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## Shores park, harbor ready for summer

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Committee updates at the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting have people thinking of the warm weather to come and days spent on and by the lake.

Things kick off at Osius Park Saturday, April 9, with an Easter Egg Hunt for children age 10 and younger. The event runs 10 to 11:30 a.m. and will include a petting zoo, pony rides and treat bags.

The annual Arbor Day celebration is planned for 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 1, and will coincide with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the pickleball courts

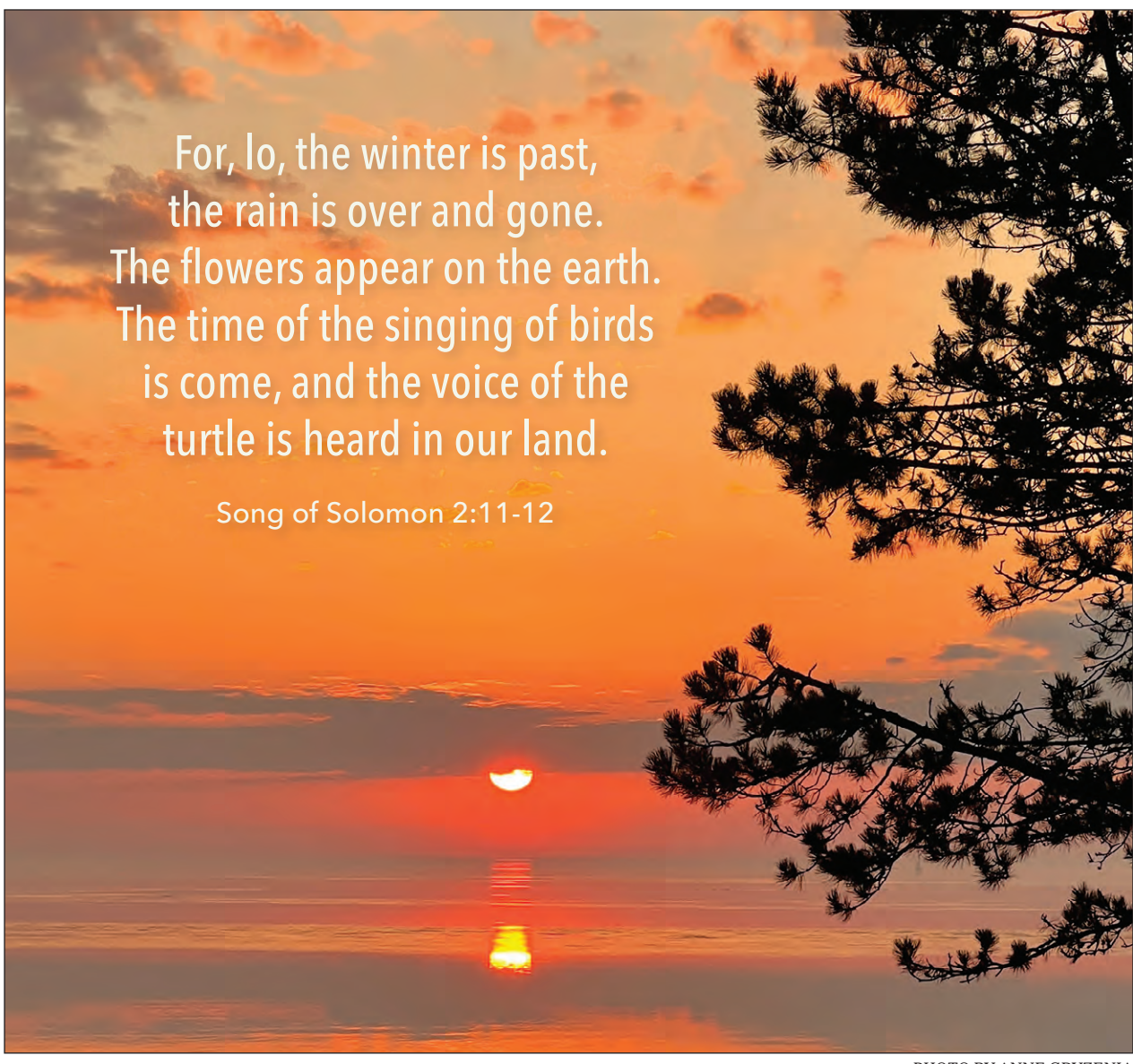
that were added to the park last year.

Construction of the courts was part of several projects that were paid for by a \$131,000 donation from the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

Other work included relocating the sand volleyball court to near the basketball court and adding picnic tables with umbrellas between the tennis and pickleball courts to allow for shaded seating. A concrete staging pad for kayaks was added and the pool received a new pace clock.

The GPSIF also indicated it would pay for new playground equip-

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For, lo, the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth.  
The time of the singing of birds  
is come, and the voice of the  
turtle is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

PHOTO BY ANNE GRYZENIA

What's on for *Easter?*



Happenings for the kids, basket shopping and more!  
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## Rain garden for city hall?

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — What better time of year than during the precursor to spring — “*when that Aprill with his shoures soote the droghte of March hath perced to the roote*” — for the topic of a rain garden to dwell in the chambers of city hall.

“Rain gardens are a type of water-capture feature of landscaping that help slow absorption from storms,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “This has been a topic of discussion since the stormwater events we had in June and July.”

The idea is to replace

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## We sing of spring

This breathtaking sunrise slowly yawning over Lake St. Clair last week offered a sure sign that the dawn of a new season is finally here. Bold colors, the sunshine’s warmth and tomorrow’s Detroit Tigers opening day have locals thinking about all things spring — a most welcome change after the long, cold winter. Head to pages 6A and 7A and Sports Section D for our coverage on the Pointes’ rich baseball and softball history, the exciting starts on the diamond and season schedules.

## Diseased trees to be replaced

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — As residents drive up and down Mack, they’ll notice two Colorado blue spruce pine trees gracing the lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall. The trees are notably lit up

each Christmas in colored lights as part of the city’s tree-lighting ceremony, Woods Aglow, bringing the magic of the season to the city each November.

As the trees were being decorated this previous Christmas season, disease was discovered.

“While decorating the two Colorado blue spruce

pinetrees at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center for the past holiday season,” a memo from James Kowalski, director of public services, read, “it was discovered that both trees are showing signs of distress with rotted limbs and top dieback.”

The city approved at a

council meeting Monday night to remove both trees.

The trees, standing 45 feet tall, were diagnosed with diseases including insect infiltration, called pitch mass borer; lower branch disease, called cytospora canker; and a fungus defoliating the limbs, called spruce needle rust. While the dis-

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## Farms focusing on master plan, sewer separation

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Heading into the fourth month of the year, Grosse Pointe Farms has a clear plan for its project goals to carry out through the rest of 2022.

Before the year is out,

council and city administration intend to complete the first update to the Farms master plan since 2000. The process is set to focus on plans including natural resources and environment; complete streets with multi-modal transportation; the Mack Avenue corridor;

Kercheval streetscape; and existing and future land use.

“We’re pretty built up, so we’re not a blank canvas by any means,” City Manager Shane Reeside said, “so I think it will be more of a tweaking of some of the existing land use planning.

“But we want to look at

other potentials,” he continued. “Is there a potential to introduce residential units in The Hill business district? In the last year, we’ve had some interest in converting second-floor office space for residential in The Hill business district,

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**Birgit Huttemann-Holz**  
Home: Grosse Pointe Park  
Artist uses wax to paint abstract florals and landscapes

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# Lots of crud cluttering sewer

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Nearly 1 ½ times the anticipated quantity of foreign material has been removed during inspections of the city's sewers.

Although inspections are only one-third complete, nearly two-thirds of the budget earmarked to remove debris is spent.

"Material disposal is approaching 65 percent of the original bid amount," Matt Droze, an engineer with OHM Advisors, wrote in a March update. "As work progresses, a contract change order may be necessary to account for the higher than anticipated volume of solids removal."

The company is contracted to inspect 230,000 feet, or 42.5 miles, of Grosse Pointe Park's sewers. As of March, crews examined 25 percent of all sewers slated for inspection. Pipes range in diameter from 12 to 84 inches.

Current work is in the northern portion of the city between Mack and St. Paul.

"This week, work is occurring on Bishop and Grayton roads," Droze told the city council Monday, March 7. "We're now in the northeast corner of the city. We are also resuming work on Jefferson. In January, work was suspended because of cold

weather."

Warm temperatures in the sewer created condensation, which interfered with examination.

"With it warming up, we resumed that work, which is kind of critical to our model development," Droze said.

"I'm pleased with the information we're getting," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. "It gives us a clear path of what we have to do to make (the sewer system) work better than currently."

The committee has a three-part approach to improving the system.

"We've broken it down into three main areas of importance: minimizing infiltration, maximizing carrying capacity and maximizing discharge," Wiener said. "We're making a lot of progress on minimizing infiltration. There are multiple disconnections happening, so we have less infiltration. In terms of carrying capacity, we're doing short-term cleanouts, which is improving not only carrying capacity, but also the flow of water. The less the obstructions, the faster the water moves, the faster it gets into our pumping station and the faster we can get it out."

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church and School announced plans to separate storm and sanitary sewers

under its parking lot, which will help lighten the city's load.

"If that is completed, it's going to take about 3½ acres of impervious off the system, which is equivalent to about 70 houses (measured on rooftop surface area)," Droze said. "It's a big deal if they get that disconnected."

Examination of flows through a large pipe under Jefferson revealed less volume than expected, leading Droze to suspect the pipe has five to seven as-yet unknown diversions.

"We need to find these diversions," he said. "That's going to help us make sure the model we develop matches existing conditions."

Sewers that have been inspected below Jefferson are bordered by Alter to Berkshire between Windmill Pointe Drive and Jefferson.

Above Jefferson, completed areas are bordered by Maryland to Bedford between Mack, Kercheval or St. Paul up to either Whittier or Yorkshire.

"The majority of segments required heavy cleaning," Droze wrote concerning work during February. "After cleaning, lines were generally passable for inspections."

Crews reported finding the same type of obstructions they found before.

"Several sewers in the north

end of the community have significant root growth, which is affecting sewer operations," Droze said.

Inspections were ordered after two big rains last summer, coupled with malfunctions at two pumping stations in Detroit, resulted in sewer backups into about 3,000 basements.

Flooding also prompted city officials to seek approval from the state department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, or EGLE, to construct an extreme emergency relief valve to divert excess storm water, plus waste water that may have backed up from other communities, directly into Lake St. Clair.

"As stated previously, EGLE will not issue a wastewater construction permit for improvements until a calibrated hydraulic model has been approved, which will require several months of summer rain data," Droze reported.

Flow data nevertheless continues being collected from six meters placed throughout the system.

"We built a hydraulic model," said Nancy Russell, an OHM engineer. "Hydraulically, we're good, but we need the meters to be in for a period of time to understand the hydrology: If it rains, what are the dynamics

See CRUD, page 4A

# All for one in sewer fixes

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — A regional solution to sewer backups afflicting individual communities during heavy rains is needed to protect public health and the environment, according to representatives of various levels of government and the head of an organization managing water and sewer operations across nearly 1,000 square miles in eight counties of southeast Michigan.

"The best thing we can do is work as a region," said Suzanne Coffey, interim CEO of the Great Lakes Water Authority. "Because it might be raining over here and not raining over here. Can we move that flow around, first off, to keep that out of basements; and secondly, to keep it out of roads?"

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## RAIN:

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brick pavers beside the main entrance to city hall with a rain garden.

Irrigation comes, in part, from downspout runoff, the same kind of runoff municipal officials are encouraging residents to embrace by disconnecting downspouts and steering rainwater away from the sewer system, which backed up twice last year during big storms.

"The city is looking for ways we can help reduce the impact to not only our facilities, but also residents trying to ensure we want to be a sustainable, viable community,"

Sizeland said. "Rain gardens can help capture rain water (and) reduce the impact on storm drains."

Brian Colter, Park city forester and board member of Keep Michigan Beautiful, won a National Arbor Day Foundation award 22 years ago for doing something similar. He replaced areas of asphalt at the Patterson Park parking lot with open-earth tree islands.

"The city manager asked me to look into the possibility of a rain garden at city hall as a demonstration to the public about alternatives for containing or dealing with runoff," Colter said.

Rain gardens needn't be big. There's more than

enough room in the high-visibility spot at city hall.

"Typical rain gardens are 100 to 300 square feet," according to the article, "Soak up the rain with a rain garden," published April 8, 2021, by the Michigan State University Extension Service. "Generally, rain gardens should be about twice as long as they are wide. During an average rainfall, most of the garden should fill with water and infiltrate within a day."

"Rain gardens are typically 7 to 20 percent the size of the impervious surface generating the runoff entering the garden," according to the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Series.

Mil Hurley, a Park resident and owner of A Southern Gardener, was as excited to learn about the rain garden as she was surprised to hear she may be contracted to design and maintain it, as she is for municipal gardens along Jefferson and the butterfly garden in a

traffic island in the city hall parking lot.

"I love the opportunity to share what I know, to teach and make everybody successful," Hurley said. "That's why I like to garden. You just get out where it's beautiful, put your head down and dig."

There are two basic considerations when designing a rain garden, according to Hurley.

The first is if it's in sun or shade. The area at city hall is shaded all day except for slivers of sun during morning.

"That's going to be a challenge," Hurley said. "But, when you have a garden, you have to accept what you were given. The second thing is if it is in a depression, a wet spot or a mound that is dry."

At the March 1 meeting of the Downtown Development Authority, Sizeland described the garden as replacing three diseased pear trees and several feet of existing ground material with dirt sculpted into a swale.

"We can provide an example for residents and also make a beautiful landscape in front of city hall," he said.

"If you pepper the city with hundreds of those, it will make a difference," Colter said.

### Funding

Sizeland addressed the DDA because city hall is within the district. Authority funds could thereby pay for construction and maintenance rather than general fund tax dollars.

"I'm a little on the fence," DDA Chairman Benjamin Wixson said. "We haven't seen costs on it yet. We should be cognizant of the fact we're spending economic development money to beautify the city."

Authority member Mayor Michele Hodges said the garden comes under the DDA's obligation to prevent deterioration of a public facility, encourage renovation or reuse of unsightly prop-

erty, protect an investment, promote economic growth and encourage enhancement.

"From a budgetary standpoint," Hodges said, "the more we can protect the general fund from underfunded liabilities and put expenditures into tax increment finance authority or downtown development authority, the better long term."

Colter obtained a \$15,000 estimate Feb. 28, from Environmental Consulting & Technology, based in Ann Arbor, for design, engineering and administrative services.

"The construction budget is approximately \$45,000 to \$55,000," according to the estimate.

"They're coming up with two design plans, one really ambitious with solar panels and an underground retention pond 20 feet underground to create a reservoir of water for future use," Colter said. "If there's a dry spell, the solar panels power pumps to suck up the water. The other plan is way less expensive but will look the same. We have the equipment and people to do a lot of the work in-house."

### Ideas

The small spot beside the entrance to city hall has big potential for variety.

"It can be trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals," Hurley said. "You can have a beautiful rain garden during all four seasons in Michigan."

She ticked off the plants she likes in rain gardens but probably can't be used at city hall due to lack of sun.

Deciduous hollies, ilex verticillata, produce red berries during winter, a treat for birds. Siberian iris, a perennial, looks like a grass with big, tall, strapping leaves. They bloom in late May or early June in lots of colors.

"We have some of those plants on the

Moross Greenway," Hurley said. "When we designed the greenway, we had a lot of wet areas."

The shaggy, peeling bark of river birch, the tallest occupants of a rain garden at Oudolf Garden on Belle Isle, adds visual interest but grows too large for a spot beside a building.

Hosta; there are more than 5,000 types.

"That would be something that works in there," Hurley said. "We have to think about what it's going to look like in winter. It's important, right there by the main entrance to the building, that the plant material be interesting to look at when people walk by in February or in March. March is a tough month for gardens to look good."

Hurley has more thinking to do.

"I go for the positive," Hurley said. "That's the thing — we're learning, we're going to move forward, we're going to try to do our best. My thing is to take care of the environment, support it right here in our little community. Let's do our best so we have it for our children and grandchildren."

She spoke by telephone while getting a jump on spring in her native North Carolina. The connection was good. In the background sang a robin, the harbinger of a new season.

