his club involvements included the University Club of Detroit, the Recess Club, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Country Club of Detroit, the Grosse Pointe Club, the Old Club, the Islamorada Fishing Club and the Yale Club of New York City.

Pete was married for 67 years to the late Jane Ottaway, who predeceased him by five days. He is survived by his three children, Jennifer Dow Murphy (Devin), Peter Kinnersley Dow and Thomas Anthony Dow (Dr. Agata); brother-in-law, Robert F. Ottaway; grandchildren, Eliza Murphy Chang (Jake), Emilie Murphy Smith (C.J.), Margaret "Molly" Murphy, Tomek M. Dow (Dr. Katie), Dr. Jane Ann Ottaway Dow ("Ania") and Alexander F. Dow; as well as five great-grandchildren and many dear nieces, nephews and their spouses. He was predeceased by his parents; wife, Jane Ottaway; brothers, Bryden Dow and Stuart Dow; and sisters, Patricia Dow Ashurkoff and Caroline Dow.

A memorial service for Pete and Jane will be held at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

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ERC to host ex-ICE agent

The Eastside Republican Club will host Scott Budnick, a former ICE agent, at its next forum Tuesday, Sept. 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Budnick received a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice management from Union Institute and University in Cincinnati. He received extensive training in law enforcement including from the Federal Air Marshal Academy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Federal Air Marshal Service and the Basic Law Enforcement Academy, among others.

Throughout his career, Budnick has assumed several law enforcement roles, including immigration enforcement agent/deportation officer in Detroit and in Romulus, as well as deputy sheriff, Macomb County Sheriff's Office in

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Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register at redcross blood.org.

The War Memorial

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

◆ 9/11 Service of Remembrance: 25th Anniversary, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11.

◆ 2nd Saturdays: Dino Discovery, 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. Tickets are $10.

◆ Bridging Service and Safety: Verizon's Veteran Support & Digital Wellness Workshop, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17.

◆ Lines That Last: An Engraving Workshop with Suki Liu, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Cost is $100.

Questers

The Pear Tree Questers will have its first meeting of the season at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. The group has invited the Pettipointe Questers to join them at Rustic Cabins, Grosse Pointe Park, hosted by owner Michelle Conlan. Members will learn the history of Rustic Cabins through tales that have made the watering hole both famous and infamous. Refreshments will be served.

Reunions

The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1971 will celebrate its 55th class reunion 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar will be available. For information, visit gpn1971.org

The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1976 will celebrate its 50th reunion Sept. 19, at MotorCity Casino Hotel. The event features a casual dress code, food stations and a cash bar. For more information or to RSVP, visit gpnclass of1976.com.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Roger Hull will speak about the Rotary International Foundation. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. The following programs take place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, unless otherwise noted. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org or RSVP to register@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ The Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Coalition meets at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16.

◆ A Community Book Discussion takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Panelists will discuss "Breaking the Age Code" by Becca Levy, Ph.D. Panelists include psychologist Miriam Engstrom and social worker Alison Pacifici.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres will have its first meeting of the season at noon Thursday, Sept. 17, at the home of member Cheryl Kawa. The group will have a "Flower Power" show-and-tell. Members will bring a flower cutting and explain its habits and why it's their favorite. Lunch will be served followed by a five-minute craft.

Live music

The East Side Rhythm Rascals and the Paxton/Spangler Band will perform beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at The Wayburn, 1401 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park. Both bands feature founding members of the Sun Messengers. The show will end with a finale featuring members of both bands. Cover charge is $10. Visit thewayburn.com

Harper Woods Library

The Friends of the Harper Woods Library hosts its fall book sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18 and 19, at the library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods.

The Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods, hosts Gentle Evening Yoga from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21. Classes are taught by Yemisi Odetoyinbo. Registration is encouraged.

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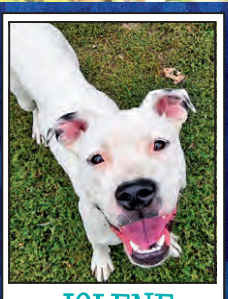

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Clinton Township.

Budnick ran for Macomb County sheriff in 2024 and has been a police officer in Hamtramck, as well as head of security at a Coyote Joe's in Shelby Township.

"Scott will be speaking on safety, a topic that is one of the several 80/20 issues in the current election," said Renee Strobl, chair of the Eastside Republican Club. "The Democratic Party is progressively leaning further left and has been co-opted by the Democratic Socialists of America who want to not only abolish ICE and defund the police, but also implement other anti-American ideas that have never worked anywhere, ever."

Also presenting will be Brian Pannebecker, a Macomb County native, retired auto worker and 25-year UAW member. Pannebecker founded Auto Workers for Trump and will be promoting his book, "Blue Collar Conservative: From Reagan to Trump."

Doors to the forum open at 7 p.m. All are welcome. A $5 donation is suggested for non-members.

Visit the Eastside Republican Club at eastsiderepublican.club, Facebook.com/Eastside-RepublicanClub or EastsideGOP on X.

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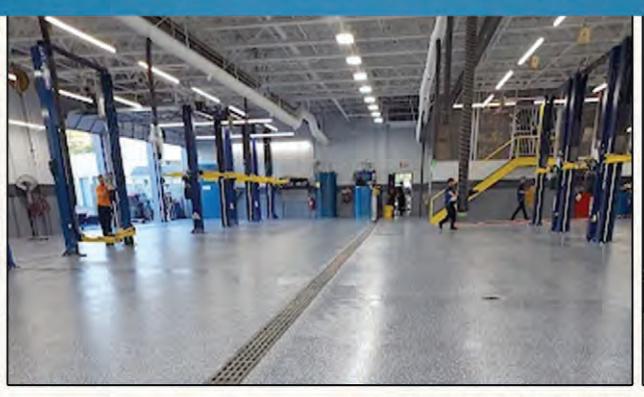



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Ford House Harvest Day returns Sept. 26

Ford House will host its annual Harvest Day from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, featuring 80 local makers, artisans and craftspeople — the event's largest vendor lineup yet after growing from 30 vendors two years ago to 60 last year.

Guests can stroll the property's fall colors along Lake St. Clair and shop handmade goods across categories including cottage food, home decor, jewelry, art and plants.





The event's straw pyramid also returns this year for younger guests to climb and play on. Children can enjoy a petting zoo, games, face painting and airbrushed tattoos, along with Benson's Backyard, a new nature-inspired play area on Bird Island created to honor Benson Ford Sr. A mobile aviary will be on site and families can stop for photos throughout the grounds.

Guests also may prepurchase a six-pack of Blake's apple cider doughnuts and a half gallon of Blake's apple cider to enjoy during the event or take home.



This year, Harvest Day will include a donation drive in partnership with Macomb Foster Closet, collecting clothing and hygiene items. Guests may bring and drop off donations the day of the event.

"Harvest Day keeps growing because our community keeps showing up for it," said Mark J. Heppner, president and CEO of Ford House. "Growing from 30 vendors to 80 over the past two years reflects real demand, both from the artisans who want to be part of this marketplace and the visitors who return every fall to shop it. We're excited to welcome guests along new accessible pathways this year, so more of our community can enjoy the grounds together."

New this year, a universally accessible path begins at the Visitor Center and continues along Ford Cove to the powerhouse and main residence. The path extends to, but not past, the bridge to Bird Island, giving visitors more opportunities to explore the grounds during Harvest Day.

Harvest Day tickets for Friends of Ford House are $10 for adults, $5 for children ages 3 to 17. Tickets for the public are $12 for adults, $6 for children ages 3 to 17. Children ages 2 and younger are admitted free.

Tickets are limited and available at fordhouse.org/events/harvest-day/.

For more information, call (313) 884-4222.

Who do you contact when a street tree is lost?

By the Grosse Pointe Tree Collaborative

Nothing changes the character of a neighborhood quite like the loss of a mature tree. Whether a tree is removed because of disease, storm damage, age or construction, many residents assume another tree will automatically take its place. In reality, each of the five Grosse Pointes manages its own public tree program and replacement depends on municipal budgets, forestry priorities and available planting sites.

Cities rely on residents to report the tree loss. Check your city's website for contact information.

The good news is that residents can play an important role by asking questions and advocating for tree replacement.

If a tree located in the public right-of-way — the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street, or another city-owned property — is removed, consider contacting your city's department of public works or forestry staff. Ask whether the tree is scheduled for replacement, when planting typically occurs and whether funding has been allocated for additional street trees.

Questions every resident can ask include:

◆ Does our city have an annual street tree replacement program?

◆ How many public trees are planted each year?

◆ Is there funding available to increase tree planting?

◆ Is there a waiting list for replacement trees?

◆ Can residents request a street tree in front of their home?

◆ What tree species are being planted to increase diversity and climate resilience?

The Grosse Pointes have long been recognized for their beautiful tree-lined streets, but maintaining that legacy requires continual investment. As older trees decline and weather events become more frequent, communities that consistently replant are better able to preserve shade, reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality, increase property values and keep neighborhoods cooler during summer heat. Residents may request to speak with the Department of Public Works regarding street tree replacement.

Every tree counts

A mature tree cannot be replaced overnight. While a newly planted tree may take decades to provide the same shade and environmental benefits as the one it replaces, every new planting is an investment in the next generation.

As residents, we can all help by reporting hazardous trees, watering newly planted street trees during their first two growing seasons, planting trees on private property when possible and encouraging our local governments to maintain strong annual tree replacement budgets.

One simple phone call or email can help ensure that the next tree is planted — and the Grosse Pointes remain one of Michigan's most beautiful urban forests.

The mission of the Grosse Pointe Tree Collaborative is to protect, expand and celebrate the tree canopy across all five Grosse Pointes through education, stewardship and community partnerships. Visit gplearns.uls.org/trees to learn more.

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Mind your business, Mom

Dear Gabby: My son is in his mid-20s and has been dating the same woman for nearly two years. She isn't rude or unkind, but every time we're together, I leave feeling uneasy. We don't seem to share the same values, she rarely joins family conversations and I don't think she's the right match for him.

My husband says I need to keep my opinions to myself because it's our son's life, but I'm worried he'll end up marrying someone who isn't a good fit. Should I tell him how I feel before it's too late? — Concerned in the City

Dear Concerned: There is an important difference between seeing genuine warning signs and simply wishing your son had chosen someone else.

If his girlfriend is controlling, dishonest or abusive or is isolating him from family and friends, speaking up may be necessary. But if your concerns come down to personality differences, different interests or the feeling that she isn't who you would have picked, it's wise to proceed with caution.

Ask yourself one question: Is my son happy? If he is, and he's being treated with kindness and respect, your role is to support him — even if you would have made a different choice.

Keep your relationship with your son strong. If you criticize the woman he loves, you risk pushing him away. If, over time, he begins to have doubts of his own, he'll be much more likely to seek advice from a parent who has been loving and supportive than one who said, "I told you so."

— Gabby

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



Making room for what's next



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

DEAR ANNIE: My husband and I are both in our 70s, and he's been pushing for us to sell the house and move into something smaller for over a year now. He's not wrong; it's more house than we need.

But we raised our three kids in this house. Every room has something in it — the kitchen table my dad built, the height marks on the door frame, the driveway where our children learned to ride their bikes.

I know we probably can't stay here forever. But I feel like he's asking me to hand over all these memories without a second thought. Am I being stubborn, or is he being cold about it? — Not Ready to Let Go

DEAR NOT READY: Neither of you is wrong, but you're thinking about different problems. He's worried about the upkeep; you're grieving the memories.

Before you force yourselves to make a decision, talk about a timeline. Use the time you have to go through the house room by room: Decide what needs to move with you, photograph what doesn't, and say goodbye to the rest on your own terms. Wherever you land next won't replace this house, but it will hold all the memories you haven't created yet.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dear annie@creators.com.

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Left, Mia Rose Frampton as Mary Clear and Chase Ellison as Andy Nichol, in the 2011 movie "That's What I Am," written and directed by Michael Pavone.

Movie Junkie Mark

"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"

by Mark Domin



MOVIE REVIEW
"That's What I Am"
2011 - Rated PG
1 hr 41 min
★★★★☆

I've found you can usually determine just how good a film is going to be in the first 10 minutes or so. This one was no exception. It opens with a series of newsreel footage of events that took place in the 1960s, including JFK's assassination, the civil rights movement, the British Invasion and other defining moments of the era. It brought back a flood of memories and I knew I was in for some quality viewing. I certainly was not disappointed.

The movie's themes include respecting ourselves and others, being true to oneself and standing up for what is right. It's set in 1960s California and was written and directed by Michael Pavone. It features the always great Ed Harris ("Apollo 13," "Pollock"), Amy Madigan ("Weapons," "Field of Dreams") and a crew of fine young actors. It's unfortunate it had very limited distribution when it first was released and totally slipped under the radar. I had never heard of this fine movie and I'm grateful it's now streaming on a couple platforms.

"That's What I Am" follows several story arcs that give it much more depth than your typical coming-of-age drama. The plot centers around the exploits of 12-year-old Andy (Chase Ellison), as he wends his way through his pivotal eighth-grade year. It's inspired by actual events and is narrated by Greg Kinnear ("Little Miss Sunshine"), who reflects back on his childhood and how he handled all the obstacles of that formative and defining year. As the story unfolds, we are witness to his romantic life, his dealings with bullies and his interactions with the school geeks.

Early in the film we meet Mr. Simon (Harris), the dapper, sensitive and beloved English teacher. The class goes crazy when they discover he won a super cool convertible in an essay contest. In the contest, participants explain in 25 words or fewer their solution to world peace. Mr. Simon informs them he won using only four words. He writes on the chalkboard: Human Dignity + Compassion = Peace. This is a common theme that resonates throughout the film.

One of the kids in Andy's class is Big G (Alexander Walters), a lanky, orange-haired nerd who is mercilessly teased. For the big, end-of-the-year project, Mr. Simon announces the class will be paired up into teams of two. Andy is a bit dismayed when his partner is none other than Big G. At first he's not sure what to make of him. But as it turns out, he discovers that he's actually a very personable and kind kid who tolerates being picked on rather than give into fighting with the bullies. And the two mismatched kids end up getting along famously.

Another character in the film is Karen "Cootie" Connor (Sarah Celano). She's a frumpy, awkward girl who wears orthodontic headgear and is constantly being taunted and is accused of having "cooties." The teasing is so harsh it's almost painful to witness. She's just one of the kids who've been relegated to what they call "Geek Corner." I think if I was around then, I'd probably hang out there and those would be my peeps.

No coming-of-age drama would be complete without including a tale of first romance. In this case, it involves Andy having a crush on one of the cutest and most popular girls in the school, Mary Clear. She's played by Mia Rose Frampton. (In case you're wondering, yes, she's the daughter of Peter Frampton). The rumor around school is that she's kissed almost every boy in the class. Then, to Andy's surprise, he finds out Mary is interested in going steady with him. There's no shortage of awkward moments leading up to the couple's first kiss. And Ellison does a convincing job playing an awkward eighth grader. You can feel the angst bubbling up inside him.

Things get ugly when one of the bullies' dad, Ed Freel (Randy Orton), goes after Mr. Simon. Without any proof, he accuses him of being gay. Back in the '60s, there was almost no tolerance for gay teachers. Mr. Simon can't believe the accusation leveled against him. He knows he's a good teacher and that's all that should matter. Principal Kelner (Amy Madigan) is totally in his corner on this issue. She tells him she fully supports him and encourages him to deny the rumors. However, the teacher feels he doesn't need to defend himself and shouldn't have to lower himself to the accuser's level.

It's heartbreaking to witness what the inspiring teacher has to encounter. But those were not the best of times, especially when it came to tolerance of people who were slightly different. One of the few things I thought wasn't totally accurate is that the black kids were totally in the mainstream in the film. I don't believe that was true, even in California, during this time period. Other than that, I think the film perfectly depicted the 1960s: the Schwinn Sting-Ray bikes, the period homes, the clothes, every little detail. It definitely captured the feeling of the era and it almost made me wish I could jump back in time for a few days. Almost.

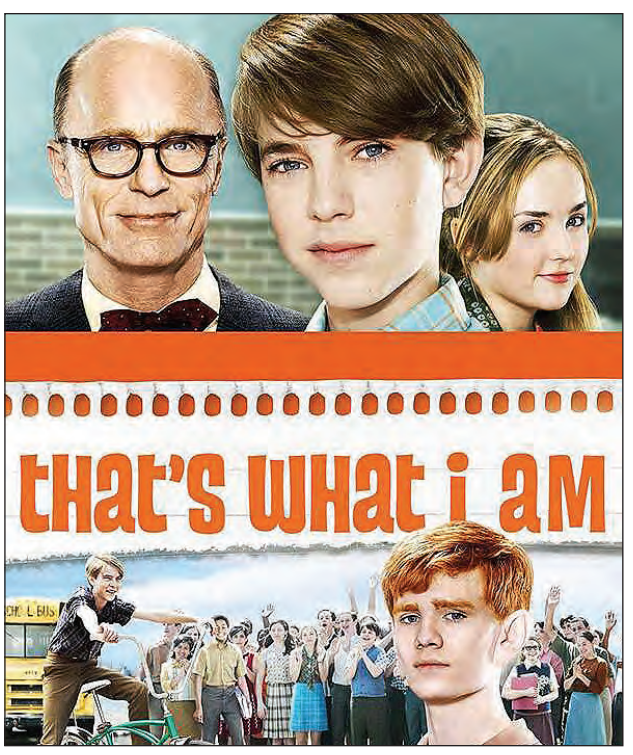
Currently streaming for free on YouTube, The Roku Channel, Tubi and on Prime with a subscription. And to rent on Prime Video.

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

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



Left, Andy (Chase Ellison) and Big G (Alexander Walters) hang out at the Geek Corner.



Movie poster for "That's What I Am."



Mr. Simon (Harris) and Principal Kelner (Amy Madigan) meet.

We Tried It!

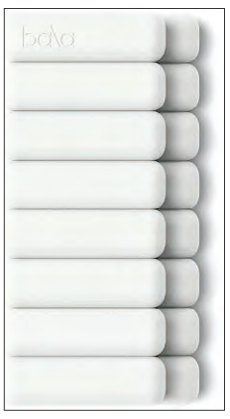
by Anna Lizer



I am always looking for ways to trick myself into working out. Romanticizing my daily hot-girl walks has been my main strategy this summer.

I kept seeing those colorful Bala Bangles all over Instagram and Pinterest, wrapped around people's wrists and ankles while they walked to grab iced lattes. I wondered if adding one or two pounds could actually do anything or if it was just another aesthetic fitness trend taking over my feed.

I bought a pair in gray, strapped them to my wrists and headed out for my usual three-mile nightly walk.



First off, they look so good that they feel like an accessory rather than gym equipment. But more importantly, the weight is subtle at first, until about 15 minutes in, when you realize your arms feel like they're actually about to fall off.

I also started wearing them during my at-home Pilates workouts and the extra resistance gave me that exact burn I usually only get from reformer classes.

The only annoyance is that if you sweat heavily, the silicone material can slide around a little bit on your skin and start to smell, so you have to strap them down pretty tight and give them a wash. However, they wipe down clean in two seconds, unlike older fabric ankle weights that soak up sweat and smell weird after a week.

I would rate these weights a 4.8 out of 5. They make low-impact workouts feel more effective without ruining your outfit.

I got mine at Target: tinyurl.com/yjjvuxss

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4.8 out of 5

Roasted tomato pasta with a kick

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

In all honesty, the quart of jalapeños that I decided to buy at the Eastern Market last week has been a challenge to get through. There were about 20. I've tossed them in salsa, cucumber and corn salad with the bulk being used for bacon-wrapped jalapeño poppers. I do have a few left and decided to be creative with pasta.