"I am BLESSED — capital letters," Hurley said. "I grew up on this peanut and cotton farm. I am a sixth-generation farmer's daughter. It is in my blood. I told my father back when I started my business in 1994, 'Daddy, I'm a farmer. I'm an urban farmer, more of a flower farmer. Not a traditional farmer, but I can't help it.' Now, 28 years later, I'm excited. It's another year coming up. I'll be starting in April and if I can help one person look at their space and be happy, my job is done."

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Grosse Pointe News

# Farms officers honored for 2021 feats

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Highlighted at a meeting that is looked forward to all year, Mayor Pro Tem John Gillooly noted, six Farms officers were celebrated for their extraordinary acts in the line of duty last year during the March council meeting.

“We have the best public safety department in the state of Michigan, if not beyond,” Gillooly said. “It’s diverse. It’s talented. It’s hardworking. It’s supported by great leadership. ... Tonight is the night when we get to recognize the accomplishments of, not all of them, but a few of them with the department director’s merit awards.”

Officer Derek Lazarski was honored with a life-saving award for off-duty efforts while driving home in Monroe County at 1:30 a.m. Jan. 23, 2021, following his afternoon shift.

After driving through a



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, City Manager Shane Reeside, Director of Public Safety John Hutchins, Officer Tim Harris with K-9 partner Duke, Officer Richard Rosati, Mayor Pro Tem John Gillooly and Deputy Director Andy Rogers.

cloud of smoke in the road, the officer looked in his rearview mirror and saw a small flame coming from the ditch. Turning his car around, he discovered a vehicle had crashed into the ditch and its engine was on fire.

As the door was pinned shut and the side curtain airbag blocked him from getting to the male teen-

age driver, Lazarski called 911 and ran to a nearby house where he got a fire extinguisher and a knife to cut the airbag.

After suppressing the flames, Lazarski cut the airbag away and found the driver pinned underneath the steering wheel.

Together with a neighbor, the two were able to pull the driver from the

burning vehicle minutes before it became fully engulfed in flames.

“Officer Lazarski is commended for relying on his instincts, training and willingness to take action while off duty after a long shift to save the life of a young injured motorist,” Farms Director of Public Safety John Hutchins said.

Parking Enforcement

and Animal Control Officer Mark Jacob earned a citation for taking action during an incident June 17, 2021.

While performing his daily duties at the rear of the public safety station, he heard a traffic crash occur at Kercheval and Kerby.

Running on foot to the location and arriving before the police, Jacob checked one driver for injuries and saw the second driver involved flee on foot down Kercheval, toward The Hill business district.

Jacob’s broadcasting the information to responding units while giving an accurate and detailed description of the person fleeing the scene, enabled patrol units to locate the subject.

The person actively resisted and had to be tasered to be brought under control. It later was learned the subject was having a violent

mental health crisis and was on the way to his doctor’s office on The Hill to assault the physician.

“PSO Jacob is recognized for his quick, detailed and assertive response to an incident which likely prevented an assault to a citizen,” Hutchins said.

Officers Tim Harris and Richard Rosati were awarded a commendation and citation, respectively, for their teamwork when a traffic stop quickly escalated July 26, 2021.

While conducting a late-night traffic stop on Mack Avenue, another vehicle with numerous bullet holes in the body of the car approached from East Warren and stopped near the officers.

Harris approached and found both occupants suffering from gunshot wounds. The backseat passenger had a gunshot

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## TREES:

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eases could be treated, they have slowly been eating away at the trees, likely over the last 10 to 15 years, Kowalski said.

“All three of (the diseases) are a slow process,” he said.

Also, the smaller of the two trees was identified to have girdling roots at its base, meaning the roots were slowly choking the tree, making it difficult for it to eat and stunting its growth.

The trees, which have stood at city hall an estimated 55 to 60 years, will be removed in the coming weeks.

“You hate to lose the old nice big trees like that,” Kowalski said, “but they’re getting dangerous now. They’re going to eventually fall over.”

Along with the decision to remove the trees,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Two Colorado blue spruce pines, riddled with disease, were approved for removal by city council at a meeting Monday. They will be replaced by two 12- to 14-foot Norway spruce pines.

council approved a \$3,200 purchase of two new trees for the “next generation,” Kowalski said. Two 12- to 14-foot Norway spruce pine trees will be planted in the old trees’ place shortly after.

While the Norway spruces will look different at first, they are anticipated to grow 2 to 3 feet

per year and will grow up to 40 to 60 feet tall. They will boast fuller and wider branches than the Colorado blue spruce and will have a better root base, making them able to withstand heavy crosswinds.

“Even the Norway spruce that we’re going to plant, they’re susceptible to the same dis-

eases,” Kowalski said, “... but what we’re going to do (differently) is we’re going to have those checked every spring now. ... That way we stay ahead of the game if they do show signs of having any of those diseases.”

If well taken care of, the Norway spruces could live up to 150 years.

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, APRIL 10

◆ 16th annual Spring Egg Hunt, 2 to 4 p.m. at Neff Park. Redeem eggs for candy and a chance to win prizes. Cost is \$5 per child. Park passes required.

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board meeting, 7:30 a.m.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 15 — GOOD FRIDAY

◆ Woods, Shores, Farms, City city offices closed

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

◆ Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Neff Park. Open to residents of the City, Farms, Park and Shores.

## FOCUS:

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so that might be something we’ll want to look at.”

Other potentials that could come into play as the city explores updates include possible changes in short-term rental laws and marijuana dispensary laws.

In conjunction with the master plan update, the city attorney is conducting a thorough review of the city’s ordinances, including zoning regulations, to ensure they’re in line with current state law.

“We do have some streets that are a little bit unique in terms of the housing density,” Reeside noted. “Like Muir and Mapleton, for example. We see a lot of variances, because they are unique and they’re smaller lots. So one of the tasks of the master plan will be looking at those areas to see if they warrant different treatment than other residential areas under the same zoning.”

The ongoing Mack Avenue Corridor Plan also will be discussed as part of the update. While the City of Grosse Pointe altered its zoning along

the stretch last May, the Farms’ approach may look a bit different.

“The changes that the City had made actually make their zoning in greater harmony with our zoning,” Reeside explained, regarding how the City’s new zoning regulations increased its allowed uses.

Instead, the Farms may focus on uniformity in sign ordinances and encouraging a more viable business district.

“We’re looking at working with the city of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe City and now even Wayne County and developing a strategy to improve that corridor,” Reeside said.

Not to be overlooked are ongoing efforts to see a large-scale sewer separation project to fruition, for which a \$161,220 basis of design report by Hubbell, Roth and Clark, approved by council in February 2021, recently was completed.

The plans encompass separation of the systems north of Moross; a storm interceptor down Chalfonte; a force main down Moross; a storm-water pumping station at the corner of Moross and Chalfonte; and separations of the systems on

Mount Vernon, McMillan and McKinley.

The next step will be a public work session, anticipated for early

summer, where HRC will present the proposal and address questions before heading into the detailed engineering phase.

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

# Pointer paints the life of her dreams

Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

Although painting and artistry long ran in her family, the early adult years of Birgit Huttemann-Holz's life were focused on a career in physical therapy and deep love for writing poetry and music.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident, then a citizen of Germany, met her keyboardist husband Maik when his pop-rock band was searching for a female singer.

It was when the couple and their 4-month-old firstborn moved to the U.S. — so Maik could pursue a postdoctoral fellowship in biochemistry in 2000 — that Huttemann-Holz fell into her true passion.

"I came here and I couldn't write anymore because of the language," she recalled, "and we were so poor that I just started painting to cover the walls and that kind of evolved from there."

The self-taught evolu-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Through the medium of wax printing, Huttemann-Holz melts the wax and pigments on a hot aluminum plate and forms it into a design before pressing it into handmade, loose-fiber Japanese paper.

River's Edge Gallery in Wyandotte — and internationally near Amsterdam and in Germany.

For the first decade of her career, the abstract floral landscape painter

Painting with Wax," which since has been translated from German into English.

She finished the book, for which one of her sons took all the photos, while in a hospice room with her dying father, who she called her biggest supporter in painting.

Shortly thereafter and during an artist residency in Key West, she experienced a breakthrough in the medium of wax printing with her series "The Weight of Orchids."

"In Key West, there's many orchids and I think I was also very much grieving for my dad, whom I lost," she said. "... I arrived at night and then, next morning went out to explore it and I saw all those orchids bound at the trunks of the palm trees and I started crying and went back immediately and started printing."

The technique involves melting wax and pigments on a hot aluminum plate, manipulating it into the desired design and pressing it into handmade, loose-fiber Japanese paper.

The artist does not limit herself to working only with wax, however, as her most recent work

is in acrylic. The work, titled "I Will Wait for You" and painted over another piece she wasn't satisfied with, is a nod to being unable to force the painting process. Instead, Huttemann-Holz waits for the painting to speak to her regarding which direction it should take at each step.

It is through this subconscious process the artist approaches all her works, simply choosing a color that speaks to her on any given day and applying it to a blank canvas without sketching or thinking about it.

"It is my heart and my passion," she said. "... If you look at a painting and it can reset you and you're getting timeless and you're all of a sudden reflecting yourself in context to yourself and the world and beauty, this is what I experience when I paint."

Her passion for encaustic art made a unique appearance in 2018, when she partnered with Detroit Sessions founder, Grosse Pointe resident and pianist Ivan Moshchuk to paint live to his music in a concert setting. The event placed Huttemann-Holz behind a thin curtain, so the audience could only see

her silhouette, with a live projection of her blow torch art playing above the piano.

"I didn't know what he was playing," she recalled. "He was playing and I created a artwork. And what happened was absolutely amazing, because I finished my painting when he finished the first set. And then I had a second board and again, when he did the last (note), I did the last brush stroke. I'm still getting goose bumps, because it was unbelievable."

Looking toward the future, the artist recently purchased a converted Sprinter van and turned it into a rolling studio that can also hold the couple's instruments.

With one son now living in San Francisco, Huttemann-Holz plans to take a lengthy road trip around what she calls the "country of nature" next summer.

While her family plans to stay in this area for the foreseeable future for her husband's career, she also is dreaming of commuting back and forth between a studio in the south of France.

"Really, this is why not?" she said. "How I came to this? Why not? You just have to take your chances. You have to dream big and follow it."

Her latest exhibit, "On Beauty and Being," can be found at Healthspan in Grosse Pointe Farms through Saturday, April 30.

To explore more of the artwork, visit brightstroke.com or Instagram @brightstroke.



Huttemann-Holz' latest painting, an acrylic entitled "I Will Wait for You."

tion that started with a studio space in Detroit's Pioneer Building and her first exhibition in 2004, has led to her artwork placed both locally — Posterity Gallery in the City of Grosse Pointe, The Art of Custom Framing in Troy and

worked exclusively in the encaustic medium — beeswax is melted onto the canvas and as it solidifies, the artist uses a blow torch to fuse each layer on top of the other — even authoring the book "How to Create Encaustic Art: A Guide to



A mirror reflects Huttemann-Holz' studio in Detroit's Pioneer Building.

"I hope that I can do this for a long time," Huttemann-Holz said. "I think I'm really blessed that I can live this life and in this regard I feel absolutely content."

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## CRUD:

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in the sewer? Is it drier in some areas? Is it wetter in some neighborhoods?"

"Over the past month, there have been several instances of snow melt with accompanying rain that provide flow data," Droze wrote. "The majority of rain events have been relatively light.

Data from flow meters on Jefferson appears to show a lack of flow into the lower trunk sewers that convey flow to the Jefferson Avenue pump-

ing station (at the city hall complex)."

Investigation is on schedule for completion at the end of July, Droze said.

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## SUMMER:

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ment that is ADA-compliant, according to Councilman Donn Schroeder.

A popular fundraiser for the foundation is back again this year. Residents can buy raffle tickets to win the naming rights to the Osius Park entrance sign or a reserved personal parking space in the front row of the parking lot. Tickets are \$50 each or three for \$100 and the drawing will be held Monday, May 9.

The city's redesigned website includes a feature for residents to reserve the pickleball and tennis courts in 90-minute increments. City Manager Steve Poloni said reservations should be available starting mid-April, weather permitting. If demand for the two pickleball courts

gets high enough, one of the four tennis courts could be restriped using tape to turn it into a pickleball court.

Schroeder also said the Parks Committee is considering putting together volleyball and basketball tournaments over the summer.

At the harbor, all 133 slips have been rented.

Dan Ritter, chairman of the Harbor Committee, said rental fees on the slips brought in \$268,000, and safety inspections of boats docked in the harbor would begin early May to make sure they are up to date with U.S. Coast Guard requirements.

"The park and the harbor are the centerpiece of the city and these events mean we can attract more young families," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said. "The days of 'buy a house here and get a boat well thrown in' are over."

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Vehicle fire

Public safety officers responded to a report of a vehicle fire around 12:50 p.m. Friday, April 1, on southbound Lakeshore Road at Lochmoor Boulevard.

Upon arrival they found a cement mixer engulfed in flames. The report says the fire was extinguished by 1:02 p.m. and the truck was towed by a private company. Lakeshore was closed in both directions during the incident.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and the driver was unhurt.

—Ted O'Neil

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

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Account fraud

A Grosse Pointe man discovered an unknown suspect opened an AT&T account in his name Wednesday, March 30.

## Suspended license

A 27-year-old Detroit man was pulled over for an invalid license plate at Mack Avenue and Rivard Boulevard at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2. When he was found to have a suspended driver's license, he was cited.

## Illegal dumping

A pile of various scrap metals was left behind the businesses on Kercheval Place at 2:15

p.m. Sunday, April 3. An investigation is ongoing.

—Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Bank fraud

The power of attorney for a 92-year-old Farms man discovered \$28,000 had been fraudulently withdrawn from the man's bank account on several occasions throughout March.

## Unlicensed

After being pulled over for speeding at Moross and Beaupre roads at 8:31 p.m. Monday, March 28, a 25-year-old Detroit woman told officers she's never had a license. She was cited and the vehicle impounded.

## Plethora of reasons

A Secretary of State search that showed a vehicle did not have verified insurance was the icing on top of a traffic stop at Mack Avenue and Moross Road for a cracked windshield, no side view mirrors, a license plate held on by tape, tinted front windows and the driver not wearing a seatbelt at 5:43 p.m. Tuesday, March 29.

As the 26-year-old Detroit man was

detained for a shoplifting warrant out of Detroit, a 7.5-inch knife was found in the driver's side door pocket. This is in violation of the local ordinance only allowing a maximum 3-inch blade.

## Stolen credit card

A 55-year-old Park woman's credit card was stolen from her mother's bedside at a local senior home after she ordered dinner at 3:38 p.m. Friday, April 1.

There were \$1,208 of fraudulent charges to her account before it was shut off.

## Mental health call

Officers were called to a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue at 12:13 p.m. Sunday, April 3, when an 18-year-old Harper Woods man began stripping out of his clothes and washing up in the restroom.

The man, who had body tremors and wide eyes, spoke gibberish to the officers and resisted when they escorted him to a patrol vehicle for his safety.

He was transported to an area hospital for mental health treatment.

## Helping hand

While conducting a walk-through of Pier Park at 6:26 p.m. Sunday, April 3, an officer noticed a woman crying alone in

a vehicle.

While speaking with the 34-year-old St. Clair Shores woman, she confirmed having suicidal thoughts and was transported to an area hospital for a mental health evaluation.

—Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Three-time identity theft

A resident received a letter containing a Visa card issued by the unemployment office in early February. She was informed to contact the unemployment office if she did not apply for unemployment benefits.

"Morley" also sent her a letter offering her free identity protection, saying her personal data had been breached in August 2021. There is no record of misuse of the woman's identity.

Another bank sent the resident an email thanking her for attempting to open an account, but letting her know they were unable to open the account due to inadequate information.

## Spring break shenanigans

Over spring break, the Mason Elementary School custodial staff heard a noise sounding

like something was breaking at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30.

A staff member went outside to find three boys throwing rocks at school windows. As the boys ran away, he yelled after them and two of the boys came back.

The third boy proceeded to run home and inform his mother of the incident; she in turn called the parents of the other two boys.

The boys claimed they were playing on the play-scape at the school, grew bored and started picking up and throwing rocks at the school windows. One of the boys said while he did not know why they did it, he understood it was wrong.

Only two of the boys broke windows; both parents offered to take care of the damages to four small window panes.

—Kate Vanderstelt

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Old gag

A hackneyed theft last week supported the saying, "It's a cliché because it's true."