There have been so many nights this summer where I have roasted cherry tomatoes on a sheet pan with a head of garlic and thrown it in pasta with basil. It's been my favorite way to eat pasta this summer. The sweet tomatoes concentrate and caramelize in the oven while the garlic roasts into a sweet and savory spreadable paste. I use a fork to gently mash it all together and throw in some short pasta with a splash of pasta water. It's simple and fresh with torn basil. This week I decided to add jalapeños to roast alongside the tomatoes and garlic and it was fantastic. It's not really a combination for a pasta sauce recipe you see often but we loved it. The roasted jalapeños added a smoky heat that complemented the sweet tomatoes and garlic nicely. If you take unfussy ingredients and roast them, it's amazing how complex they can become.

I also love the method of this recipe because the oven does all the work. Everything is roasted together on a sheet pan and then simply tossed with the hot pasta. You could leave it at this. But I added some sauteed chicken to make it more of a complete meal. This dish is a healthy winner any time of year. But if you use ripe, just-picked tomatoes and basil, you have a stand-out mouth-watering meal.

Cheers, Mombeau

Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes, Jalapeños and Garlic

2 pints grape tomatoes

2 jalapeños, halved, seeds removed

1 garlic head

½ cup olive oil

1 tsp salt

1 tsp cracked black pepper

2 tbsp olive oil

1lb raw chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes

1lb short pasta

½ cup torn basil leaves

Parmesan for grating

Preheat your oven to 425 degrees. Slice the garlic head in half and place each half in a small square of aluminum foil. Pour about one teaspoon of olive oil over the top of each head with a pinch of salt. Scrunch up the foil to make a sealed pouch. Place on a baking sheet with the washed and dried tomatoes and jalapeño halves. Note: If you want the sauce more on the mild side, remove the pith from the peppers. Add the salt, pepper and quarter cup of olive oil, toss it together and spread out into an even layer. Roast for about 35 minutes, stirring halfway through. The tomatoes should be browned as well as the edges of the peppers. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool while you cook the pasta.

Get the pasta water boiling over medium heat. While the water comes to a boil, heat a skillet over medium-high heat with one tablespoon of olive oil and add in the chicken breast cubes. Spread into an even layer and season with a good pinch of salt and pepper. Cook for about three minutes or until a golden crust has formed. Flip the pieces and cook for another three to five minutes. Turn the heat off.

When the garlic is cool enough to handle, unwrap the heads and squeeze the cloves over the tomatoes. Remove the pepper halves and finely chop them, then add them back to the baking sheet. Use a fork to roughly mash everything together. Scrape every last bit of the mixture into the skillet with the chicken and stir so it warms back up.



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Cook the pasta according to package directions in boiling salted water. Reserve one cup of the pasta water. Drain the pasta and add to the chicken and tomato mixture. Pour in the pasta water, starting with one half cup. Toss together and add more if it seems too dry. The final step is adding the fresh torn basil. Serve in bowls with a drizzle of olive oil and lots of Parmesan cheese.

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The wine bar

One popular way to experience several wines without buying a dozen bottles is to pop into a well-run wine bar, but that calls for it to be operated with intelligence.

Alas, most of the places I've visited fail the condition "well-run." The pitfalls are many and can be expensive. For one thing, some wine bars don't serve small tastes for a smaller fee, such as 3-ounce servings.

Ordering full glasses might be expensive, especially if you don't like a wine. Small pours educate.

Also, if I try two sauvignon blancs, I want them to be dissimilar. Sometimes the bar has wines from the same grape but they taste about the same, so if you try two, it's like ordering two glasses of the same wine.

Also, too many places chill white wines so cold that you can't smell them; the aroma is mute, as are the flavors.

Red wines can be even worse. At one wine bar, the red wines all sat on a counter; most of them had half the liquid gone. Most bars know that the best strategy is to open fresh bottles daily. But many places try to save money by simply recorking opened wine that's unsold at the end of the day to serve the following day, or later!

This happened to me in a New York hotel years ago. The red wine I ordered was a mediocre Bordeaux. It was so badly oxidized that I almost gagged on the aroma. I asked the server when it was opened. He said two or three days earlier. Ugh.

I encountered other drawbacks at three wine bars in Paris, which are often praised for their offerings. All three experiences turned out to be disastrous. Not only were the red wines of poor quality and overpriced, but the primary aroma I got was diesel.

The cafes were located on busy streets and every time the door opened, trucks' diesel fumes wafted in. In one place, I didn't know which was worse: the diesel fumes, the burnt food smell coming from the kitchen or the wet dog that was lying under an adjacent table.

When attending a wine bar, I always ask when a bottle was opened — and I watch the face of the server. Sometimes they defer to the bartender. But it's always good to get a fresh bottle if possible.

Alternatively, if you like rose wines, ask what the vintage is and if the date is 2024 or 2025, generally, you're OK. Though some 2023s are still in good shape, I would be happier with a younger vintage.

And depending on where you are, ask where the rose wine comes from. If it is from California or the south of France, such as Provence, the wine likely will be fine. But if it comes from a place you've never heard of before, ask to see the wine list again.

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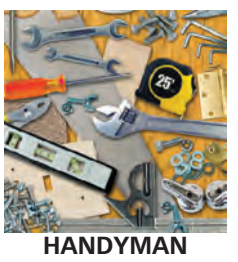

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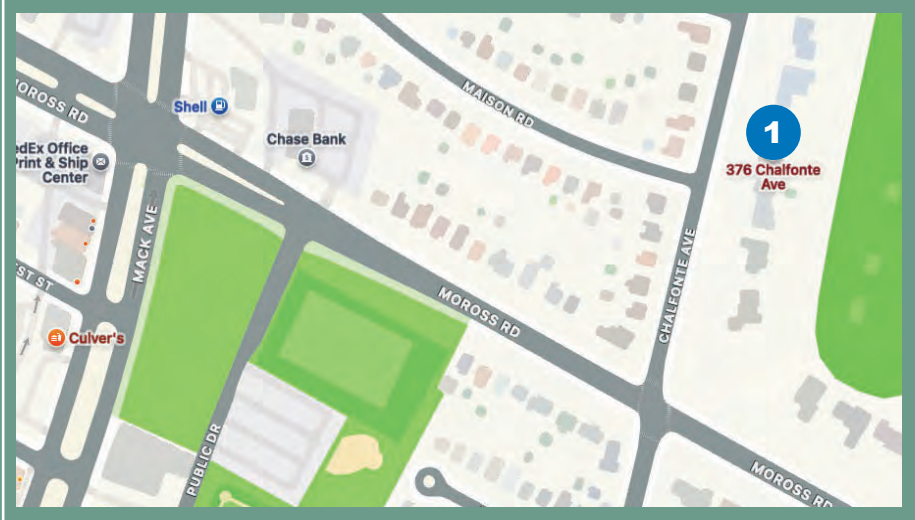

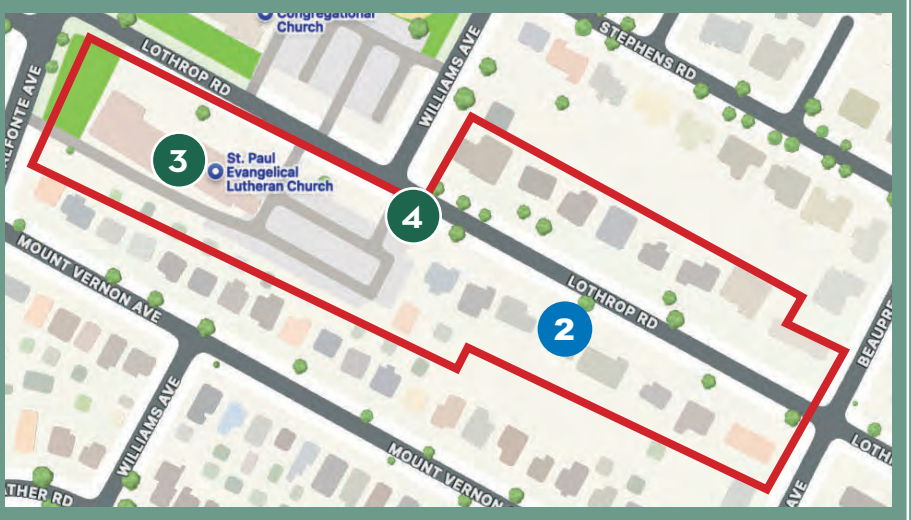

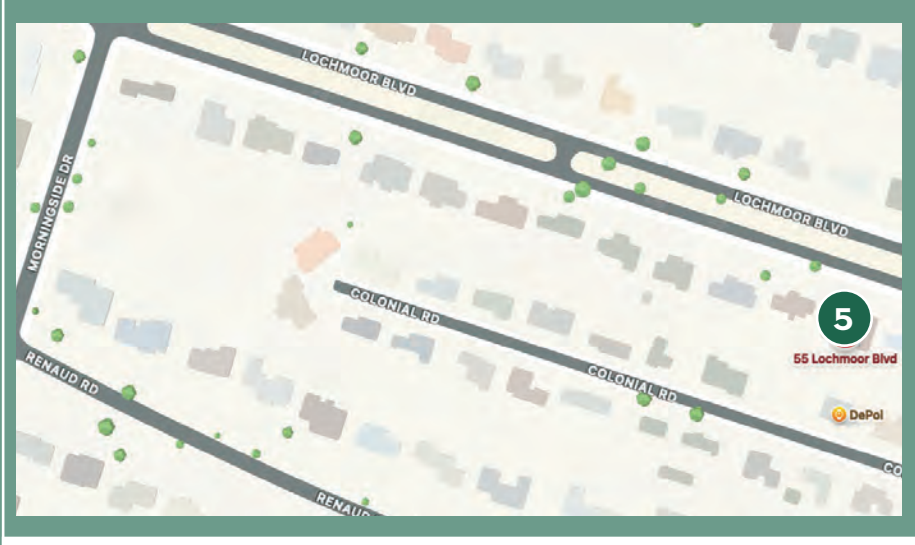

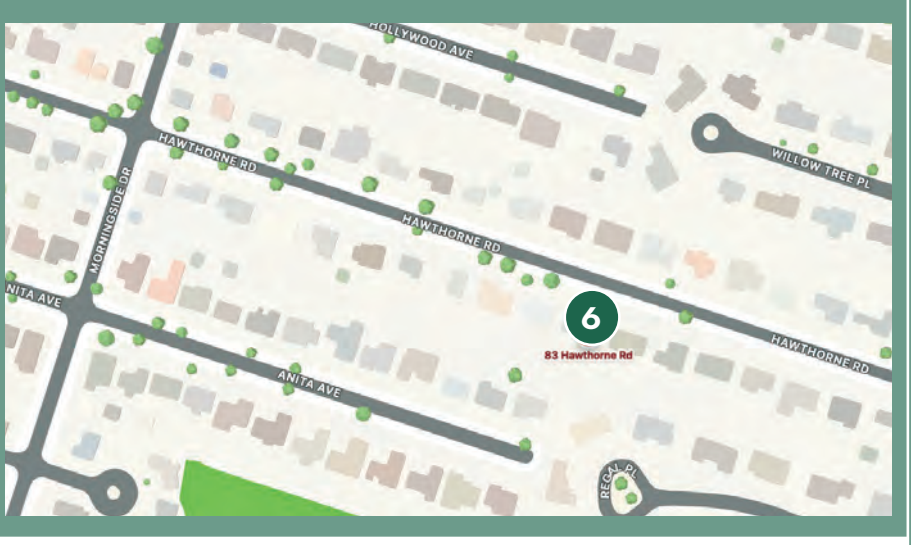

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Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

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Previous puzzle solution

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

9/3 Solution

Pointe Word Search

Find the words on the left in the puzzle below and spell out the hidden sentence with the unused letters.

AMERICA
ATTACKS
BOSTON
BUILDING
CAPITOL
CRISES
GOLD
HIJACKERS
NEW YORK
PASSENGER
PENNSYLVANIA
PENTAGON
WASHINGTON DC

P	E	N	T	A	G	O	N	S	D	E	C
P	E	C	A	P	I	T	O	L	T	D	H
E	M	N	B	E	R	1	O	1	N	B	I
2	0	0	N	1	W	G	A	O	E	U	J
S	C	R	I	S	E	S	T	T	W	I	A
H	E	D	E	A	Y	G	D	L	Y	L	C
B	O	S	T	O	N	L	I	E	O	D	K
S	T	T	E	I	R	R	V	O	R	I	E
R	I	S	H	T	A	T	T	A	K	N	R
P	A	S	S	E	N	G	E	R	N	G	S
A	A	T	T	A	C	K	S	C	K	I	I
W	N	U	S	A	A	C	I	R	E	M	A

Contract Bridge

CLUB PLAY SAVES THE DAY

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 3
♥ A 7
♦ Q 10 5 2
♣ Q J 8 6 3

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

EAST
♠ 7 6
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 10 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 5
♥ K Q 8 2
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K 7

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
2 ♠	3 ♣	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — jack of spades.

A competent declarer can often make order out of chaos in much the same way a jigsaw-puzzle fan can join together many hundreds of pieces.

Consider this deal where correct play enables South to make three notrump, but where, if he strays even slightly from the straight and narrow, he will fail in his mission.

Against three notrump, West leads the jack of spades, taken by declarer with the queen. Observing that he needs to score four tricks in the minor suits, South might be tempted to play the king of clubs next. If he does this, he eventually goes down two. West takes the ace and plays another spade, and South is undone whatever he does.

Alternatively, if South leads a diamond at trick two, he also fails. West rises with the ace and returns a spade, and there is no way for South to score more than eight tricks.

But if South leads a low club at trick two, as he should, he makes the contract. What can West do? If he plays the ace, South has nine tricks -- four clubs, three hearts and two spades. And if West ducks instead, dummy's jack wins, and declarer then drives out the ace of diamonds to produce nine tricks — a club, three diamonds, three hearts and two spades.

How does declarer know that a low club at trick two is the right play? The answer is not difficult. He simply assumes that West must have both missing aces for his opening bid.

Once South makes that assumption, he can see that leading a low club at trick two will virtually assure him of developing nine tricks before West can develop five. In effect, West's hand is an open book, and all South has to do is to take advantage of what is written there.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today until 10:30 p.m. PDT. Today's New Moon is in VIRGO.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, September 10, 2026: You are patient, orderly and practical. You make a realistic assessment of things in order to make improvements. This is a slower paced year. Take time to rejuvenate your energy. Focus on business and personal relationships and hang out with people who have your best interests at heart.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
Discussions with partners and close friends will intensify in the next few weeks and financial discussions will favor you. In fact, money might come your way. Today's New Moon is perfect for making resolutions to improve your health. Tonight: Work to get better organized.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
Relations with those who are closest to you will improve in a warm and cozy way in the next few weeks. Look for ways to express your creativity. Tonight: Be playful.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
Opportunities to use your mind for pleasure, working puzzles, reading and playing games that require mental agility will please you this month. home and family. Just one. Tonight: Relax at home.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
Family discussions will be important in the next few weeks. Romance and opportunities to socialize will mushroom! Today's New Moon is the best day of the year to think about how you can be clearer in your communications. Tonight: Say what you mean.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Redecorating and entertaining at home will appeal to you in the next few weeks. Plus you'll want to get out and schmooze! Meanwhile, today is the perfect day to make a resolution about improving your finances. Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today the only New Moon in your sign all year is taking place. Therefore, take a realistic look in the mirror and ask yourself what you can do to improve the impression you create in your world. Tonight: You're in charge.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Mercury moves into your sign today to stay for a few weeks, helping you put a great deal of yourself into whatever you say. Your mind will be active. You'll be busy. You might travel. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today fair Venus moves into your sign to stay for six weeks. This makes you charming, diplomatic and attractive to everyone. Tonight: Be friendly!

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today's New Moon is the only one all year that takes place at the top of your chart. Therefore, this is the perfect time to think about your life direction in general. Are you headed where you want to go? What's on the horizon? Tonight: Be modest.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your ability to have successful communications with parents, bosses, teachers and VIPs will improve in the next few weeks. This means it's time to make your pitch or ask for a promotion. Go after what you want! Tonight: Explore!

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today Venus moves to the top of your chart to stay for six weeks, creating favorable circumstances for your career and professional life. Authority figures will favor you because you look so attractive and capable! Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Today's New Moon is opposite your sign, which means it's an excellent opportunity to think about how you can improve your closest relationships. Think of one simple thing you can do that might improve things. Tonight: Cooperate.

BORN TODAY
Actor Colin Firth (1960), actor Philip Baker Hall (1931), baseball player Roger Maris (1934).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg September 10, 2026

ACROSS
1 Tailors' edges
5 "Hilarious!"
9 "Back in Black" band
13 The world's oldest-known boat is one
14 "The Wire" character who said, "You come at the king, you best not miss"
15 Forearm bone
16 Quality that's a plus
17 Took off
18 Bread with a palindromic name
19 Cloven-footed climbers (In this answer, note letters 5-10)
22 Newbery-winning author of "Crispin: The Cross of Lead"
23 Prior to, poetically
24 Ride the bench
25 Hero, by another name
28 Clap back
30 Singer with the band Cult Jam (... letters 3-8)
32 Cookie created to mimic Hydrox
33 X-rated material
35 Hurried along
36 Inquiry at a formal, and a theme hint
39 Plot of math class?
42 Pop star Dua
43 Stick in one's ___
47 Blissfully titled Zendaya show (... letters 4-8)
49 Full-arm tattoo
51 EGOT winner Brooks
52 ___ milk
53 Hawaiian souvenir
54 Part of some German surnames
55 Like Nelson Mandela's movement (... letters 3-6)
59 Pasta in a baked dish
61 Scissors' sound
62 Moore of "This Is Us"
63 "Awesome!"
64 Treats, as a sprained ankle
65 Impulses
66 Cold and wet
67 Manhattan finance inits.
68 One of up to 4 million, for an orchid

DOWN
1 Hosts in one's home
2 Connected, as a bathroom
3 Faucet brand
4 Volleyball position
5 TV host Mandel
6 "You got that right!"
7 Retires
8 Stella ___ (beer brand)
9 Father's sister
10 Word that differentiated "Coca-Cola" from New Coke
11 Double-helix molecule
12 Has the ability
13 Chevy muscle car
20 Creatively pretentious
21 Home video game pioneer
26 Employ
27 Spoiled
29 Pizzazz
30 Saint ___ (Caribbean island)
31 Knight stick?
34 Tendency toward aggressive tactics
37 Something hilarious
38 Stunning weapon
39 Precious stone
40 Bemoan
41 HS course that covers the Aeneid
44 "A dish best served cold"
45 Sidestepped
46 Baconator's chain
48 Dried grape
50 Decisive kind of test
53 Run out
56 Small cut
57 Pizzas, e.g.
58 Long-eared leaper
59 Canadian alphabet ending
60 "Hazy" brew

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

P	A	N	D	A	■	I	M	U	P	■	P	O	N	D
A	M	O	U	R	■	L	A	R	A	■	L	U	A	U
P	I	N	O	T	B	L	A	N	C	■	A	C	T	S
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H	A	S	■	I	T	S	B	A	D	■	C	O	R	K
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W	E	S	T	■	S	E	N	T	■	R	A	S	T	A