Shortly after 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 27, a person advertising a motorcycle on Facebook Marketplace met a prospective buyer in a parking lot in the 16300 block

of Charlevoix.

The buyer slipped the seller an envelope of what turned out to be fake currency before asking permission to take a test ride.

"(The) suspect then fled the scene with the motorcycle," reported a Park officer. "Investigation revealed the identity of the suspect, (a 22-year-old man), who was arrested near his home in Warren."

## Tipped off

A citizen is credited with tipping police to a drunken driver shortly before midnight Tuesday, March 29.

The citizen tailed the suspect, a 43-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man, until a Park patrolman arrived to conduct a curbside investigation at the intersection of East Jefferson and Elmsleigh Lane.

## Asleep at wheel

As most of the town slept overnight Saturday, April 2, so did a man behind the wheel of a car that a patrolman found stationary in the intersection of Cadieux and Vernor.

The officer roused the man, 65, of Clinton Township, at 1:14 a.m. and arrested him for drunken driving.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Ordinances made accessible

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — While an easy-to-read ordinance may seem like an oxymoron, Grosse Pointe Woods is working to make the unthinkable a reality. The city is redeveloping its zoning ordinance manual to make its ordinances as accessible as possible to residents and future developers alike.

"It's user friendly, it's business friendly and it's developer friendly," Building Inspector Gene Tutag said. "It's a long time coming."

Following years of using a cumbersome document, the updated zoning ordinance manual will include clickable links, diagrams, color and more.

"It'll save everyone a lot of time, particularly architects and developers,"

Tutag said of the update. He added, architects on the city's planning commission had used the new format in other cities and are pleased it's coming to the Woods.

Aside from architects and developers, residents should be excited about the change, as well, as it will help them find ordinances more easily.

"It's a lot better understood for people who aren't familiar with read-

ing ordinances," said Josie Modrack, the building department's confidential administrative assistant.

In the current version, she added, "you can search 'fence,' but it won't always bring you to what you're looking for, so you end up kind of in a rabbit hole. (The update) is kind of getting that rabbit hole out of the picture."

The biggest difference in the updated version is

its clickable links, diagrams and use of color.

"Before, all the information was there, but it was just harder to kind of locate and be sure of it," Modrack said. "So now you can confidently look through and be like, 'This is the answer.'"

With an approximate \$30,000 price tag, the city commissioned Giffels Webster, a Detroit-based civil engineering and community planning firm, to complete the update.

Already through the planning commission's public hearing stage, the

update was brought to council for its first hearing at the April 4 council meeting. Next, it will be presented for a second hearing before officially being adopted. If everything goes to plan, Tutag hopes the new manual will be available for public use in May.

With how happy the commission is on the zoning manual update, they hope updates to the sign ordinance and master plan, which soon will be in the works, will follow suit using the accessible format.

## FIXES:

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The authority handles water filtration for 125 communities and wastewater operations for 78 in the region. The latter includes all of the Grosse Pointes, where sewer water backed up into thousands of basements twice last summer when rain combined with equipment and power failures at three pumping stations in Detroit.

Coffey's predecessor resigned shortly thereafter.

"We are seeing these extreme (rain) events," Coffey said. "So, we need to have public health first and the environment second, as much as we hate to say that."

Coffey attended a news conference Friday, March 18, at the Chapaton Pumping Station in St. Clair Shores at which Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller and Sen.

Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., announced \$4.5 in federal funding toward a \$17 million project intended to reduce the station's combined sewer overflows into Lake St. Clair by 30 percent.

"We need to make sure in the face of climate change we have outlets to keep that water out of basements," Coffey said. "Sewer separation projects have great benefits, but in many cases are just not affordable — hundreds of millions or billions of dollars to separate sewers. So, we do the best we can with facilities like this. But, when we have to make that choice between public health basements and the environment, that's where that comes in."

"This is not unique to Michigan," Stabenow said.

She said it's been a pattern more than 100 years to tend above-ground infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, at the expense of unseen but

necessary upgrades to sewer and water systems.

"At every level of government, a huge issue has been neglected for too long and is having a major impact on our quality of life," Stabenow said. "The good news is for the first time, we've passed an infrastructure bill that wasn't just roads and bridges, but (also) major water infrastructure funding."

"The public is becoming more and more aware how important it is for us to invest generationally in infrastructure," Miller said. "But, because this underground infrastructure is out of sight, it's out of mind. Often, we have not been investing to the level we should."

"These are not things we think about every day," Stabenow said. "These are not the sexy things we think about — oh, let's get money for a pumping station. But when it comes time to clean your basement because of sewage over-

flows, you realize we ought to support doing these things and pumping stations are important."

"Decades ago, it was OK to let wastewater go to the (Detroit) river," said GLWA's Coffey. "Not so anymore. It's not OK with us. It's not going to be OK for our future. There's a need to upgrade infrastructure."

One manner in which GLWA is trying to eliminate backups and discharges on the eastside is by cleaning, rehabilitating and maximizing

flows in the Detroit River

Interceptor, a large pipe paralleling the river.

"It's important that it functions optimally for water quality and public

health," Coffey said. "It doesn't matter if that pipe is in one community or another. We all rely on that pipe. We're so happy to have funding for it."



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OUR VIEW

Pointes  
prepare  
to play ball

“Oh, put me in, Coach. I’m ready to play. Today.”

In his catchy homage about a boy’s love of baseball, Creedence Clearwater Revival’s John Fogerty succinctly captures what many of us are feeling this time of year — little else says springtime in the Pointes and gets us more excited than the start of the baseball and softball season.

Though our dismal weather still smacks of late winter, we are sensing the buzz for the Detroit Tigers opening day April 8, and the imminent first pitch of our Little League and high school baseball and softball seasons.

This is the time of year that marks that unofficial moment when we turn our thoughts to renewal, possibility and hope.

With our calendars now saying April, we entertain the idea of finally putting away our winter coats. We start to clean out our garages and put air in our bike tires. We might even check the oil and gas levels in our lawn mowers, if we are feeling extra enthusiastic about the change in seasons.

Even for those who don’t care for the game of baseball — and while we have heard about your kind, you are definitely no one we regularly cavort with — you can appreciate the way baseball is just in our collective, American, red-white-and-blue souls.

Many of us remember our grandparents or parents walking around with a transistor radio, set to WJR’s broadcast of a Saturday afternoon Tigers game, as they fiddled with lawn work or listened on the way to late-afternoon Mass.

We remember the dulcet tones of Ernie Harwell giving us the play-by-play of the Detroit “Ti-guhs” and his comforting, conversational style. We smile when we recall one of his classic phrases, like when a player got “called out for excessive window shopping,” (a strikeout while looking) or “that one is LONG gone!” to excitedly describe a home run.

The start of this season tells us we survived another winter. We now get to reap the rewards intrinsic in the crack of the bat, the earthy smell of a freshly-cut infield and the tracking of sunsets after each evening’s game.

We’re not confident we could find a community with a greater love affair for baseball than the Pointes. Our record of success sure speaks to our baseball and softball excellence.

In an era where federation and travel baseball and softball are king, the Pointes still boast three robust programs in Little League baseball, one in Little League softball and three high school programs (South, North and Liggett). More than 1,500 players will take the field this spring, ranging from T-ball through high school.

And there’s more. We have a legendary, Hall-of-Fame high school

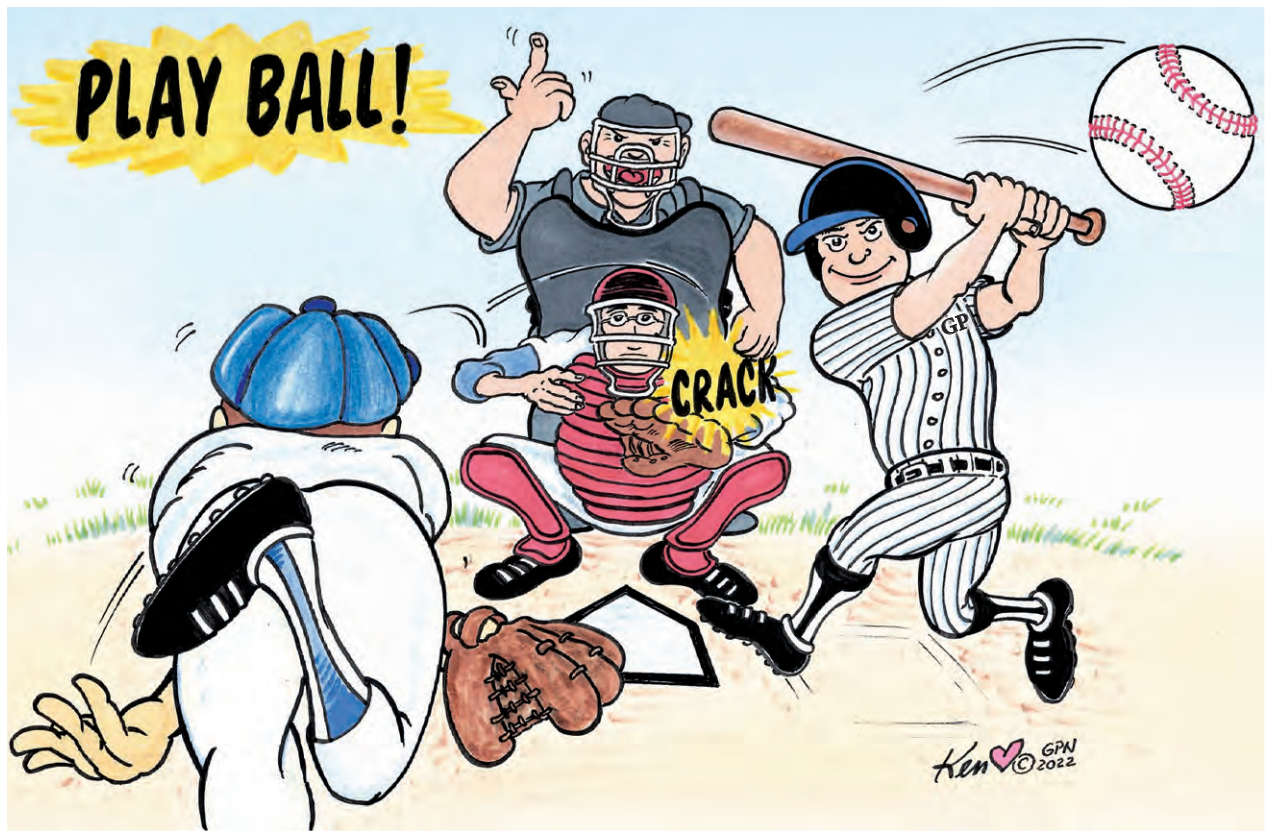


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Top 10 reasons baseball in the Pointes is better than the MLB

**10.** Our baseball fields are nice and close. What is cuter than a family biking to a Little League game?

**9. High school games.** Not only are they action-packed — with no commercials — but these games also offer today’s Little Leaguers reachable goals and real-life role models. Check out the sports schedules in the Grosse Pointe News each week and send your kids to catch a game.

**8. You can get a to-go meal or snack from any one of Grosse Pointe’s amazing restaurants.** We betcha dinner for the whole family costs less than two beers at Comerica Park.

**7. Parent drama.** Sometimes it’s funny, other times, not so much. But it sure gives us all something to talk about after the game.

**6. Rookie ball.** If you have ever seen the face of a 5-year-old hitting the ball for the first time, you know.

**5. Little League 12U playoffs.** The excitement and melodrama is real for the players hoping to reach the Holy Grail that is Williamsport.

**4. Cross-town rivalries.** We love them. Cue the trash talk.

**3. Little League parades.** There are few things cuter than this tradition. We say let the candy fly, kids!

**2. Post-game team and family dinners at local establishments.** Bring on the chicken tenders for the kids and celebratory cocktails for the attentive, stain-fighting, laundry-focused baseball parents.

**1. Community.** Sports bring people together. We, for one, are so excited for the first “normal” baseball season in a few years, complete with friends, neighbors, rivals and dingers.

baseball coach in South’s Dan Griesbaum Sr., who is entering his 39th year at the helm.

We have 10 baseball state championships between Liggett, North and South.

ULS has appeared in nine MHSAA championship games, the most of any program in Michigan.

Both Griesbaum and former North coach Frank Sumner have earned more than 800 career wins, putting them in a very rarified coaching club.

In 2021, we saw Grosse Pointe North baseball capture a regional championship and Grosse Pointe Little League Softball earn a state championship. Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League hosted the Michigan 12U Little League state championship, which leads to the road to Williamsport, for the first time in its 63-year history.

This year, Grosse Pointe also will be the site of the 12U softball state championship.

Without question, we have a lot of reasons to call ourselves a baseball- and softball-loving mecca.

Generations of community members continue to donate and invest in our physical facilities and volunteer for this beloved sport. It has given so many

treasured memories to this community, we would like to see that legacy continue, too.

In the coming days, parents, siblings and grandparents will line up to watch float-filled parades with Little Leaguers and coaches excitedly waving to the crowd. Families will load up their cars with chairs, seat cushions and coolers as they head out to early-morning tournaments to watch their kids play America’s favorite pastime.

We will scoreboard watch our high school teams, talk at the grocery store about graduating seniors heading off to play college ball or pat a young Little Leaguer on the head and ask them who won as they grab a post-game slushie at Jerry’s.

Former big leaguer and manager Rogers Hornsby once said, “People ask me what I do in winter when there’s no baseball. I’ll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring.”

We wholeheartedly agree with this philosophy. So soak in this special time of year, Grosse Pointe. From our perspective, there’s no better time of year than “Play Ball” season and no better town than ours in which to enjoy it.

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Talk to the true experts

To the Editor:  
In his letter to the editor (March 31), Sandy Hudson wrongly claimed I made a number of false statements when I spoke at the beginning of the March 21 Board of Education meeting. I have personally reached out to Mr. Hudson in an effort to listen to his concerns. I look forward to speaking with him soon. Readers can judge for themselves by listening to my comments at gpschools.org (go to

“Watch the Meeting” under “School Board”; comments begin at the 2:08 mark), but I stand by every word as accurate and truthful. I realize that the title on my email signature says “superintendent,” but I tend to think of myself as having two primary “jobs” in this world. My first job is to be a parent of two wonderful children (who are now adults and cringe when I refer to them as my children). My second job is to be a teacher. Being a parent and teacher actually have a

lot in common. For example, parents and teachers frequently do two things that I try to do daily as the GPPSS superintendent — ask questions and listen. I learned a long time ago that the best way to understand something isn’t to talk about it, but instead to ask questions and listen to true experts. We are blessed in this community to have many local experts that all of us can learn from regarding our schools. Our first set of experts are our 6,700 kids in our district. No one knows better what it is like to learn in our community than our students. The second group is our parents and staff. We have some of the finest parents and staff in the metro Detroit area in our exceptional school district. In reviewing my calendar for the week of March 21st, I see that I visited nine school buildings (including both high schools twice), had

coffee with one of our GPEA co-presidents, spoke to several board members, attended several meetings where administration discussed how we can make all of students feel valued and, most enjoyably, served as guest reader in two classrooms. In short, I spent my week listening and learning. If you want to know more about our district, talk to our kids and staff. And of course, I’m happy to listen to anyone who wants to share their views. You can reach me directly via email at deanm@gpschools.org or via phone at (313) 432-3003. Talking to the experts — our kids, staff and parents — is always going to generate more truth than attending a gathering that purports to be “about GPPSS,” but hardly has any true GPPSS experts. JON DEAN Superintendent Grosse Pointe Public School System

GROSSE POINTE 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST  
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# Inspiration, one word at a time



I recently came across a video series on YouTube by Steve Hartman, an Emmy Award-winning broadcast journalist who has a show on CBS called "On The Road." The series I came across was about kindness and character, geared toward kids, called "Kindness 101." Two of Hartman's children help him on the show. His son runs the camera and his young daughter is his co-teacher.

Each segment begins with a hello, welcome to class and focuses on the

day's word such as "fortitude," "courage," "service," "optimism," "honesty," "gratitude," "friendship," "purpose" ... well, you get the idea.

In each segment, Hartman has three or four stories of real-life examples for each word. For the segment on gratitude, Hartman made a list of things he was grateful for, which included things like dogs, warm chocolate cookies, hugs, light bulbs and warm chocolate chip cookies. Yep, he listed cookies twice.

Hartman gives examples for each of the words with clips showing people who exhibited their strengths depending on what the word was for the lesson.