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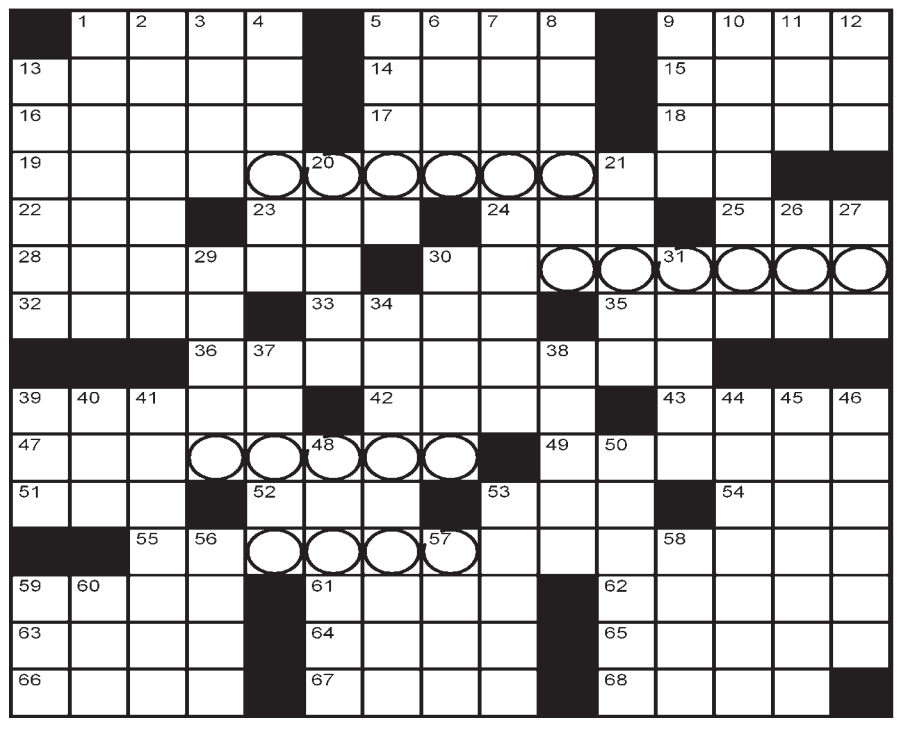

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South football routs Roseville 40-0

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe South varsity football and the Roseville Panthers have formed an entertaining rivalry over the past few seasons as two of the top teams in the MAC White Division, often meeting in the playoffs as well.

Despite South's move to the MAC Red Division this season, the Blue Devils hosted the Panthers last Thursday night, Sept. 3, for another installment of the rivalry. However, unlike some of the close battles the two sides have had in the past, this one was thoroughly lopsided, with South cruising to a 40-0 win.



South senior running back Brody Vinyard breaks through Roseville defenders.

"It still felt like things could close up real fast because of the team Roseville is and the type of program that they are," South football coach Chad Hepner said following the win. "It felt good. I told them that I think we probably played more of a complete game than we did in Week 1, so that was good."

With the lopsided final score, South was in control pretty much from beginning to end. Late in the first quarter, the Blue Devils got on the board first with a touchdown pass from Sam Rouleau to Kooper Richards to put South up 7-0. Roseville responded with what seemed to be its first threatening drive of the game, but it was thwarted by South's Cole Wortman, who made his first of two interceptions on the night by picking off Roseville in the end zone on the opening play of the second quarter.

South kept building on its lead from there. Charlie Bedsworth rushed for a score to make it 14-0 Blue Devils. Just before halftime, South added another with a touchdown pass from Rouleau to Trey Grabowski to make the difference 20-0 going into the break.



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Senior running back Throop Linnell carries the American flag while leading the Blue Devils out of the tunnel ahead of the team's game against Roseville Thursday, Sept. 3.

The momentum remained with the Blue Devils right out of the gate in the second half. Rouleau and Nolan Gross connected for a 60-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage in the third quarter to expand South's

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Rouleau poised for big senior season as South QB

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

One thing that any successful football team needs is an athletic, experienced leader at quarterback. The Grosse Pointe South varsity football team has exactly that in senior quarterback Sam Rouleau, who has become one of the top quarterbacks in the state for his class and the face of Blue Devils football this fall.

Rouleau made a statement in his first season as the varsity starter in 2025 by throwing for over 1,200 yards and using his legs to rack up 879 yards on the ground and 17 touchdowns. He is a true dual threat, able to best opposing teams both through the air and on the ground. The athleticism has always been apparent for Rouleau, but the biggest improvement he feels he has made from his junior year to his senior year has been his mental approach to the game at the most mentally demanding position in football.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Sam Rouleau
School: Grosse Pointe South
Sport: Football
Sponsored by Ray Laethem Buick GMC

Super Sam
- 248 passing yards and 6 TDs through 2 games this season
- Led South football with 17 rushing TDs in 2025
- Committed to play Division I college football at Central Michigan University

"I think the cerebral aspect of the game has really slowed down for me," he said. "I've learned a lot about it with the group that I train with in the offseason, and they've done a great job with improving my game mentally."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South senior quarterback Sam Rouleau receives a snap in the Blue Devils' game against Roseville Thursday, Sept. 3.

It also helps with getting ready for a big senior season when the group of skill players surrounding a quarterback is the same. That is the exact advantage that

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Norsemen dominate Cousino for second win of the season

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe North varsity football's season-opening 13-6 win against Troy in Week 1 was a slower, low-scoring game. The Norsemen's Week 2 matchup against Warren Cousino — North's first home game of the new season — was almost the exact opposite. North came out firing and looked dominant much of the night Thursday, Sept. 3, on its way to a 38-0 win over the Patriots.

The Norsemen took an early lead with a passing touchdown from senior quarterback Edward Macaulay to fellow senior receiver Peter Rheaume to go up 7-0. The lead was increased to 13-0 on North's next drive when Macaulay threw for another touchdown, this one caught by Noah Hunter.

In the second quarter, North's lead became 16 points with a field goal by Ben Savich. Brayden Kozlowski broke a 48-yard rushing touchdown later in the second quarter to extend North's lead to 24. The Norsemen defense then gained a couple of extra points by forcing a Cousino safety. A field goal by Marshall Pata helped to cap off the first half with North up 29-0.

North's defense forced another safety in the third quarter for another two points added to the lead. The final points of the game for the Norsemen came later in the third quarter, when Kozlowski found the end zone for his second touchdown of the night to make the score 38-0.

Along with his pair of touchdowns, Kozlowski led North in rushing for the game with 102 yards on 14 carries. Macaulay completed 9 of 14 passes for 140 yards and two touchdowns in his second game starting under center for the Norsemen.

The most impressive performance of the game was put up by North's defense, which held Cousino to just 64 total yards of offense. Jason Hubbell led the team with six total tackles and 2.5 sacks. Ashton Christie had three tackles for loss. Ian Sexton had an interception with a return that went for 36 yards, while Logan Bogner and Peter Gusmano both forced fumbles.

The win improved North's record to 2-0 so far in the young season. The Norsemen go back on the road in Week 3 for what will be the first game of MAC Gold Division play. North visits Lamphere Friday, Sept. 11. The Rams enter the game at 1-1 after beating L'Anse Creuse 36-0 in Week 2. Kickoff for the Norsemen at Lamphere is scheduled for 7 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE NORTH ATHLETICS

Grosse Pointe North football celebrates a big play with the student section during the team's win over Warren Cousino Thursday, Sept. 3.

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Rouleau gets this year, knowing that he has the security of the same receivers who were with him last year and the same running backs in the backfield.

Backs like Charlie Michelotti, Charlie Bedsworth and Brody Vinyard return as reliable pieces in the backfield for Rouleau to hand the ball to. South's top receivers Kooper Richards, Trey Grabowski and Nolan Gross also return for their senior seasons alongside Rouleau, making it easy for the quarterback and his receivers to elevate South's offense right away due to the level of familiarity.

"All of our receivers returned, so that makes things super easy," Rouleau said. "Early on, in the summer, instead of having to worry about doing install longer because we have guys who aren't familiar, we can just jump right in and start figuring out ways to make our offense more dynamic."

Rouleau and his receivers have come out of the gate this season firing on all cylinders. He threw for three touchdowns in South's Week 1 win over Detroit Renaissance and added three more touchdowns through the air in a Week 2 victory against Roseville, one caught each by Richards, Grabowski and Gross.

Rouleau's talent and athleticism have been enough to get him noticed by several Division I college football programs even before this season began. In fact, he made his college football future official in the offseason by committing to Central Michigan University.

"I was able to go around the country to different camps and some different visits," Rouleau said about the recruiting process. "Central just felt like home for me and the spot for me. It's a great coaching staff and a great environment."

With seven games left in the regular season and, the Blue Devils hope, some playoff games after that, there is still time for Rouleau to showcase even more of his abilities. What has stood out to many around the South football program even more than his playmaking abilities and athleticism is Rouleau's ability to lead both on and off the field.

He knows that his role as quarterback includes being the biggest leader the team needs at all times, and Rouleau has given his coaches and teammates reason to trust that he can do that throughout the season.

"He's a special player," South football head coach Chad Hepner said. "When you have a guy like that, it opens up so many other things. He's the face of the program right now, and he's a leader. We're proud of his play and proud of his leadership too."





PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Rouleau runs into the end zone for a touchdown in a game against Roseville last season.

South hoops coaches start new youth basketball association

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Some of the most experienced basketball minds Grosse Pointe has to offer are teaming up to bring a new opportunity for young players in the community to learn and develop their skills. The Grosse Pointe Basketball Association is a new, developmental winter league open to boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade to provide fun and competition in a community-based program started by Grosse Pointe South varsity basketball coaches Kevin Richards and Stephen Benard.

"We've been kicking this idea around for as long as we've been friends, so probably 15 years," said Richards. "... We just felt like the time was right. If you look at our resumes together, we have a lot to offer the community."

Richards is the longtime coach of the Grosse Pointe South High School girls varsity basketball team and also serves as camp director and is a member of the board of directors for the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. Richards and South boys varsity basketball coach Benard are working together to bring the GPBA to the community as a way to build basketball skills, fundamentals and knowledge in young athletes all the way up until high school.

Two of the biggest philosophies that Benard and Richards have outlined for the GPBA are being open to every player, regardless of previous basketball experience, and that repetition and consistent practice are the best ways to grow basketball skills.