I like that each segment is on YouTube so you can go back and watch them again and be

reminded of the things we need to do and be in life. No matter the odds.

For instance, the lesson on fortitude was inspirational and heartwarming. It began by showing a young man named Jamarian who went to the public basketball court and would wait to be picked for a team. Nobody ever picked him, but he kept showing back up, time and time again. The reason no one ever picked him was because he lost his hands and part of his arm as an infant due to a bacterial infection. But that didn't stop him because he could still dribble and play basketball, but no one gave him a chance to prove it. When he got to high school, he asked the coach to please let him be on the team. He said he didn't even care if he

played, he just wanted to be on a team and the coach said, "How do I say no to that?"

The first year he was on the team he mostly sat on the bench, until one game the coach put him in toward the end of the game and a teammate passed the ball to him. He shot from where he was standing and hit a 3-pointer. The crowd went wild. Then, seconds before the buzzer, he got the ball again and shot for another 3-pointer just as time ran out. He was surrounded by his teammates with cheers and excitement. Jamarian is a young man who doesn't see obstacles; he just sees possibilities and keeps trying. No matter what. That, is fortitude.

Every video was like this with examples of people who epitomized

the particular word of the weekly lesson. If you need a pick-me-up, check these out. They're inspiring, motivating, moving and just a little addictive.

For the lesson on courage, Hartman and his daughter talk about courage — that in order to become a success, sometimes you have to fail first. To step outside your comfort zone because getting out of your comfort zone is when you grow. One of the stories for the lesson on courage was about an athletic student named Gerald who could have made the football, basketball or soccer teams, but instead tried out for swimming. What's remarkable about that, you wonder? He didn't know how to swim. When asked why he went out for swimming

he said, "If I couldn't handle not being good at something, then how could I consider myself a successful person?"

In the beginning, when he first began to swim, he was always last, but by the start of his senior year he had improved. A lot. At a regional meet that year, in the 200 yard medley, his team was in last place with 50 yards to go. Then Gerald jumped in the water and he made up time, so much so, his team ended up going to state.

He was outside of his comfort zone but he did it anyway. Thinking back on it, Gerald said, "One of the cool things about going outside of my comfort zone is that you get to experience things you would have never seen had I stayed where I was."

Wise words, Gerald.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1947

75 years ago this week

**VOTERS HAND FARMS TOUGH JOB:** Although the Farms voters failed to produce the necessary two-third vote that would have launched the extensive sewer and storm water project with a \$350,000 bond issue, the Board of Trustees are so convinced of the urgency of the work that they have decided to go ahead with the preparation of the complete working plans.

**OLD INSTITUTION BANNED BY WOODS:** A notice recently served by the Woods village health authorities on several property owners who maintain outside privies and have no inside toi-

lets, to eliminate the same and install inside toilets, roused the vehement protest of one of the affected parties. According to this burgher, the inside toilet was all trumpety. "We use the beer garden next door," he told council.

### 1972

50 years ago this week

**POINTE BUSES NEED RIDERS:** The Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority is currently losing money. In fact, the projected net loss for this year, up to now, is over \$6,000. One of the items on the agenda at the Woods regular council meeting was an analysis of Lakeshore operations. While the

report itself wasn't discussed in great depth, SEMTA's financial situation was.

**REPORT ON OSIUS PARK PLANS:** The Shores trustees, despite March's blustery weather, have turned their thoughts to the coming season at the George Osius Park. A report contained good news and bad news. The good news was that the Shores would have no problem with employment this summer. The bad news: the park's swimming pool requires a new pump that will cost \$1,298.

**Obituaries:** James D. Turnbull, Margaret M. McCarthy, Louis M. Baze, Marie R. Webb, Edward L. Weber, Edwin C. Galant, Elmer J. Gagnier, Clare P. Bryant, Walter J. Costello

### 1997

25 years ago this week

**LAKE ST. CLAIR WATER LEVELS NEAR RECORD:** Lake St. Clair has reached alarming water levels which now have reached one foot below record levels recorded during 1986, the year many businesses and residents sustained heavy flood damage. According to city services director Tom Barwin, the water level recorded April 1 was 576.35 feet above sea level. The reading also was taken on a calm day, which means any reading is low compared to a rough day with high easterly winds.

**PIER PARK TO INSTALL UP TO**

**\$50,000 IN PLAY EQUIPMENT:** When the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park opens this Memorial Day, it will be celebrating a season of big change. The park's Tot Lot is the newest item to get approval from city council to receive a facelift. The proposed Tot Lot renovations join the \$225,000 in renovations of the bathhouse, currently being worked on for use this summer.

**Obituaries:** Mildred Dabich, Lucile C. Mullen, Charles T. Cole Jr., Sally Ann Clancy, Mary Perry, Frank Sullivan Moran, James A. Hathway, Nancy Schumaker, Brent M. Smith

### 2012

10 years ago this week

**SEWER MAIN CLEAR:** Attendees of this month's Grosse

Pointe Farms City Council meeting could get an endoscopic view of municipal infrastructure. Video from a recent inspection of the city's main sewer line may accompany a regular update on actions to prevent more of last year's basement floodings.

**BLOOMING WITH OPTIMISM:** Beautification commissioners are blooming with optimism about private sponsorship of public gardens.

Commissioners are seeking sponsors of 12 gardens. Eight gardens are at Neff Park; four are in The Village shopping district. Dubbed Project Bloom, sponsorships are tax-deductible.

**Obituaries:** Ronald Argenzio, Janet Page Fuger, Ray Joseph Lynch, Stephanie Petri Lord, E. Aurelia Verbeke, Roy F. Moore Jr., Hester "Jerry" Sweeney Swan, Betty Virginia Trentacoste, John Cowles McIntosh

## City may consider accessory dwelling units

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — As the City crosses the halfway point of its master plan update, intended to guide regulations until 2040, council is considering exploring the potential allowance of accessory dwelling units, or ADUs, as one of its focuses among the updates.

This housing option, which is exclusive to single-family residential properties and smaller in scale than the main house, often is referred to as a "granny flat" or "mother-in-law suite" among its other potential uses.

"It's an accessory to the main structure, smaller in scale, but it provides a housing option for people," City Planner John Jackson explained. "They could be related to the people that live in the main house, they could be renters or any other combination of ownership for that property."

ADUs could take the form of a carriage house, living quarters above a garage, etc.

While the city once permitted occupancy in these accessory structures, under the current zoning ordinance, the only peo-

ple who can occupy a carriage house in the City are those who are employed on that residential property.

"It's a throwback to when people may have had chauffeurs or caretakers," Jackson said, "and now it may apply to au pairs or other sort of live-in help that might be there for nursing purposes or things like that."

As with most potential changes, there are pros and cons to an ADU allowance. The latter includes concerns regarding a negative impact on privacy into neighboring backyards, the risk of water run-off problems and an increase in traffic and parking.

The City's zoning ordinance requires two parking spaces enclosed in a garage for a single-family home, so council would need to decide how many additional spaces would be needed, along with where on the property they would go.

On the flip side, because the City already is built out, allowing ADUs is one of the few opportunities for additional housing creation.

They also would provide aging-in-place opportunities for seniors to live

on the same property as their adult children, therefore having caregivers close by but still maintaining independent living.

"The key, I think, is that this concept of having the principal dwelling unit on the property with an accessory building on the property is truly in scale and keeping with the character of Grosse Pointe," Jackson said. "We have a lot of detached accessory buildings in Grosse Pointe."

If council were to consider exploring ADU implementation, he noted, it likely only would be feasible in areas of the city with larger lots and larger-scale accessory buildings. It also could be regulated by requiring special use approval.

"It's a very sort of surgical approach," Jackson said of approving an ADU ordinance. "You get a few over time. It's gradual. It happens very slowly and so that way it's easier to integrate it as a different form of housing in the community as opposed to tearing down a bunch of existing homes and building a multi-family project or something like that."

City officials were careful to caution that this is only the beginning of the

exploration process and many decisions lie ahead.

"I just want to clarify that all of the details and how it works out is something that we're going to have to work out if we decide to do this going forward, so this isn't a 'one and done,'" Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said. "It'll be a long, involved, evolving process. I'm sure once we get all the data from the master plan, that'll help guide us as to what the right decisions would be."

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# Charlevoix sewer void repaired

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — As the City pursues the cleaning and televising of sewers labeled a medium priority according to a 2007 inspection, a significant void in need of repair was discovered in March.

The hole, two feet wide and two feet high, was found in the 20-inch sanitary line on Charlevoix between University and Lakeland.

"It's not like a typical 8-inch (or) 12-inch," Public Services Director Pete Randazzo said.

"Even if that was the case, you'd still want to get it lined up, but this is a critical sewer that runs down Charlevoix toward the pump station."

Because the sewer line runs 20 feet below the surface, the city's engineers recommended an approximately 8-foot sewer liner at a cost \$11,160 of as the fix.

While there isn't money budgeted for the project, Randazzo noted, sufficient funds exist in the water and sewer fund.

With the bid to Pipetek Industrial Services approved by council 6-0, the project was anticipated to take approximately two days.

"It's in the street, but traffic will still be maintained," Randazzo said.

Also as part of the 2007 inspection, critical and high-priority sewer lines identified within the City were repaired or replaced in 2013 and 2014. These are expected to last another 70 years.

— Laurel Kraus



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, City Manager Shane Reeside, Director of Public Safety John Hutchins, Officer Derek Lazarski, Mayor Pro Tem John Gillooly and Deputy Director Andy Rogers.

## FEATS:

Continued from page 3A

wound to the leg near the femoral artery, so Harris applied a tourniquet as trained, while notifying Detroit police of the incident on his radio.

Rosati provided first aid to the driver, who was suffering from a gunshot wound to his abdomen. When Detroit police arrived, Rosati, covered in blood and tissue, escorted the injured parties to the hospital.

"These officers are recognized for their meritorious actions," Hutchins said, "and this incident illustrates how quickly a routine traffic stop can evolve into something unexpected and dire."

Civilian Inmate Dispatcher Sue Stephens was honored with a citation for her exemplary dispatch efforts at 2 a.m. Aug. 11, 2021.

While working alone, she received a frantic 911 call from a boater in dis-

stress, who said the vessel was on fire with nine people on board.

The caller was uncertain of his location, but knew he was somewhere near Lakeshore Road due to visible landmarks.

Stephens kept the caller calm while collecting pertinent information, patching in all five Grosse Pointe stations, contacting the U.S. Coast Guard, contacting MedStar, dispatching the Farms fire apparatus and notifying the chiefs of the incident.

Thanks to her efforts, the U.S. Coast Guard was able to locate the boat and everyone involved was safely rescued.

"CID Stephens is recognized as the textbook example of a calm, seasoned, professional dispatcher capable of coordinating a multi-jurisdictional rescue effort," Hutchins said.

Honored with a commendation for her efforts, Parking Enforcement Specialist Charity

Vanover stopped a car theft in progress Dec. 9, 2021.

She first observed one suspect smash out the window of an expensive SUV near 21 Kercheval and enter it carrying a handheld computer, which is used by car thieves to reprogram and start vehicles.

Notifying dispatch of what was occurring, she then took action because she believed the suspects were going to be successful.

Despite being unarmed, Vanover approached the suspects, gave verbal commands to stop and positioned her car to block the thieves from stealing the SUV.

Officers arrived and the suspects fled, evading capture, but the car was not stolen.

"PES Vanover is recognized for her keen observations and assertiveness in confronting potentially dangerous suspects during a felony in progress," Hutchins said.

# Master plan update garners suggestions

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — An update to the City of Grosse Pointe's master plan, the first since 2012, has reached the midway mark.

Public engagement thus far has included 633 unique visitors to the website — [bit.ly/3tAF8nY](http://bit.ly/3tAF8nY) — 174 survey responses, more than 200 online comments and 50-plus in-person participants.

"Overall, I think the indication that we're getting is on a day-to-day basis, people are very happy about life in Grosse Pointe," City Planner John Jackson said. "They enjoy living here. They're very proud of living here. They value what we have here in Grosse Pointe, so I think that overall theme runs through all the things that we're hearing from all the people."

"Having said that," he added, "they are also willing to offer some input in terms of what can be improved."

Themes running throughout the forms of public engagement were focused on attracting younger generations to live and play, providing greater housing variety —

accessory dwelling units, multi-family and varying height standards — and protecting against environmental concerns.

In response to last summer's flooding and concerns with sustainability, resident suggestions include implementing low-impact green infrastructure, limiting and removing impervious surfaces and enhancing renewable energy, as well as keeping up with sidewalk maintenance and roadwork.

Ideas to leverage community spaces, such as The Village, to draw in the younger crowd include through events, street design, public art and park enhancements, along with developing additional downtown amenities such as coworking spaces and a focus on entertainment.

"The young people are looking for more activities here in Grosse Pointe, more activities in The Village (and) access to other activities in the other Pointes," Jackson noted. "They have said a couple of times that they'd really like to see coordination with the other Pointes and the point was also brought up of how can we turn our proximity to

Detroit into an asset in terms of attracting young people to Grosse Pointe?"

A pinpoint map, where respondents can offer spatially oriented comments regarding specific areas of the city also is available on the project website.

The top-voted comments on the map, which each received 20 or more up-votes, are:

◆ Patio dining and the pedestrian-friendly environment in The Village can contribute to downtown character

◆ Concern regarding occupancy of vacant retail spaces and the open lot at Maumee and Fisher

◆ Kroger parking lot space being too small

◆ Maintenance concerns with parking lots north of Kercheval

◆ Village maintenance and upkeep concerns

"There's been a lot of great feedback so far and we expect to have more," Jackson said. "We're still listening to what people want to see. We're about halfway through the master planning process. We're starting to formulate some responses to the comments that we receive ... and then there's a whole other round of public input after that."

# Shores to spend \$8 million on water, sewer upgrades

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The Grosse Pointe Shores City Council unanimously approved the sale of \$8 million in bonds at its March 15 meeting to replace the water main along Lakeshore Road and do water and sewer repairs on Oxford Road.

Replacing the water main along Lakeshore will cost \$4.6 million and run almost the entire length of the city from Woodland Shores Drive on the south end to just north of Fairlake Lane at the north end.

The existing 8-inch main will be replaced with a 12-inch main and will connect to a 12-inch line that was installed previously in front of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

The water line starts on the west side of Lakeshore Road at the south end of the city, then crosses over to the east side at Vernier Road.

City Manager Steve Poloni said there should be little traffic disruption

since most of the line is in the right-of-way on either side of Lakeshore Road. The company doing the work will be able to shut off water for short periods of time in small sections and residents will be told ahead of time.

Rather than drilling a new path for the main using directional boring, the line will be installed using a method called "pipe break."

"They start running the line into the old one and it just breaks away into pieces," Poloni said. "Those chunks get left behind so they don't have to dig up the ground."

At one-half mile long, the Oxford Road project runs almost the width of the city and will cost \$2.4 million. Both contracts include money for contingencies and engineering.

That work will include an upgrade from a 6-inch water line — which the state no longer allows — to an 8-inch one. Both projects will address water main breaks, which have plagued the Shores as well as all of the Pointes, and increase overall water pressure.

Sewer work on Oxford Road will include both repairs and replacement depending on the condition of certain sections.

The bonds are expected to be put up for bid in mid-April and sold by late April. Payments on the bonds will start at \$190,000 in 2025, and end at \$440,000 in 2051. The city has a AAA bond rating, the highest possible, based on a 2013 bond that went toward upgrading its streetlight system and making city hall more energy efficient.

The low bidder on both projects was Bidigare Construction of Plymouth, which also has done work in Grosse Pointe Farms. Once work begins, the company will have until Oct. 31 to finish or face a penalty of \$500 per day.

The city last year said it intended to issue \$16 million in bonds for a larger scope of work, but decided to address other projects at a later date. Those include sewer repairs on Hawthorne Road and reconstruction of the Cook Road Pumping Station.

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 19617 HARPER AVENUE HARPER WOODS, MI 48225

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on the Creation of a Special Assessment District to Defray the Costs to Continue the Maintenance and Operation of Police and Fire Protection for the City of Harper Woods.

1. The estimate of the costs and expenses of the police and fire motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and police and fire protection to be defrayed by an annual levy on the lands and premises within the special assessment district. The estimate of costs and expenses is \$5,162,988.00.
2. The creation of a special assessment district consisting of all of the lands and premises within the municipal boundaries of the City of Harper Woods.