"Practice is so valuable," Richards said. "If you look at European basketball, they have almost a three-to-one ratio of practice to games. They practice all week to play a game on the weekend. We want to make sure that we're offering regular practices leading up to games on the weekend... The biggest thing we want to offer is space for kids and learning to play the game in space. In a lot of little kids' sports, everyone follows the ball. We want to teach the kids how to play properly and have space."

Beginning in December, the GPBA will offer practices and instruction from the Grosse Pointe South varsity coaching staff. They will also provide coaching clinics to help teach volunteer coaches the proper techniques, strategies and drills for developing players.

The GPBA season will include regular league games throughout the winter, finishing with playoffs and a championship game. There will also be a 3-on-3 tournament in February to give players even more opportunities to learn and compete.

Practices are set to begin Dec. 5, with games beginning in January and the season finishing with the league finals on March 13, 2027. Cost for registration is $199 per player. Games for kindergarten through second grade will be played at the Grosse Pointe Academy. All other games will be played at Grosse Pointe South.

For more information or to register a player, visit basketball.exposureevents.com/275638/





PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Knights fall short against Mount Clemens

The University Liggett School varsity football team suffered its first loss of the season last Friday, Sept. 4, falling 14-2 at home against Mount Clemens. The Knights' only points of the game came when the defense forced a safety in the third quarter. Liggett's record now stands at 1-1 through the first two weeks of the season, and the team will look to bounce back against Shrine Catholic in Week 3. The Knights host Shrine Saturday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m.

Above left, Liggett senior Dom Djurasaj makes an acrobatic one-handed catch against Mount Clemens.
Above right, Knights quarterback Jason Rascoe takes off running past the Mount Clemens defense.

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lead to 27-0. Brody Vinyard ran for a 35-yard touchdown later in the quarter to give South a 33-point lead. Vinyard scored the final points of the night in the fourth quarter with another rushing touchdown that made it 40-0, leaving the clock running for the final seven minutes as South sealed the win.

"We pride ourselves on playing good defense here," Hepner said after the shutout. "We talk about that every week and that's the goal, to keep them off the board."

The Blue Devils improved to 2-0 to start the season as they prepare to begin MAC Red Division play in Week 3. South travels to Chippewa Valley to open the league schedule Friday, Sept. 11, with kickoff at 7 p.m.



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Seven-year-old Palmer Linnell cheers on her cousin, Grosse Pointe South linebacker Throop Linnell, from the stands with a homemade sign.



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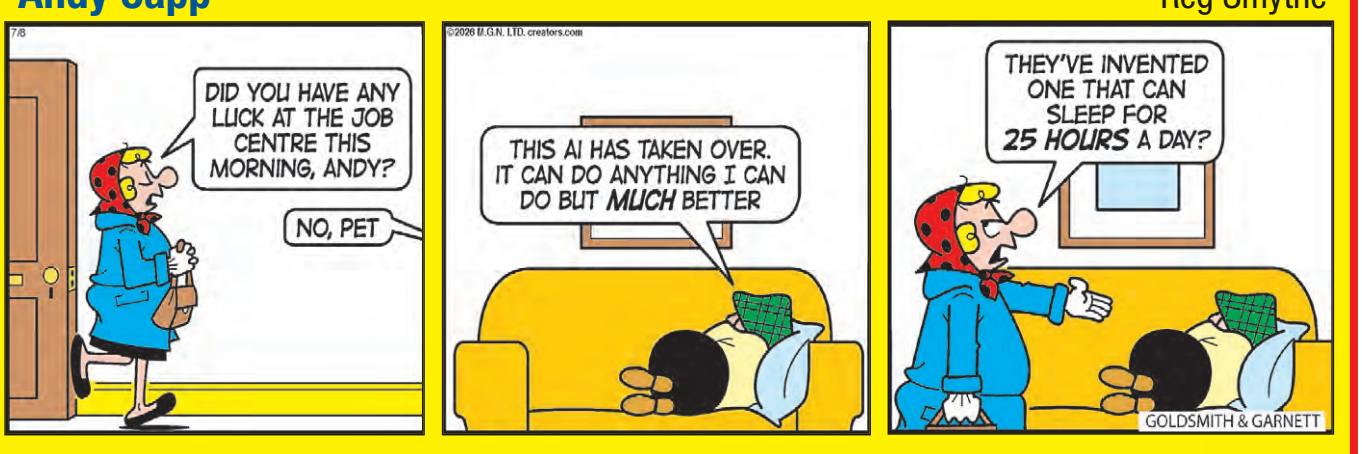

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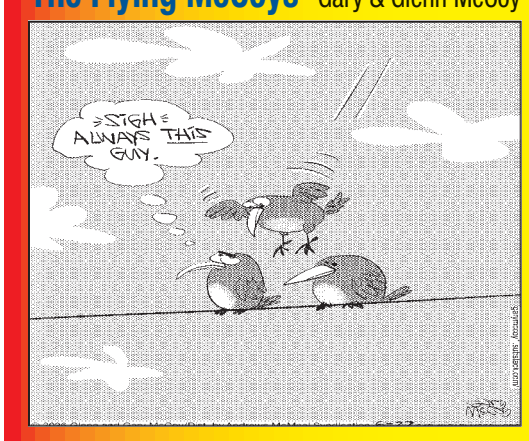

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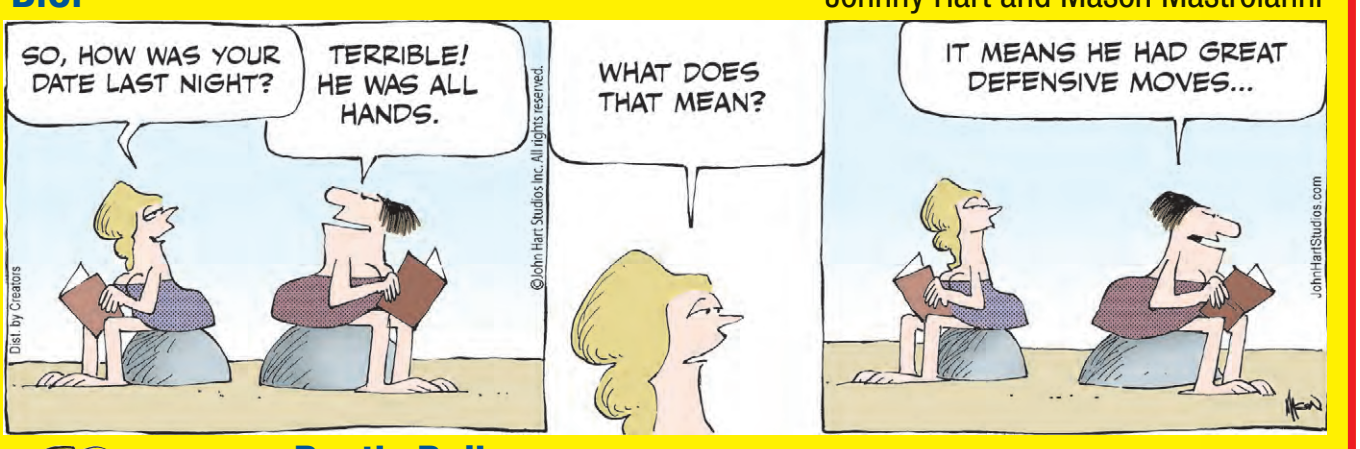

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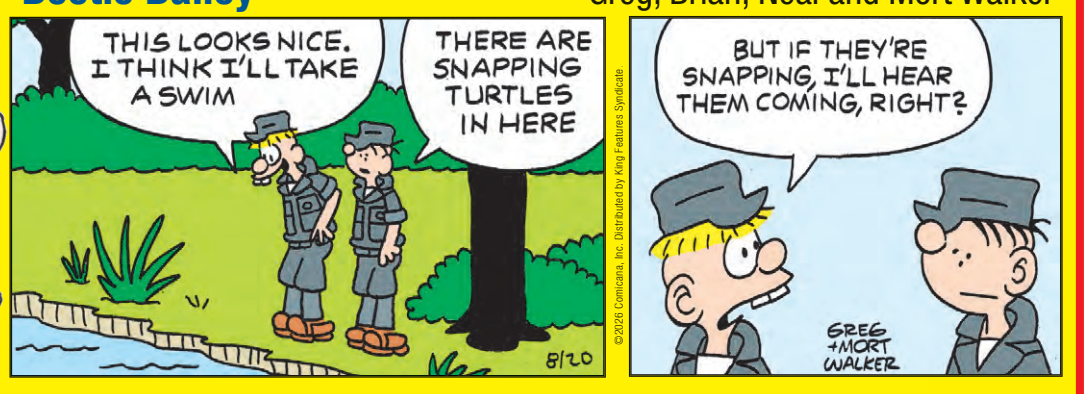

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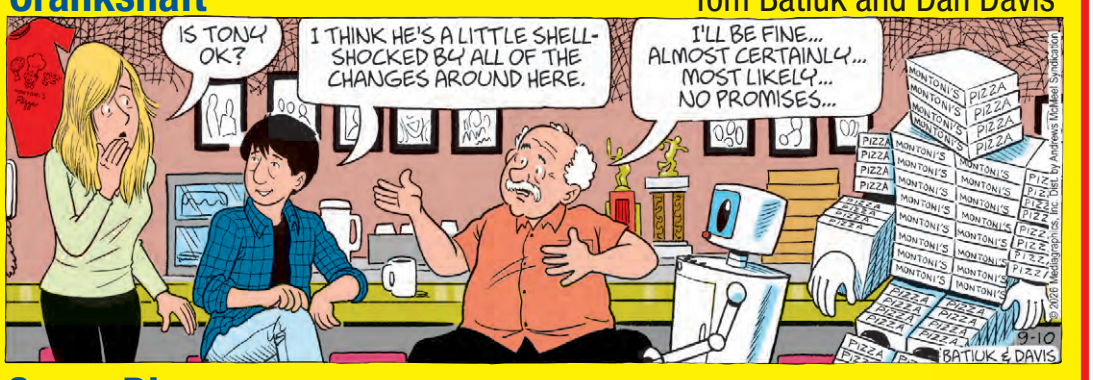