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments regarding this matter to the City Clerk's office prior to the hearing date.

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# Analysis: Breaking down bond projects

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Schools Reporter Michael Hartt is supplementing his regular coverage of Grosse Pointe's private and public schools with analysis of commonly asked questions regarding schools in the community. Email him at [mhartt@grossepointe.org](mailto:mhartt@grossepointe.org) with questions that you would like covered.

**What projects are included in the more than \$21 million in 2018 bond funds being spent this summer?**

During the past several months, many individual contracts have been approved for bond work that is scheduled to be completed throughout the summer of 2022.

Major projects for Barnes School, Kerby

and Mason elementary schools and Pierce Middle School, as well as an abatement project for those four schools, along with Brownell Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School, are planned.

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Amanda Matheson said although the pandemic has created some unforeseen challenges for these projects, everything is being completed to the same caliber as it would have been otherwise.

"The pandemic has created some new and different challenges that we typically would not have encountered pre-pandemic, such as some supply chain issues and cost increases," Matheson said.

Several aspects of the larger projects occurring at Barnes, Kerby, Mason and Pierce are similar,

but there also are some significant differences. At all four schools, new secured vestibules, visitor entries, flooring, lighting, mechanical system upgrades and finish replacements were listed in the project recommendations. Millwork, however, was only mentioned in renovations at Kerby, Mason and Pierce. And kitchen improvements were only mentioned at Pierce.

All four of these building renovation projects will be almost exclusively funded from the 2018 bond program, with the exception of \$112,289 and \$129,494 for locker replacements at Kerby and Mason, respectively. The total cost for each of the projects at Barnes, Kerby, Mason and Pierce will not exceed \$2,800,138, \$3,166,879, \$4,905,304 and \$6,219,861, respectively.

In addition to the hard construction work occurring at these four schools, technology upgrades consistent with those at the other district buildings already renovated with 2018 bond funds also are planned. The work includes audio visual systems; video surveillance and door access; public address, bell and clock systems; end user devices; structured cabling; and voice systems. The end user devices include a variety of laptops, desktops, Chromebooks and tech accessories purchased for student or staff use.

The total cost for these technology projects will not exceed \$2,349,290. The 2018 bond fund is, similarly, almost exclusively funding this, with the exception of \$17,826.37, which will be supplied from the general fund for an expansion of

the district's virtualized server environment.

The cost of the six school asbestos abatement projects at North, Brownell, Barnes, Kerby, Mason and Pierce will not exceed \$1,220,600, all of which will be paid with bond funds.

Supplementing the projects at each of the six schools is a move management service and environmental oversight and monitoring service.

The move management service is contracted to remove contents from rooms under construction and place the items in storage for the duration of the work. The total cost for move management services at the six schools is \$820,541.

The environmental consultants will survey the buildings under construction, take material samples for testing, provide reports of any haz-

ardous material identified, provide bid specifications, prepare advertisements for bid, issue RFPs and provide bid award recommendations. The total cost for the environmental oversight and monitoring service will not exceed \$192,330.

With much work still needing to be done to execute the projects, Matheson said she is looking forward to them being completed and seeing how they impact students.

"I'm really excited for all of the improvements that we're making in the buildings," Matheson said. "It improves the classroom environment, not only from the improvements with the infrastructure and classroom aesthetics, but also technology improvements that we've been able to accomplish."

## A vocation for education

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

Though St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School Principal Ann Crowley was honored as one of five principals receiving the 2022 Amazing Catholic Educator Award from the Catholic Foundation of Michigan, her passion lies not in administration, but in the classroom.

Crowley's venture in education began when she obtained a nursing degree and, after trying multiple career avenues, her heart's constant tugging her back to the classroom triumphed. She started her lifelong education journey in the public schools of Detroit, working from administration to teaching.

When her youngest child graduated from high school and went to college, Crowley itched for a greater experience.

"I could teach in a tent," she remembered thinking, "... (just) give me a piece of chalk, or a stick."

She began applying for jobs around the world, finding what she was looking for through a Canadian organization that wanted to send her to Abu Dhabi. After looking it up on a map — she had never heard of the country before, she said — she agreed to the assignment.

"I raised my kids in the city; we only did camping in the United States and Canada," Crowley laughed. "I never went overseas to Europe. ... My first trip over the

ocean is to the Middle East and Africa."

Crowley stayed six years, teaching in Abu Dhabi and Sudan, two very different cities, she noted — "streets are paved of gold in Dubai and in Sudan, it's dirt." The experience showed her the difference in communities from literal rags to riches and the striking observation that children are children, no matter where they are.

"Children are the same everywhere," Crowley said. "They just are looking for you to respect them and have faith in them that they will be successful and encourage them."

About three years ago, Crowley was evacuated from Khartoum, Sudan, due to political strife. She was stationed in Istanbul to continue teaching, this time virtually, with the hopes she'd be able to return to Sudan. After six weeks, when it became clear she would be unable to return, she flew home to the United States.

Though she was looking for a teaching job, when St. Clare reached out to her with a principal position opening, she felt the need to return a favor the school had given to her as a single, working mom many years prior: She credits the school with raising her children, in a way. Between her three children, she participated as a parent with St. Clare nine years.

"It's quite the community," Crowley said of St. Clare school's family. "I like the support."

Her first year as principal of the school included the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. While difficult to traverse, especially useful was Crowley's previous experience with online education after she was evacuated from Sudan. She said the school's unity also proved vital for success.

"People just went with what

I told them," she said. "... Everyone's committed. Everyone wore masks. (We) never had an issue with someone saying, 'I'm not going to wear the mask.'"

Crowley added, the students and teachers alike put their heads down and got through the pandemic-induced stress together.

"The teachers met up with the children on Zoom (the summer of 2020) once a week to make sure they were all fine," she said. "(They) didn't get paid for it. (They were) just like, 'Yeah, we've got to check in (and) make sure everyone's good.'"

To enhance the children's education, Crowley was able to connect a class of sixth graders to a class in Sudan. Her goal was to take "our children here from the city," she said, "... and connect them on an international level with children elsewhere because that's the world they live in now. They need to connect and be able to operate and know we're the same. We're all the same."

Of receiving the Catholic Foundation of Michigan's 2022 Amazing Catholic Educator Award, Crowley said she was overwhelmed with emotion.

"It took me a back a little bit," she said, "but I was just so humbled and appreciative and, of course — the kids love to see you cry — I got a little choked up about it."

To receive an award from the Catholic Foundation of Michigan specifically, she added, was an honor, as it's an organization for which she has a deep respect.

"I have the greatest respect for what they bring forth in the Archdiocese of Detroit specifically," she said, "with all the different communities helping children receive education that they're looking for that they (might not be able to) get in their neighborhood schools."

At the close of the school year, Crowley intends to retire as St. Clare's principal and spend one more year teaching in Sudan to close out her career.

"I wanted to go out



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Ann Crowley spent six years teaching students in Abu Dhabi and Sudan before becoming principal at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School.**

teaching, not administering," she said. "I love the classroom."

There she hopes to reconnect with old friends she didn't have a chance to say goodbye to when she was evacuated. She also plans to again connect a Sudanese class with St. Clare students, this time from the other side of the world.

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**As principal at St. Clare, Crowley connected a class at the school with students in Sudan, teaching them about each other's cultures.**

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**PROJECT - GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (GPPSS) 2022 KERBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECTS**

Contractor's Bid Proposals will be received by Amanda Matheson, ([matheson@gpschools.org](mailto:matheson@gpschools.org)) Deputy Director of Business office of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, at 20601 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48230, on or before **2:00 p.m. (est) on Thursday, April 21, 2022 ("Due Date")**. The Board of Education will not accept proposals received after the Due Date, the date and time specified for Bid Proposal submission. Bid Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the Due Date at the same location.

A non-mandatory **Pre-Bid Proposal** meeting will be held on-site at Kerby Elementary (285 Kerby Rd, Grosse Pointe Farms) on **Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 11am**.

Notify school office before visiting the site. Bidders must follow GPPSS COVID protocols when accessing project sites.

Each Bid Proposal must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

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Bid documents, including Bidders Information Manual, scopes of work, Drawing and Specifications will be made available Monday, April 4, 2022, at the following website:

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For questions regarding the projects, email **John D'Annunzio** at [jdannunzio@sda-eng.com](mailto:jdannunzio@sda-eng.com). Reference "GPPSS 2022 Roof Replacement Projects" in the subject line.

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# New dentist in town: Meet Dr. Patel

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

After half a century and a dedicated, intentional search, Dr. Ted Hadgis and his wife, Jan, have decided to pass ownership of their dentistry practice to the next up-and-coming dentist in Grosse Pointe.

“Our primary focus was to find a qualified, kind, respectful dentist,” Jan Hadgis said via email, “with the goal to continue to provide the best dentistry and to care for our treasured patients and to have the support of our mighty small amazing team who have also been with us for many years.”

Hadgis carefully selected his replacement, ensuring his patients would be in better-than-good hands when he retired, after working in dentistry since 1972.

Meet Dr. Ashish Patel: a Michigander who grew up in India, with a passion for making time for his patients — something Hadgis also strongly emphasized in his practice.

Patel earned his first dental degree in India in 2002. After completing his residency there, he moved to the United States in 2008, shortly after, earning his doctorate of dentistry from the University of Detroit Mercy. He attained another degree — a master’s degree in

operative dentistry at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis — before beginning clinically teaching at the University of Detroit Mercy in 2013. He continued in teaching roles and still holds a role with the university while he practices dentistry today.

Patel takes over Hadgis’s practice in what will be his first practice of his own. His goal is to transition the practice slowly, while continuing the focus of serving the patient. To do this, Patel hopes to continue seeing only one patient at a time to enhance personability.

“I always wanted to be in direct connection with my patients (in my own practice),” Patel added. “I want to make sure I can offer them what I have and what I am good at. I’m really good with people. ... I want (my patients) to know that I am there for them when they need me. There are always some roadblocks between you, your patients or any other person, but I want to make sure I can help them minimize those blocks if possible. I want to grow the practice, but I don’t want to grow in the way that I cannot serve them the way they should be served.”

Patel and Hadgis shadowed each other in work for a time to get a handle

on how each dentist ran or would run a practice.

“We feel good about it,” Hadgis said, of Patel taking over his practice. “We don’t have concerns at all. He’s also a professor at the dental school and has advanced training, which is also a plus. ... That makes us feel good, that the patients are in good hands.”

Patel added his confidence grew in choosing to take over the practice knowing the Hadgises had devoted so much energy and care to their search.

“The way they wanted to look for someone who fits in really made me think that they do care about the practice, rather than just (getting) rid of it to anyone (or) whoever walks in the office,” Patel said. “That was not the goal. They wanted to make sure the practice goes in the hands (of someone) who can manage it well.”

The Hadgises, now retired, look forward to spending more time visiting family out of state, without having to worry about the practice they left behind, as they know it’s in competent and welcoming hands.

Patients or not, Patel encouraged the community to stop in to introduce themselves.

“We are welcoming,” he said. “Any time they want to come by, stop by, say



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After almost half a century, Dr. Ted Hadgis, left, retired, leaving his dentistry in the hands of Dr. Ashish Patel.

hi, I’m always here for them. Not as a patient, even as a neighbor or even as a whatever they want to call it, I’m always here.”

Patel’s practice, Grosse Pointe Dental Care, is located at 20039 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, visit [grossepointedentalcare.com](http://grossepointedentalcare.com) or call (313) 885-9454.

# GP native is second-generation participant in Leadership Detroit

Native Grosse Pointe resident and CNS Healthcare Chief Marketing and Outreach Officer Nancy Gandelot has been selected to participate in the Detroit Regional Chamber’s Leadership Detroit program, a six-month transformational leadership program designed to challenge emerging and existing community leaders from southeast Michigan to bring about positive change.

“I look forward to joining this group of committed individuals who share my passion for making a difference in the community,” Gandelot said. “Through the Leadership Detroit experience, I welcome the opportunity to expand my understanding of the Detroit region and gain insight into the key issues facing our city and region.”

As part of Leadership Detroit’s Class XLII, Gandelot will join approximately 60 executives from across southeast Michigan, representing a cross-section of the community, including business, organized labor, government, education, media, civic groups,



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Nancy Gandelot and her father, Jon Gandelot.

health services and community organizations.

Gandelot also becomes the second generation to participate in Leadership Detroit following in the footsteps of her father, Jon, who was a member of Leadership Detroit VI.

“I’m honored to continue this tradition of leadership and commitment,” she said.

“We are excited to be back with Leadership Detroit Class XLII,” said Dan Piepszowski, senior director of community leadership development at the Detroit Regional Chamber. “This program offers a unique experience that takes leaders on a journey out of their comfort zones to challenge long-held assumptions and to embrace multiple and diverse perspectives on quality-of-life issues in the Detroit region. Change is inevitable, as we have experienced in the past two years. The leaders that will best manage change and seize the opportunities that lie beneath the surface are those who are emotionally intelligent and can tap into the passion and concerns of others. Real change-makers not only inspire others but, they lean in and choose to walk with us down new paths.”

As it has since 1979, Leadership Detroit will continue its role in addressing, discussing and leading conversations important to the Detroit region. The complete Leadership Detroit Class XLII roster is available at [detroit-chamber.com/ld/](http://detroit-chamber.com/ld/).



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The Corner Studio expanded to introduce a new lagree room, able to hold seven machines compared to the previous five housed upstairs.

## More lagree, please

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

Lagree, a popular high-intensity, low-impact exercise method, has taken Grosse Pointe’s The Corner Studio by storm. With its introduction to the studio in May 2021, the five spots for each of the more than 20 lagree classes offered weekly at the new City of Grosse Pointe location were full, with a quickly lengthening waitlist. Luckily for lagree lovers, the studio recently debuted an expansion that has taken over housing the lagree classes, giving more opportunity for clients to get into the studio and get their lagree on.

The Corner Studio owner Nancy Cotton, wife of Grosse Pointe News owner Sean Cotton, said she is proud to bring “this very groundbreaking workout to Grosse Pointe.”

The studio’s lagree classes in May 2021, at their debut, were held in an upstairs portion of the studio space — dubbed, the “lagree loft.” The process of moving downstairs and into a larger room, now termed the “lagree lounge,” began shortly after lagree’s debut, as the Corner team realized they brought a high-demand class to the Pointes that would quickly outgrow its allocated space.

“We had so much interest and we were not able to get enough

people in there,” lagree co-owner and trainer Whitney Stines said. “We had some ideas for (the expansion space), but we just thought we could see (lagree) expanding even more than it already did. It did so well in the beginning that we just kind of saw this would be a better use of the space.”

The expanded studio, which saw its first class Tuesday, Feb. 22, allows for seven machines — an increase from the previous five — more room between stations and better mirror visuals.

“I love getting more people into the class,” Stines said. “I like the flow of it. I think it’s so much nicer to walk around. I think it’s more client attention, as well, even though it’s a bigger space. It just feels more natural. You kind of pop in between machines more and kind of assist people. ...”

“I think people just felt like there was a lot of focus on them (in the old room),” she added. “This way you’re kind of focused in your own little area. If the instructor comes up to you, it’s kind of just like your own little space.”

The previous “lagree loft” is now home to a pilates circuit private/duet classroom.

For more information on Corner’s lagree classes, visit [thecornerstudiogp.com/pilates-lagree-home](http://thecornerstudiogp.com/pilates-lagree-home), call (313) 332-0032 or follow [@thecornerstudiogp](https://www.instagram.com/thecornerstudiogp) on Instagram.

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Lyn and Mike Crowley came from Pleasant Ridge to help assemble the food packets. They came to help at St. Paul because it had been difficult to find volunteer work the past year.



Laurie Snyder lines up packages to be boxed.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Mission accomplished!

# St. Paul hosts meal-packaging service project

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

For the volunteers who participated in St. Paul on the Lake's Super Service Saturday event March 19, the first time's the charm.

The event, which included 215 volunteers of all ages, exceeded its goal of packaging 40,000 meals. By the end of the day, 40,176 meals were boxed and ready to be shipped to Haiti, Nicaragua and Guatemala, through Cross Catholic Outreach, a global organization based in Florida.

"We'd never done it before, but it was a dream project for me," event organizer Tricia Kesteloot said. "I have a heart for service. Some people knit, some people play tennis; I like to coordinate service projects."

The project, which initially was in the books three years ago, was brought to Kesteloot by St. Paul alumnus Patrick McVeigh. She jumped at the chance. "This is something I've always wanted to do," she said. "A host family provided financial support, so all our resources went into finding volunteers."

Volunteers came from all over, even as far away as Sault Ste. Marie.

"I love our community," she added. "It was the St. Paul parish, members of the community at large,



Ethan Murphy, Isabelle Jones, Seminarian Charlie Giroux and Cassidy Woolums measure and create the packets.

members of St. Ambrose and St. Clare (Catholic churches). It was a melting pot. I had to turn away 50 additional volunteers."

Jobs for those volunteers were plentiful, from setting up and unloading supplies onto mini assembly lines to helping clean up — the latter of which was handled by the University of Detroit Jesuit High School hockey team, of which McVeigh is a member.

"It was a great day," Kesteloot said, "and a team effort — from the name tags to the greeters to the people working on the lines. There were no

idle hands; everybody had a job."

Each assembly line was overseen by a table captain and each person on the line was in charge of a food item, including soy beans; flour; rice; a

mix of carrots, peas and celery; and a vitamin pack.

Other volunteers sealed each package, loaded them into boxes and loaded boxes onto pallets.



Quinn Getz shows her daughter, Lily, how to seal the bags after the food is weighed and measured.

"It was organized; we were very succinct in what we were doing," Kesteloot said. "It was a great, huge team effort. And all of our clergy were there — three priests, our deacon and our seminarian. It was wonderful to have them all there."

"... I'm extremely happy about how it all turned out," she added.

"Our mission statement is dedicated to forming missionaries and doing service work for other people. ... I think this was a wonderful opportunity for everyone in our community to serve. It was a proud moment for St. Paul."

"And everybody enjoyed themselves serving others. That's the gift."



Left, June Lawrence, development officer, Cross Catholic Outreach; Patrick McVeigh, co-leader; Tricia Kesteloot, co-leader and Debbie Gonot, who originally arranged this event three years ago. She retired during the pandemic and moved to Florida, but came back to Michigan to help pack and see the project to fruition. Right, Evelyn Jensen came to assemble and pack food with her sisters, Sydney and Carina, and their mom, Nicole Jensen.



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# Soroptimist International of GP awards \$11,400

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe, or SIGP, recently awarded four Live Your Dream awards totaling \$7,000. The Live Your Dream Award is the signature award of Soroptimist International of the Americas. It is a unique educational award for women who provide the primary financial support for their families, are working toward a certification or degree and have financial need. The LYD Award gives women the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

In addition, \$3,000 was awarded to the winner of the Virginia Wagner Educational Award, \$900 to the Ruby Award winners and \$500 to last year's LYD winner for the Continuing Education Award. For more information about the club, the award winners and how to donate, visit [grossepointesoroptimist.org](http://grossepointesoroptimist.org).

**First-place winner, Live Your Dream Award, \$3,000 — Nealmetria Loper**

Loper is the mother of four daughters and lives

in Detroit. She is passionate about helping mothers and their children become self-sufficient through resource education and community support. She also has been chosen as the District III and Midwestern Region Live Your Dream winner, for which she wins additional awards of \$5,000 and her application moves on to be judged at the federation level.

**Second-place winner, Live Your Dream Award, \$2,000 — Delia Mustin**

Mustin was born on the Caribbean Island of Saint Lucia. A mother of four children, she looks forward to completing studies at the Specs Howard School of Media Arts at Lawrence Technological University. Her goal is to produce an educational documentary that will help bolster school curriculum and make visual learning readily accessible to all K-12 students and students with learning disabilities.

**Third-place winner, Live Your Dream Award, \$1,000 — Denise Sargent**

Sargent is a single mother to three children, the oldest of whom is 12

years old and has special needs. As a parent of a neurodivergent ADHD child, she often has felt alienated and judged when her child struggled with his outbursts. This is the reason she decided to pursue a bachelor's degree in social work and disability studies at the University of Windsor. Her family has gone through many challenges over the years and her goal is to make it easier for children, their caregivers and their families, and to advocate for change.

**Fourth-place winner, Live Your Dream Award, \$1,000 — Danyelle Easley**

Easley is from metro Detroit and currently works full time. She also is enrolled in Wayne County Community College, pursuing a career in healthcare. Taking care of her grandmother and children throughout her life has inspired her to work for greater change in healthcare throughout her community. She hopes to graduate the same year as her daughter, who is a freshman at Michigan State University.

**Virginia Wagner Education Award, \$3,000 — Lavina Hutchinson**

The Virginia Wagner Educational Award honors a woman who is enrolled in a university degree program and shows effort toward a scholarship and has a financial need.

Hutchinson will use the award to assist her with tuition costs in the RN-BSN program at Oakland University. In 2020, she won SIGP's Live Your Dream Award. At that time, she was completing an associate degree in science at Macomb Community College. Then in 2021, she received SIGP's \$500 Continuing Education Award as she entered Oakland University. Her goal is to become a nurse practitioner; SIGP plans to mentor her through that journey to graduation.

**First-place winner, Ruby Award, \$500 — Kimberly Williams**

The Soroptimist Ruby Award honors women who, through their professional or personal efforts, are making extraordinary differences

in the lives of women or girls.

Williams is the executive director of the Dominican Literacy Center. She is a true literacy champion and advocate. Her interest in the field of adult education and literacy led her to enter a reading specialist program at Marygrove College, where she earned a Master of Education degree in reading instruction.

"I thank God for a career and a job that I love," she said. "The work that we do literally changes lives and I am so happy to be a part of that change."

**Second-place winner, Ruby Award, \$400 — Sister Janice Brown, OP**

Brown is the executive director of Sienna Literacy Center. She has been involved in adult education and workforce training since 2005. In addition to developing curriculum, she enjoys presenting adult education, including Adult Basic Education, Workforce Development, Student Motivation, Leadership Skills and English Language

Acquisition.

**Live Your Dream Continuing Education Award, \$500**

The SIGP Continuing Education Award was established in 2018, to provide additional financial support to LYD recipients as they work toward completing their education programs.

Tonesia, whose last name was withheld for privacy, is a single mother whose child was born with multiple special needs. She is completing her studies at Wayne County Community College and will enroll in the nursing program at Wayne State University in the fall.

"Had it not been for the numerous surgeries, the frequent visits to the doctors, hospital stays and challenges faced on a regular basis, I would not understand nor have the faith or courage to continue to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse, author and motivational speaker," she said. "By accomplishing these goals, someday I will be able to help make a greater impact on the lives of other people."

## Garden Center series focuses on the basics

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center presents the first of a series of basic gardening programs for adults and families.

Basic Gardening, Session 1 takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, via Zoom. The speaker is Mil Hurley, a well-known horticulturist and landscape architect in Grosse Pointe and the surrounding area. The presentation will include topics to help gardeners plan and

prepare beds for planting, select plants and maintain gardens. At the end of the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to ask Hurley questions.

Admission is free for Garden Center members, \$10 for nonmembers, plus a processing fee.

Register for the presentation online at [gpgardencenter.org/basicgardening](http://gpgardencenter.org/basicgardening).

This live presentation may not be recorded.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 will tour the historic Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site on Thursday, April 7. This is a rare opportunity to view one of the last remaining properties from the Golden Era of automobile production. The property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Detroit-area Quester groups meet monthly; there are seven groups on the east side of Detroit. Questers

is an international organization founded in 1944. Its major objectives are to stimulate the appreciation and collecting of antiques and encourage the preservation of historical landmarks. For more information, email [pettipointequesters@gmail.com](mailto:pettipointequesters@gmail.com).

### Ford House

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

◆ Bunny Trail scavenger hunt, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays throughout April.

◆ Story Time: "My Friend Earth," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays during April.

◆ Talk: Vertical Gardening and Biosecurity, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 7.

◆ "The Birds of Gaukler Pointe" photography exhibition, April 14 to June 12, in the Teague Gallery.

◆ Sustainability Talk: Farming, with Anthony Hatinger, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 21.

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

### Library

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

◆ Story Time with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 7, via Zoom.

◆ The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 7, via Zoom. The documentary begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a live Q&A session with the

director at 8:15 p.m.

◆ Writing Group, 4 to 5:15 p.m. Monday, April 11, for ages 11 to 13.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Tuesday Night Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, via Zoom.

◆ Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 14, via Zoom.

◆ Teen Advisory Board, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, via Zoom.

◆ ArtLab—Stuck on Poetry, 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Adults Love Storytime Too!, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, via Zoom.

### The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents the following events:

◆ Author Talk: S. Kirk Walsh, "The Elephant of Belfast," 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7. Admission is free. A paperback book bundle costs \$18; a hardcover book bundle is \$24.

◆ An Evening with Chef Joe Paxton: French Louisiana Cuisine, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Tickets are \$70 and include a multi-course dinner and samplings of suggested drink pairings. Ticket sales end April 8.

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# Third in 'Dinosaurs' series is 'Underwater Adventure'

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When Jayne Rose-Vallee published her first children's book, "Dinosaurs Living in My Hair!" in 2015, she had high hopes for its success.

She was not disappointed. In a few short months, the author received numerous awards, including a Mom's Choice Gold Award for Children's Picture Book, Purple Dragonfly First Place Award for Poetry and New Book Awards Gold, among others.

Her 2018 followup, "Dinosaurs Living in My Hair!2," was equally successful, also winning a Mom's Choice Gold Award, two Moonbeam Children's Book awards and a Benjamin Franklin Book Award, to name a few.

While the first book followed the adventures of Sabrina, whose untamable curls may or may not have been harboring dinosaurs, the second book explored the topic of classroom bullying.

Rose-Vallee recently published a third installment, "Dinosaurs Living in My Hair!3: An Underwater Adventure," which focuses on biodiversity, ecosystems and



Author Jayne Rose-Vallee

humankind's responsibility to care for them.

"I'm having so much fun with it," said Rose-Vallee, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. "This one is geared older. The first book was for preschool children. The second one is for grades one and two. This third book is for second through fourth grade. The characters have grown up."

The latest book finds Sabrina and three of her curly-haired friends at summer camp, where they go on an ocean excursion. While spotting a variety of aquatic life, they also discover

the impact mankind's waste is having on marine life.

It's this lesson about caring for the ecosystem and being responsible with trash that Rose-Vallee brings to the classroom. So far, she's read the book to STEM students in Farmington, as well as students in two Florida

schools. The reading coincides with a craft that provides a visual component.

"They know about the environment and plastics, but to see it visually is another story," Rose-Vallee said. "This is just a reminder."

Also as part of her classroom program, she discusses with students common plastic products and modern alternatives, including toothbrushes and cutlery made of bamboo.

"How can we package better?" she asks them. "What can we use instead of plastic?"

Today's students, she

added, are tomorrow's innovators, so why not plant a few eco-friendly seeds?

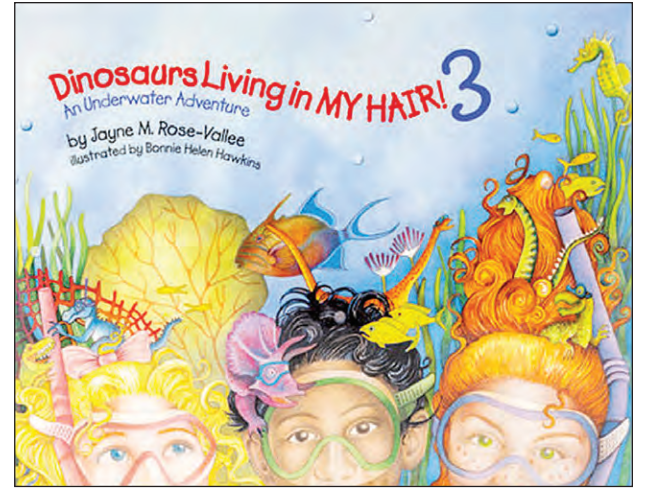
"Like all the books, they're great conversation starters," she said.

Rose-Vallee received accolades from Kirkus Reviews for using advanced vocabulary in her new book, which is told in rhyme and features illustrations from Bonnie Helen Hawkins.

"This is watercolor," Rose-Vallee said. "I believe art is so valuable to kids. Bonnie was not afraid to do underwater scenes. It takes a unique talent to do that."

Rose-Vallee is happy to visit classrooms to share the eco-friendly message of "Dinosaurs Living in My Hair!3." Teachers can book her for classroom presentations by visiting her author page, [jaynerosevallee.com](http://jaynerosevallee.com).

She also has two upcoming book events in the community. She'll appear at Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe, 15118 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30. She'll also be at Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, 21714 Harper, St. Clair Shores, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Both events will feature crafts, signed books and give-



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Rose-Vallee's most recent release, the third in the series.

aways. The Coreander's event also will include a face painter.

Proceeds from the sales of all three "Dinosaurs Living in My Hair!" books and events directly benefit Rose-Vallee's nonprofit, Literacy for Kids Inc.

The nonprofit, through its Authors:IN-Detroit program, brings authors and illustrators — and, of course, books — to classrooms to promote literacy, imagination and poetry.

As the pandemic began to subside, Rose-Vallee and Literacy for Kids Executive Director Heather Mertz were able to visit classrooms, sharing video messages from featured authors and

illustrators with students; however, that is about to change.

During their Friday, April 29, visit to the Golightly Education Center in Detroit, the pair will have with them Grand Rapids author Kenneth Kraegle.

"This is our first, true, in-person Literacy for Kids event," Rose-Vallee said.

"I can't wait to see their smiling faces," Mertz added. "It's great to be back in classrooms. I can't tell you how exciting that is. ... The amount of energy kids give you is so rewarding."

More information about Authors:IN-Detroit is available at [literacyforkids.org](http://literacyforkids.org).

## The War Memorial welcomes new CFO

The War Memorial recently welcomed Maria Miller as its new chief financial officer. Miller has been a financial leader in the nonprofit sector 20 years, most recently as vice president of finance at Beaumont Health.

Having helped various leaders develop financial acumen by partnering and understanding their operational needs, Miller has been a trusted team member. Her passion for her work stems from a true desire to demystify finance for others and provide meaningful data and analytics needed to perform their roles efficiently and optimally.



Maria Miller

"It's such an honor to work at The War Memorial, a crown jewel of the Pointes — as well as southeastern Michigan — and one of my favorite places," Miller said. "I'm privileged to serve in a fiduciary capacity ensuring solid strength of this

institution for generations to come."

During her last eight years at Beaumont, Miller oversaw finance for the Beaumont Grosse Pointe campus, successfully leading the hospital to favorable productivity, budgeted and financial results. Miller additionally led finance for the system's diversified operations, including up to nearly a dozen of distinct off-campus business lines worth \$700 million.

"Maria is an excellent addition to the team here at The War Memorial and we are thrilled to welcome her aboard," President and CEO Charles Burke

said. "The expertise that Maria will provide to the institution is invaluable and her commitment to innovation and leadership will collectively propel us forward into our bright future."

Miller holds an MBA from Wayne State University, choosing the school because of its diverse culture and urban environment. With a concentration in entrepreneurship and innovation, it reflects her own desire to bring creativity and new ideas to aspects of her work life. She grew up near the Grosse Pointes and has several friends and family living and owning businesses in the area.

Miller believes in a balanced lifestyle. Her mental, physical and spiritual well-being, as well as sus-

taining relationships with her children, family and friends, are vital to her ability to thrive. She enjoys art, live music and sporting events, and appreciates good food and wine.

## Meet the mayors at The Helm April 13

Keeping a community vibrant and desirable is not only an elected official's job, but also that of its residents. From 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, at The Helm, residents have the chance to chat with the mayors from Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointes.

Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle, City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Therors, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges, Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski and Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Art Bryant join guests for pastries, fruit, coffee and tea — and to discuss salient issues. This is an opportunity to meet the people who help run the community and share ideas for maintaining the quality of life in the Pointes and Harper Woods.

This event is free for

members and nonmembers. Space is limited, so registration is required.

Members and regular guests of The Helm are asked to register online

at [helmlife.org](http://helmlife.org). Others may call (313) 882-9600 for assistance.

The Helm is located at 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.