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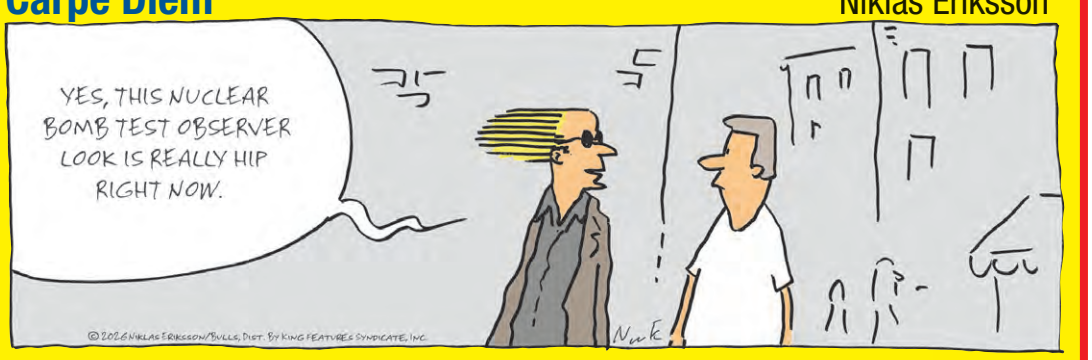

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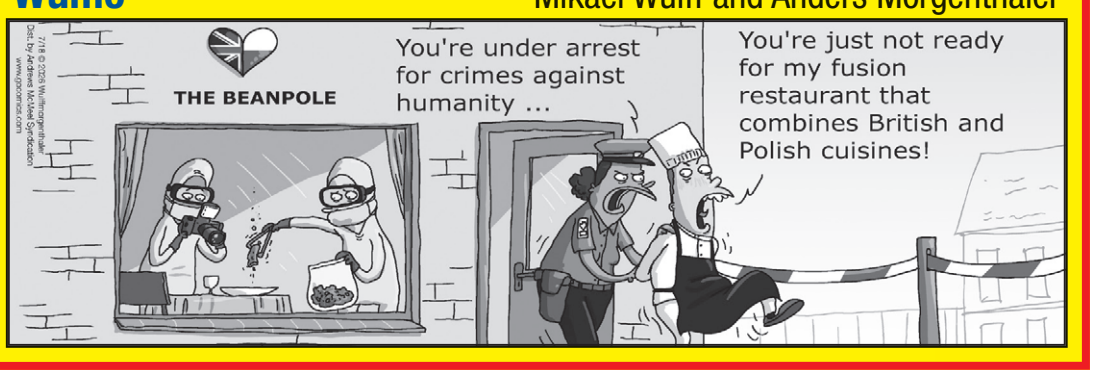

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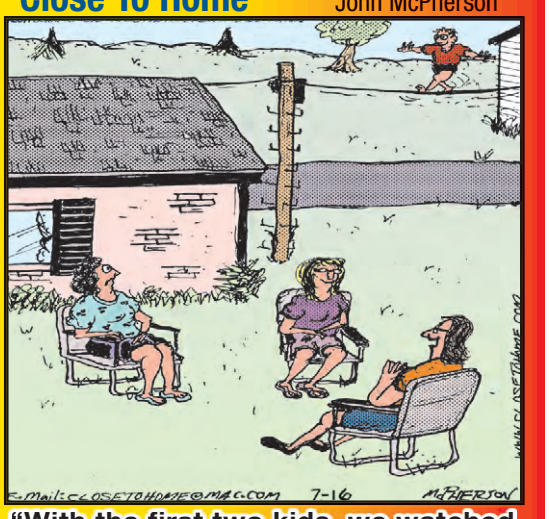

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Wizard of Id

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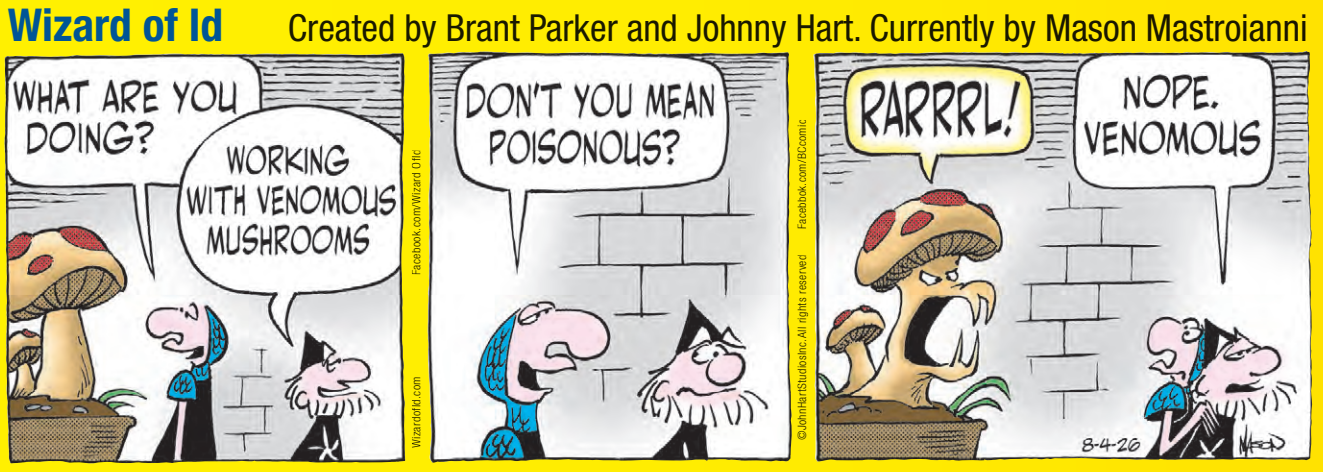

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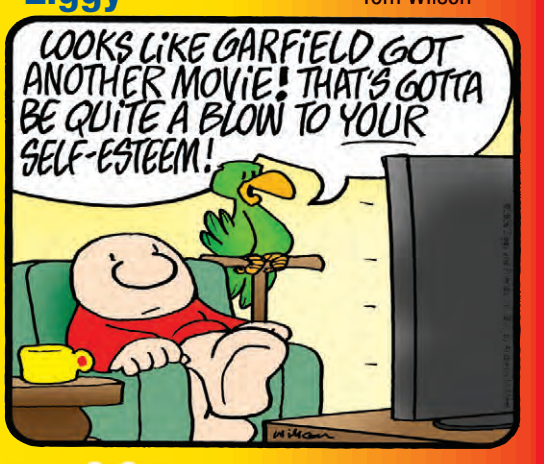

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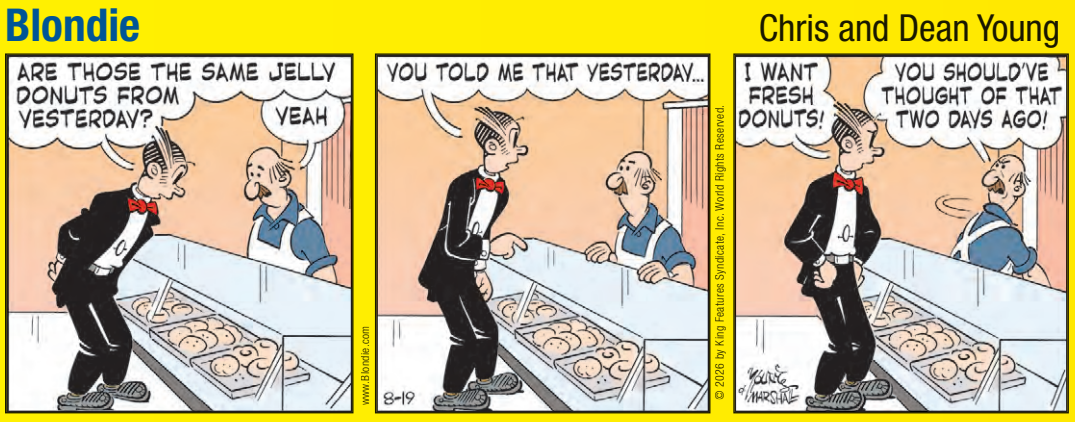

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Marmaduke

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"I put my balls in a sack of bacon overnight, and Marmaduke always finds them."

Over The Hedge

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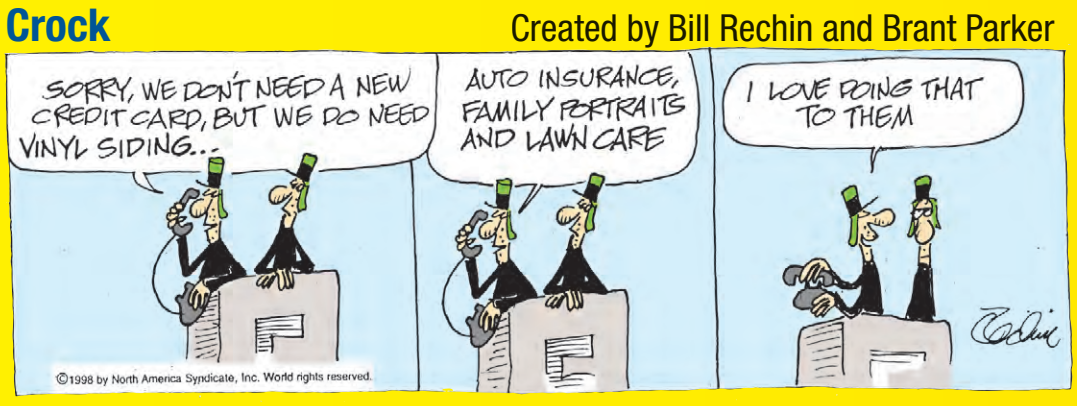

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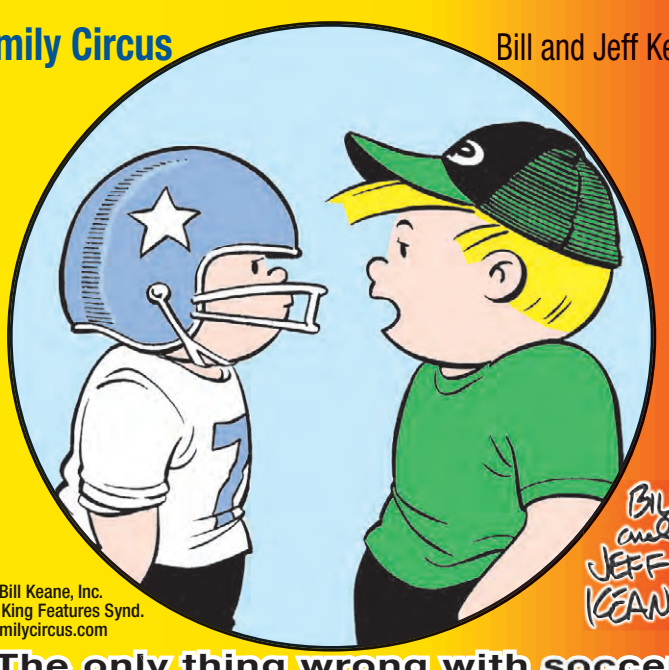

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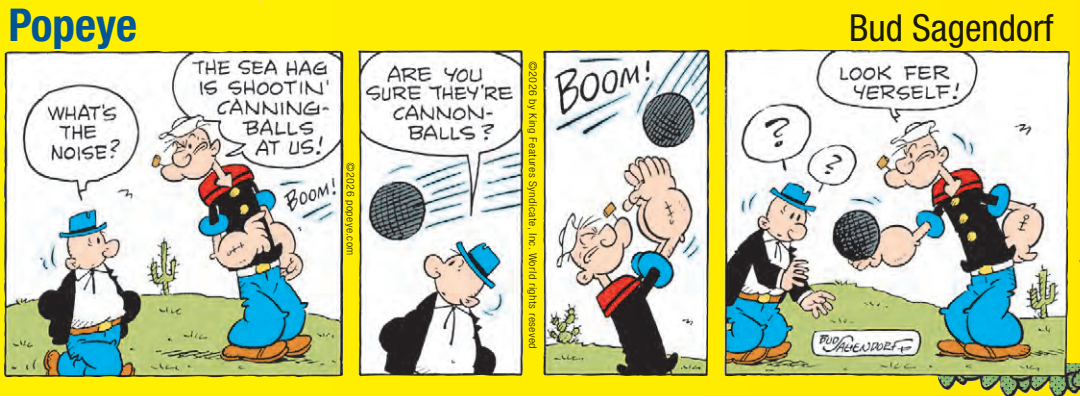
"The only thing wrong with soccer is you don't get to wear hats."

Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



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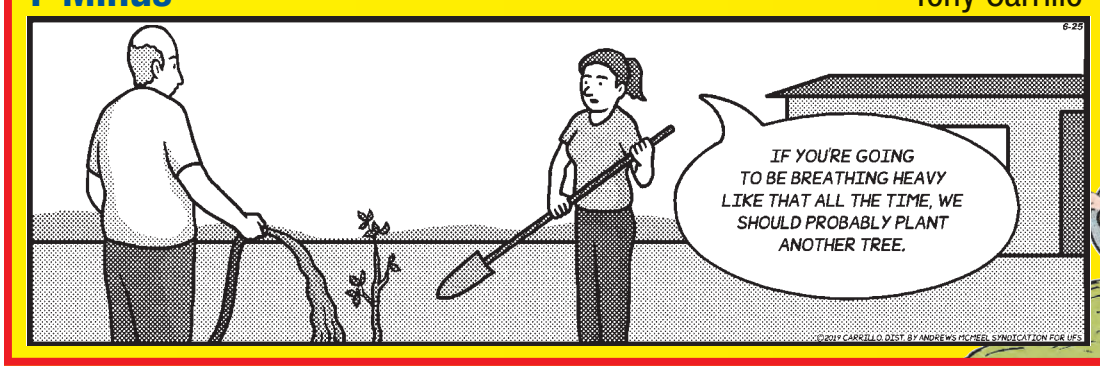

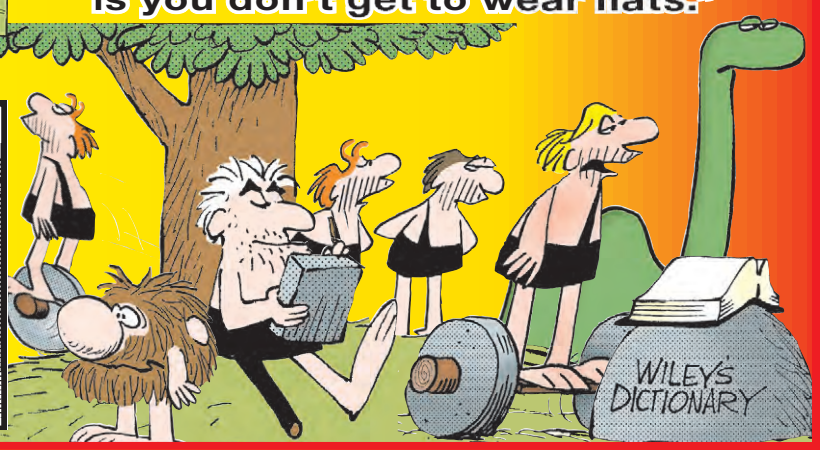

I SAY— SPORTS EDITION By Mike Adzima

What are the Lions' expectations for 2026?



While it technically still may be summer for a few more weeks, Labor Day being over and the start of a new football season really mean fall has begun in my mind. This Sunday, Sept. 13, we get to see the Detroit Lions take the field for the first time in the 2026 season against the New Orleans Saints and it is a season for the Lions that many, including myself, are hopeful will be better than last year.

Despite finishing the season with a winning record of 9-8, last year definitely was a disappointment for the Lions. First off, I have to say that in my lifetime, the fact that a winning season for the Lions is considered a disappointment just shows how far this franchise has come over the course of the past few years. However, finishing last in the NFC North and missing out on the playoffs the year after being the No. 1 seed in the NFC left a lot to be desired.

The good thing about that last-place finish in the division is it helped give the Lions one of the easiest schedules in the league, if not the easiest. Detroit gets the benefit of playing teams like the Arizona Cardinals, Tennessee Titans and New York Giants — all teams that finished at the bottom of their respective divisions last year — instead of having to play teams that were at the top of those divisions.

While you never want to rely on just the luck of getting an easy schedule, it is a great benefit for a team that still has as much talent as the Lions. Looking at the schedule, I find it hard to see a world where this year's Lions team finishes with fewer than 10 wins. There still are some pretty challenging games on the schedule and the NFC North will be one of the toughest overall divisions in the league again, but the Lions should be able to win enough games to at least be a part of the playoff conversation once again.

I am optimistic the Lions will be back in the playoffs this season, but there still are some concerns I have that make me hesitate to call this team a legitimate Super Bowl contender. Many of those concerns are on the defensive side of the ball. Especially after letting Terrion Arnold was released in the offseason, I do not think the Lions' defensive secondary has the talent or star power necessary to be very intimidating.

I do believe the pass rush once again will be the best thing the Lions have going for them on defense. Aidan Hutchinson should turn in another All-Pro-worthy season and I think rookie edge rusher Derrick Moore could become a great complement to Hutchinson on the other side of the line.

The defensive front and linebacker corps, headed by Jack Campbell, should be solid enough to get the Lions some stops. However, the cornerback group and what the team is dealing with at safety, with Kerby Joseph and Brian Branch both sidelined with injuries for the foreseeable future, have me concerned that good opposing quarterbacks could really tear up this defense.

The good thing is the Lions have enough offensive firepower to keep up with anyone in the league. Jahmyr Gibbs can really shine this year as the true No. 1 running back after the team traded David Montgomery to Houston in the offseason. Jared Goff should be as accurate and reliable as ever, once again throwing to targets like Amon-Ra St. Brown and Jameson Williams.

The one thing I would like to see this year is Isaac TeSlaa becoming a more prominent figure in the passing game. He had just 16 catches last year, but six of them were touchdowns. If he can become a more consistent target for Goff, then TeSlaa could become the next dynamic weapon in the Lions' offense.

The offensive line also should be improved this year, even if it is a bit on the younger side. Penei Sewell should not have any problems transitioning to left tackle, since he is one of the best offensive tackles in football no matter what, and it will help lessen the burden on rookie right tackle Blake Miller. New starting center Cade Mays being injured and starting the season on injured reserve is not ideal, but I think this Lions offensive line will be able to come together and protect Goff better than it did last year.

Overall, I am trying to take a cautiously optimistic approach to the Lions season this year and I think many other fans are, too. Some issues, like the defensive secondary, have still not been fixed and may be a cause for concern that keeps me from fully believing the Lions can win a championship. However, I think this team is more than talented enough to win the games it is supposed to and compete with most of the other top teams on the schedule. The goal is to make the playoffs and I think this team can do that and win the NFC North. And, once you get to the playoffs, anything can happen.

HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

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

FIELD HOCKEY

Grosse Pointe South's varsity field hockey team earned a 2-1 win over Detroit Country Day last Thursday, Sept. 3. Both of the Blue Devils' goals were scored by Wells Webber, while goalie Harriet Kowalski made 11 saves.





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SOUTH'S FODELL NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR

Grosse Pointe South varsity boys and girls swim and dive head coach John Fodell was named Michigan Swim Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Athletic Coaches Association. Fodell will be honored at the MHSCA State Awards ceremony Nov. 8.



BOYS TENNIS

The Grosse Pointe South varsity boys tennis team earned a pair of wins last Friday, Sept. 4, against Traverse City Central and Maple City Glen Lake. The Blue Devils defeated Traverse City Central 5-3, with all four doubles teams sweeping their matches to help earn the win. South also defeated Glen Lake by the same score.

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