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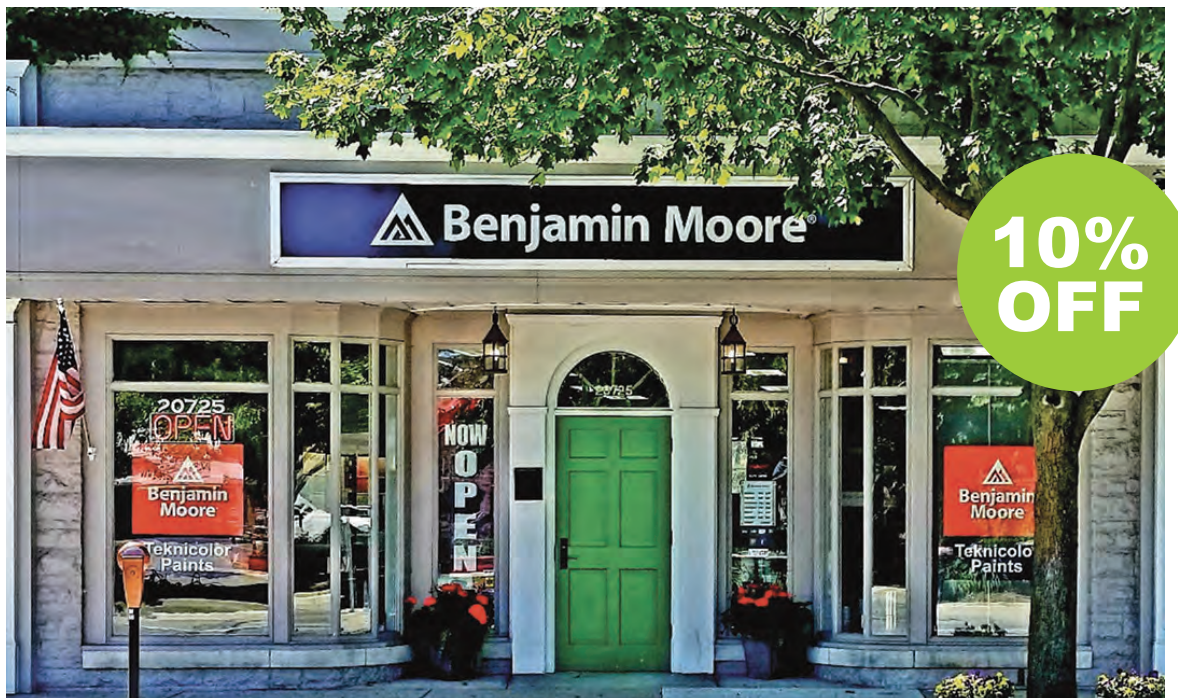
# The perks of being a senior

## Enjoy discounts available all around the Pointes



Above, Rainy Day Art & Framing is a great place to spend a day looking at all the creative stuff in store. Seniors save a cool 10% on purchases every day at Rainy Day.

At right, Teknicolor Paints Grosse Pointe Woods (a Benjamin Moore Retailer) has a rainbow of paint options for seniors looking to spruce up their homes at a discount.



COURTESY PHOTOS

By Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writer

In addition to wisdom and a perfect golf swing, the senior citizen discount is great benefit of entering the golden years. As inflation and fuel costs soar, it's good to know there are still some money-saving opportunities to be had.

Fortunately, the Grosse Pointe area is home to quite a few merchants who express their care for the community by offering sweet deals for seniors. Check out some of the great discounts available locally, and spread the word. Don't let a chance to save some cash be a best-kept secret!

Many thanks to The Helm for providing information on these Grosse Pointe area discounts for seniors.

### Art, Home Decor and Home Improvement

Spring is the perfect time for a home makeover. Change the color of your walls and fall in love with your home all over again! Teknicolor Paints Grosse Pointe Woods (a Benjamin Moore Retailer) can help, while providing seniors with a cool 10% off the purchase of paint. Come see the color swatches for the season and start your home project now.

The Great Frame Up on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods gives seniors 15% off materials on your next framing job. Now you can frame that beautiful print you stashed away after last year's art fair, and place it on your newly-painted wall.

At Rainy Day Art & Framing, seniors get 10% off their purchases every day. There is so much to discover at this local gem of the community.

### Looking good

Great Clips on Kercheval will have you looking fresh for spring with super-reasonable \$15 haircuts for seniors (and kids). Get a new 'do and look sharp in your Easter outfit.

Family Barber Shop on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods also gives seniors a super discount on haircuts. Seniors can support a local business and get a great-looking haircut for only \$17. Appointments are suggested.

### Specialty deals

Party animals can make their next bash a success by taking advantage of the 10% senior discount at Party Adventure on Mack in St. Clair Shores. Plates, cups, party decor and more, in every imaginable color and style take your celebration to the next level. So for that upcoming birthday party, anniversary or poker night, add some extra

fun with themed decor and serving supplies. The senior discount applies to all products except helium balloons.

We can't forget senior's furry friends, so Bow Wow Baketique offers 10% off on doggie baked goods for your favorite tail-waggers. Place an order at (313) 469-7204 for yummy puppy cupcakes, canine cakes and delicious dog biscuits.

### Quick bites

If you're looking for something quick, Wendy's on Mack offers seniors a free beverage with the purchase of any meal. Most McDonald's locations offer free or discounted coffee.

### Internet and cellphone

AT&T and T-Mobile both have plans that keep seniors connected at special savings. T-Mobile has three plans for those 55+, that deeply discount the rates for seniors.

### Travel

Best Western Hotels & Resorts let seniors save 5-15% at select hotel locations at over 4,000 hotels worldwide. Marriot offers a senior discount at participating locations.

Many fine businesses provide senior discounts that may not be overtly publicized, so it never hurts to ask, especially these days when every dollar counts.

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Above, all good dogs deserve a treat, and all dogs are good! Bow Wow Baketique bakes treats that are specially-made for your canine pals. A custom birthday cake with all the right ingredients will make your pooch happy indeed. Below, Brownie Bones are a perfect reward for learning a new trick, or just for being cute. Cupcakes for pups, are a bite-sized goodie that might earn you a kiss.



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## THE ENCORE YEARS

## John Boll embarks on a new adventure

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — John Boll has held a lot of titles over the course of his life. Husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, laborer, veteran, business owner, philanthropist.

Now he has added author to the list. His book, "A Wheelbarrow and a Shovel: The Story Behind America's Most Unlikely Real Estate Empire," was published late last year by Simon & Schuster and can be purchased online.

The 222-page autobiography lays out Boll's upbringing as a first-generation American, his tireless work ethic, his Christian faith and how a tragic event led to what would become tens of millions of dollars in charitable giving.

Boll said he was encouraged to write the book by his family, which consists of three children and their spouses, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He resisted at first, but after a weekend in 2019 celebrating his 90th birthday filled with friends and family asking Boll to recount stories of his childhood, his parents and his career in business, he relented.

"I thought it would be a short process, but it took longer than I expected," Boll said. "We had to go back and explore and dig up things we had forgotten about."

The business part of Boll's life is well known and provides the "how" part of the story, but the rest of it — the "why" — fills in the details.

Boll's parents came to America from The Netherlands in 1928, a year before he was born. Settling first in Detroit, they eventually moved to St. Clair Shores, where Boll graduated from Lakeview High School.

After a brief stint as a plumber's apprentice and working back-to-back shifts on the assembly line at two different automobile plants, Boll was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951, which would lead to him meeting Marlene, his wife of nearly 68 years.

The two met while he was stationed in North Carolina, training to be an Army medic, and she was there to perform with the Roxyettes, a forerunner of the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes. She would eventually become a dancer on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and then realize her dream of becoming a full-fledged Rockette.

After their 1954 wedding, Boll literally had just a wheelbarrow and a shovel and began taking on odd jobs. Those included cleaning up at construction sites and digging trenches to connect houses along Jefferson Avenue in St. Clair Shores to new sewer lines installed by the city.

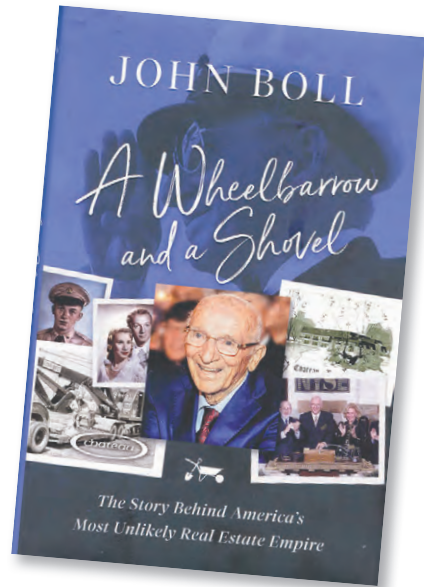
Years later, while on vacation in Las Vegas, the couple noticed a painting titled "Miracle" that features a pair of work boots coupled with a pair of ballet slippers. They bought it and reprints now hang in their Michigan, Florida and Colorado residences.

He soon joined with two brothers he knew from high school and they formed Lakeview Excavating, named for their alma mater. As the Detroit suburbs continued to grow, Boll started Chateau Estates, developing manufactured home communities.

"Soldiers who came back from World War II and the Korean War were buying trailers and parking them next to each other on lots," Boll said. "That's where the term 'trailer park' comes from, but that has such a negative connotation. We wanted to give them something nice, somewhere they'd be proud to live."

The communities Boll built usually included a clubhouse and in-ground pool.

That evolved into Chateau Properties, known as a Real Estate Investment Trust, which grew large enough that, on Nov. 16, 1993, the



"A Wheelbarrow and a Shovel", a memoir by the local philanthropist behind many a community project, John Boll.

Bolls rang the bell to open the New York Stock Exchange. It was the first time a collection of manufactured home communities went public on Wall Street and they sold out of 5.7 million shares that day.

After more growth and a merger with a similar firm in 1996, the company was sold to the State of Washington Pension Fund for \$2.3 billion.

The Bolls would start their foundation, which has so far given away \$55 million, in the early 1980s, not long after moving to Grosse Pointe Shores.

That charitable aspect of their lives started in the early 1960s as a way to deal with grief.

Boll's parents at the time owned the Light Tower Motel on Gratiot in Roseville. Two men entered the office late the night of Aug. 10, 1960, demanding money. As Boll's mother ran out seeking help, one of the men shot her in the back and killed her.

"Marlene and I hadn't given anything in philanthropy to that point, but a friend suggested it might help me with my grief if I did so in my mom's memory," Boll writes in the book.

They made a \$2,000 donation to St. John Hospital, where today a plaque still hangs outside the room dedicated to her.

Decades later, the list of causes and projects the Bolls have contributed to is myriad. The Boll Family YMCA in Detroit, The Helm at the Boll Life Center, the Boll Center for Human Development, the John and Marlene Boll Campus Center at University Liggett School and the John and Marlene Boll Athletic Center at Grosse Pointe South High School are among the most recognizable.

As Boll explains in the book, his and his wife's Christian faith means they have tried to live their lives with compassion and empathy.

"As our companies became successful, we had a clear understanding that everything belongs to God, and it is our duty to give generously to those in need and to give cheerfully and with gratitude and sincerity, whether it was with our time, financial resources or service."

That compassion also came through under a different circumstance.

The men responsible for his mother's death eventually were caught, tried and sentenced to prison. In the early 1990s, then-Gov. John Engler called Boll. Engler was considering granting early release to several thousand inmates in order to address a budget deficit. The governor asked Boll if he objected to the two men being set free, as they had shown themselves to be model prisoners.

"Forgiveness is not a one-time action," Boll wrote. "The Bible makes it clear that for Jesus Christ to forgive us, we must forgive others."

For the entire story of John Boll's life and his road to success, find his book on amazon.com.

## ACHIEVEMENTS



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Blooming for business  
Loweke gets Lifetime Achievement Award

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

One could say that David Loweke was born into the floral business.

The son of Roland and Agnes Mae Loweke, who with Vincent Adamo started Conner Park Florist in 1946, has been working in the industry since 1968, when he graduated from St. Clare School at age 14.

He worked there through his years attending Assumption High School in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and while earning a degree in history with a minor in business from Saint Joseph's College in Indiana. After earning his master's degree in business administration, with a specialty in marketing, from Loyola University in Chicago, he started working full time at Conner Park.

"That was 1979," he said. "I worked there through the '80s and '90s, and then in 2001, my mom sold her interest in the business. That's when I came here to work for Bruce (Anderson)."

The past 20 years, Loweke has worked at Moerhing Woods Flowers in Grosse Pointe Woods. His longevity in the business — 53 years and counting — recently was recognized by the Great Lakes Floral Association as Loweke received its 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award.

He was nominated by Anderson, his longtime friend and employer.

"His expertise and talent and knowledge of the floral industry are a tremendous asset," Anderson said. "This guy has been committed to the industry for so long, he deserves to be recognized. It's a big award. It's once a year. He's well deserving. His contributions are stellar and he needed to be recognized."

Loweke's expertise spans several areas of responsibility. These days, he primarily makes deliveries, but also uses his accounting background to assist Anderson with financials. He also was instrumental with the 2004 renovation of Moerhing Woods.

"I've always been involved in the industry in one way or another," he said, "with anything that comes up. It's always been a hands-on experience. ... It's about adapting to situations as they come along."

While at Conner Park, Loweke served as its chief financial officer, but his duties included handling the accounting, marketing, advertising, dispatching, contract bidding and installations. He also participated in holiday decorating, designing and building props and displays, providing



David Loweke stands behind two awards — his mother's 1999 Lifetime Achievement Award, left, and his own 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award, from the Great Lakes Floral Association.

technical support and facilities management, as well as any other function he was called upon to manage.

His responsibilities through the years moved beyond in-store duties to include volunteering for several floral industry organizations. He served as regional director of the Great Lakes Floral Association in 1986; was appointed treasurer in 1989, a position he served three years; and was elected at-large director in 1991. From there, he was elected vice president, then served as president in 1995, followed by two years as immediate past president.

During 10 years on the GLFA board, he helped develop the Michigan Certified Florist program and the Michigan Horticultural workers compensation program.

After serving on the Board of Directors for the Detroit Allied Florist Association, he was hired as its executive director. He also served on the boards of two 501(c)3 organizations — the Warren Conner Development Coalition and the Eastside Industrial Council. After leaving Allied, he was hired by the EIC to serve as its executive director, helping develop in-place industrial parks and securing a Community Development Block Grant for them.

All the while, he continued working in the floral retail industry, of which Loweke said he's happy to have served more than five decades.

"It's been a wonderful industry for my family and for Bruce," he said. "There have been many changes over the years. It's a challenging industry — time sensitive and holiday oriented."

Whether flowers are for a wedding, funeral, birthday or first date, there's a communal joy among them.

"One of the biggest draws, when I started as a driver in 1975, was you're delivering

emotion to somebody's door," Anderson said. "... You go to a person's door and see a smile on their face. You know you're making someone's day."

Loweke agreed. "A lot of times, people don't expect you showing up," he said. "It's a very rewarding experience."

Part of the reward for Loweke is knowing how much the industry meant to his parents, who were involved in the business long before starting Conner Park with Adamo. Roland Loweke worked at Rose Terrace, the Dodge Estate, as a grower in their greenhouse. He met Agnes Mae Loweke at Livernois Davison Florist, where she worked.

But what makes his Lifetime Achievement Award even more special is the fact Loweke's mother received it in 1999.

"It's a tremendous honor," he said. "Having dedicated my entire life to the industry, it is extremely rewarding to be acknowledged. I appreciate the honor and the spirit in how it was given. The fact my mom won it in 1999 felt like it had come full circle in relation to family."

"... My mom was a workhorse," he added. "She put in 80-hour weeks for 30 years. She was active until her late 70s. She was my inspiration. I'd like to think I wouldn't have gotten into this business if it wasn't for her. This is extremely rewarding for me."

When Loweke isn't spreading smiles throughout the Pointes, the St. Clair Shores resident enjoys spending time at his place on Big LaSalle Island, in the Les Cheneaux Islands near Mackinac. He plans to work until his wife retires from her post with the University of Michigan.

"When she retires, I suspect we'll find someplace warmer to go to," he said. "Until then, I'll continue to help Bruce as long as he's willing to have me."

# 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.

## Frances Louise Fox

Frances Louise (nee Leith) Fox, 98, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 31, 2022.

She was the beloved wife of 43 years of the late William R. Fox; and loving mother to Patrick, Patricia “Tish” Dompierre (Ron Michalczuk) and Hunter. Frances was predeceased by her sons, Patrick and Hunter. She was the dear grandmother of Michael and Jacques Dompierre, and Forrest and Madison Fox; and great-grandmother of Olive Fox.

Frances, affectionately known as “Sweetie,” was born Feb. 13, 1924, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to William and Frances (nee Webster) Leith. She moved with her family to Windsor where she resided until she was 16, at which time she moved to Detroit and became a U.S. citizen. She finished her high school education at Pershing High School and completed her education at Detroit Business College.

Fran was employed by the Bank of Commonwealth and became the first woman branch manager in Detroit during World War II. She was very active in the American Institute of Banking throughout her career and held several leadership roles.

She was a past member of the Colony Town Club, Cancer Loan Closet Foundation and Grosse

Pointe Yacht Club. Fran enjoyed golf and tennis, as well as playing bridge and gin rummy. Her love for travel took her all over the world.

The last several years of her life, she resided in the Northville area to be closer to her daughter and family. Fran developed long-lasting friendships throughout her life and was a truly special and shining example to the family and friends she leaves behind. Her memory, love and legacy enriched many lives.

A private memorial will be held at a future date. Charitable donations may be made in Fran’s name to the Alzheimer’s Association, alz.org.

## Michael Kermit Tetreault

Michael Kermit Tetreault of Grosse Pointe Park died peacefully Monday, March 14, 2022, surrounded by family at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. He was 70 years old. The son of a Detroit police officer and homemaker, Michael was, from the age of 7, the surviving eldest of 10 children.

Schooled at St. Edward Elementary School in Detroit and then Austin Catholic Preparatory School, he was a young man emblematic of his era: altar boy, newspaper carrier for the Detroit Free Press and, with his childhood friends, guitarist in a garage rock ‘n’ roll band named

Fourmula that appeared throughout the metro area. During the Vietnam War, he was fortunate enough to draw a high military draft lottery number, yet he witnessed firsthand the violence and devastation of the 1967 Detroit insurrection. When told how lucky he was, he would not argue the matter; he knew.

He also was a product of Detroit. He began his professional career as an automotive paint technician for Inmont, flying to vehicle assembly plants throughout the country to install and maintain automotive paint application systems in the first wave of the environmentally safer high-solids coatings.

In 1976, he married the former Lynn Ann Godfrey of Plymouth. They resided and raised their family in Grosse Pointe Park.

A lifelong Tigers fan, he followed the team through its highs and lows. He was at Tiger Stadium in 1984, when the team won the deciding game in the World Series. During the 1970s, he volunteered as a rescue diver during the Gold Cup hydroplane races on the Detroit River. He continued to perform as a musician in a number of bands at weddings and bar mitzvahs, chiefly in the group Rocket A Johnny and the Orlons.

In later years, he was in high demand as a self-employed home improvement tradesman specializing in interior



Frances Louise Fox



Michael K. Tetreault



Stephen Martine Sherer

## Stephen Martine Sherer

Stephen Martine Sherer died Monday, March 7, 2022, in Boca Raton, Fla., where he had been convalescing for several years.

Steve was born Feb. 2, 1939, in Detroit. He graduated from the Taft School, attended the University of Michigan and transferred to the Art Center College in Los Angeles, from which he graduated with high honors.

Steve had extraordinary creative artistic talent. He spent 13 years on the Ford Motor Co. design staff responsible for a variety of assignments in the U.S. and Europe, including Ford auto show displays, the Mercury Capri and Lincoln Continental Mark III. Steve was responsible for the design concept for several Ford real estate developments, including Fairlane and Detroit’s Renaissance Center. While in Detroit, he designed and installed a number of major exhibits at the Detroit Institute of Arts and served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Steve left Ford and returned to the Art Center to teach and develop its leading computer graphics curriculum while starting his own industrial design company in Palm Desert,

Calif. He produced designs for a huge variety of products, from trademarks to toys to real estate developments, motor vehicles and more. He was a pioneer in the development of 3-D Wire Frame Character Computer Animation and produced animation for Lucas Productions and Disney.

Steve married Patti Petane in Palm Desert and, though later divorced, they remained good friends and often collaborated.

Steve was predeceased by his brother, Joseph, and sister, Lydia Taylor. He is survived by his sister, Anne Paddock, and brothers, Samuel and Myron.

## Memorial

### Glenn W. Peters

A funeral service for Glenn W. Peters will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Peters passed away peacefully in his Grosse Pointe Shores home Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021. His full obituary appeared in the Jan. 13 edition of the Grosse Pointe News or online at bit.ly/37bJLMM

# DAR Good Citizen Awards announced

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently announced the 2022 DAR Good Citizen Award winners.

Each year, the DAR recognizes high-achieving students at Detroit and Grosse Pointe high schools with the DAR Good Citizen Award. These students are selected by members of their high school faculty for exhibiting good citizenship in their homes, schools and communities.

The DAR Good Citizen Award is presented to graduating high school seniors who demonstrate the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. In addition, students are invited to participate in a scholarship essay contest sharing their thoughts on this year’s topic, “How do the qualities of a good citizen help support our nation?”

This year, the Louisa St. Clair Chapter is honoring three students: Blair Cromwell, Fiona Lacroix and Peyton Ross. These students were awarded a chapter-level scholarship; Peyton Ross was selected to advance to the state level in the essay contest for a chance to earn an additional scholarship.

**Blair Cromwell** is a senior at Cass Technical High School in Detroit, a college preparatory high school with a challenging curriculum, where his



Blair Cromwell

impressive academic performance has resulted in many honors. Cromwell plans to attend college in the fall and is determined to make an impact in society and be a positive part of change in people’s lives. He is a National Honor Society member, a Cass Technical High School ambassador, captain of the varsity soccer team and a BUF Award ceremony participant. Cromwell is dually enrolled in college coursework at Wayne County Community College. His extracurricular activities include participating in the Pathway to Excellence mentoring program, midnight golf and Liverpool travel team soccer. Cromwell’s list of community service activities is equally inspiring, including working with youth at his church, tutoring freshmen, preparing food for the homeless and serving as an escort at the Detroit VA Medical Center, transporting veterans to their appointments. A hard-



Fiona Lacroix

working young man, he has held several jobs as well. In his personal statement, he quoted an ancient Chinese proverb: “Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.” The son of a detective and a social worker, he cites learning as the foundation of his existence and credits his parents for encouraging him to serve his community as he has grown from those experiences and intends to pay it forward.

**Fiona Lacroix** is a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School where she has achieved a 4.02 GPA while enrolled in diverse and strenuous courses. She is looking forward to graduating this spring and her college plans are to explore her interests in communications and psychology. Lacroix’s school activities include being a member and media manager for the Interact Service Club, page editor for The Tower newspaper, president of Model United Nations, Link Crew leader,



Peyton Ross

member of Black Student Union, president of French Club and member of French National Honors Society. In addition to her many service activities through school, she also finds time to mow the lawn for senior neighbors, pack lunches and collect trash in the community. Lacroix’s resume includes work experience as well. Her mentors consistently mention leadership in describing her contributions in and out of the classroom. She naturally encourages and coaches her peers. Lacroix also has a keen interest in genealogy and is inspired to service by the example of her third great-grandmother. An immigrant and mother of 19 children of her own, this role model grew and sold chicory to supplement the family income, yet still found it in her heart to welcome an orphaned boy into her family. This quote from Lacroix’s personal statement captures her servant-leader mindset: “I’ve

come to recognize that all service is impactful service.”

**Peyton Ross** is a senior at De La Salle Collegiate High School in Warren where he ranks near the top of his class, completing an AP and honors college prep curriculum achieving an unweighted GPA of 3.97. He plans to attend college in the fall and then go on to earn a law degree. He is captain of the varsity cross country team where he has been a state qualifier, as well as being named to All-Catholic, All-County Academic and All-State Academic teams. Ross received the Cracchiolo Endowed Scholarship in 2021 and was the Virtual Stock Exchange Challenge runner-up in 2020. Other school activities include being captain of the varsity track team, member of National Honor Society, vice president of Stock Market Club, personal tutor and a member of Link Crew, student council and DECA. He’s no stranger to hard work either, listing several jobs on his resume. The highlight of Ross’s personal statement is his service to others. He saw the impact the pandemic was having on the mental health of the community and decided to take action. Seeing the effects of anxiety and depression firsthand with personal experiences and the experiences of loved ones, Ross sought to break the

stigma around discussion of mental health by creating his own streetwear brand, Stitches Streetwear. The brand’s mission is to provide expression for those faced with mental health challenges. He posts inspirational messages and brings positivity to a new level to bring his community back together. In his first three months, Ross sold more than 50 shirts and garnered more than 150 social media followers. He sums up his efforts as follows: “Hearing the support of my family, friends and even people I have never known before is worth much more than anything else. It’s a fantastic feeling knowing that I have made a difference.”

DAR Good Citizens committee chairs Deann Newman and Debbie Davis congratulate each of these students on their accomplishments. Each student was presented a Good Citizens pin and certificate in addition to their scholarship award. Ross, the chapter overall winner, also was awarded a DAR cord to wear at graduation.

The DAR is a service organization open to women who are lineal descendants of patriots that sacrificed their lives and fortunes supporting the American Revolutionary War. Its mission is to preserve the nation’s history, educate the nation’s children, make opportunities for all Americans and experience the thrill of being part of the American dream.





PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## On a mission

A team of 18 people, led by the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk, pastor of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park, right front, headed on a mission trip to Poland near the Ukrainian border Monday, April 4, to help fleeing Ukrainian refugees.

"We feel excited, inspired, supported, a bit tired," Kowalczyk said upon arriving in Poland. The group gathered for a prayer service at St. Clare on Sunday, April 3. They will be staying with the Michaelite Sisters Monastery and Major Seminary in Przemysl, Poland, during their trip. From there, they will assess the needs of the community and serve wherever needed, according to Kowalczyk. Back row, from left, are Ronni Melvin, Mike McDevitt, Kirky Stevens, Cindy Littmann, Sue Buckley, Nancy Donnay Hempe, John Schrage and the Rev. Sean Motley of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. Front row, from left, are Sister Valerie Binder, Sandy Kondrat, Scott Lowell, Roseanne Jamison, Liam Conlan and the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk. Karen Kulik, Verene Goulette, Gary Madej and Jesse Campbell (not pictured) also will be making the trip to Poland. To donate to Ukrainian refugees through St. Clare, visit [bit.ly/3DJv5R5](http://bit.ly/3DJv5R5) or through Angels Magazine at [bit.ly/3ucQWgJ](http://bit.ly/3ucQWgJ)

—Meg Leonard

## 'The Elephant of Belfast' author to speak at The War Memorial

Inspired by a true story, a novelist is set to give readers greater insight into the tale of events that took place in Northern Ireland during World War II.

S. Kirk Walsh will speak about her debut book, "The Elephant of Belfast," at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The book was published by Counterpoint Press in 2021. A paperback version was released April 5.

Walsh will present on her research for the historical novel, why she wrote it and her creative processes, as well as take questions from the audience and sign books.

"The Elephant of Belfast" tells the tender and harrowing story of a young female zookeeper and an elephant, and what they endure together during the German blitz of Belfast. The novel speaks to the tragedy of the times, but also to the ongoing sectarian tensions that still



S. Kirk Walsh

exist in Northern Ireland today.

Inspired by the true story of Denise Austin, Walsh deftly renders the changing relationship between the book's main character, Hettie Quin, and her young charge, and their growing dependence on each other for survival and solace.

Growing up in metro Detroit, Walsh said she is looking forward to coming back to The War Memorial and the chance to celebrate the book in person.

"I always knew I wanted to write about Ireland because of my family's connection and this story took me to Northern Ireland," she said. "It presented a compelling narrative."

Walsh is a novelist, editor and teacher based in Austin, Texas. The novel has generated praise from The New Yorker, The Christian Science Monitor and others, as well as being selected for several top reading lists.

Book bundle options are \$18 for paperback and \$24 for hardcover. Bundle options include a copy of "The Elephant of Belfast," book signing at the event and a copy of the reading and discussion guide for book clubs from Counterpoint Publishing.

General admission is free, but does not include a copy of the book.

To purchase tickets, visit [warremorial.org/speakers/skirkwalsh](http://warremorial.org/speakers/skirkwalsh). Advanced registration is required.

## Grosse Pointe Boat Club welcomes new commodore

At its 2022 Commodore's Ball, hosted Feb. 19, at Pier Park, the Grosse Pointe Boat Club looked back on its accomplishments under Commodore Leslie Wagner and welcomed incoming Commodore Elizabeth Natter.

In her Commodore's Report, Wagner noted the fun she had at the helm of the 63-year-old club.

"The first time I really remember coming to Grosse Pointe, I was 15 or 16

years old and my parents took me Viennese waltzing at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial," she said. "It was then that I was sure that this is what grown-ups do: get dressed up in gowns and waltz around on the waterfront of Grosse Pointe. And here we are."

After recounting her years away from Grosse Pointe — which included world travels and living aboard her 45-foot Blue Water Motor Yacht — Wagner noted the club's 2021 "imaginary around-the-world cruise," in which members celebrated different countries while keeping close to home. From "April in Paris" to "Biking Italy," club members celebrated with entertainment, music, food and a mock Olympics.

"I would sincerely like to thank the hosts and all their accomplices who used such creativity to make it a fun year," she said.

Wagner thanked several club members, including those who supported her during her leadership. She also thanked her parents, Dr. Carl and Penny Pesta, for introducing her to boating; her husband, Alan Wagner, for his support and encouragement; "and all of you who made me the happiest girl in Grosse Pointe this year," she said.

"In closing," she added, "even through such a difficult year of COVID, membership numbers are up — 110 families, 195 individuals.



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Past Commodore Dr. Leslie Wagner and incoming Commodore Liz Natter.

"We hold each other as a family here at the Grosse Pointe Boat Club," she added. "As your commodore, I wish you health and happiness, my friends. ... One of the highlights of my life will always be this time, once upon a time, that I got to be the commodore of the incredible Grosse Pointe Boat Club. Thank you for the honor and pleasure."

The business portion of the meeting reviewed the club's successful bench initiative, for which \$4,000 was raised for two benches.

Incoming Commodore Natter then was presented the commodore's flag. She, in turn, presented the past commodore's flag to Wagner, the vice commodore's flag to Matt Bontomasi and the rear commodore's flag to Brian Fromm.

Natter also announced the 2022 Board of Directors, which includes Treasurer Sheri Allor, Secretary Sharon Stellingwerf, and directors Jim Callahan, Duncan Currie, Sedona Cox and Past Commodore George "Buzz" Young, in addition to Wagner.

"It was a pleasure to see over 40 members gather to honor the hard work and leadership of our 2021 Commodore Leslie Wagner," Natter said. "... Many thanks to PC Leslie Wagner for a great 2021 filled with fun and friendship. She is a hard act to follow. I am honored to be your 2022 commodore."



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Holy Thursday, April 14, 7:30 pm ~ Mass  
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# Selfridge Military Air Museum announces public access project



COURTESY PHOTO

An aerial view of the military museum and grounds at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

The Selfridge Military Air Museum is seeking partners to fund a project that, when completed, will allow public access to the museum directly off of Rosso Highway without having to enter Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Currently, the museum can only be accessed by entering the base, which is a secure military installation. Anyone without proper government identification is required to have a mandatory security background check performed, as well as providing a current and valid U.S. driver's license, current vehicle registration and proof of insurance before being allowed access to the museum.

"We are excited to announce this initiative to unlock the rich history of Michigan aviation and the Michiganders who have served their state and

nation here for more than a century," said retired Brig. Gen. Doug "Odie" Slocum, museum board member. "This will open the doors to everyone and showcase our legacy, promote STEM education and provide a community destination for social gatherings and events right in the very shadows of Michigan's hometown air base."

With thousands of exhibits, interactive learning demonstrations and an amazing collection of aircraft and historical displays, public access will help create a new tourist destination and event center that can drive economic development for all of southeast

Michigan.

"The project is approved and we are working with base, county, state and federal officials to make

this a reality," Slocum said. "We're ready to move out as soon as resources are available."

With a remarkable

105 years in service as one of the nation's oldest continually operating military airfields, Selfridge is steeped in history that chronicles not only Michigan's legacy of flight, but also the nation's history. With roots beginning in 1917, on land leased to the government by auto innovator and Grosse Pointe Farms resident Henry B. Joy, and known as, "The Land of The Generals," Selfridge is a prominent landmark in the story of the country's aviation pioneers, including The Wright Brothers, Billy Mitchell, Charles Lindbergh, Jimmy Doolittle, Carl A. Spaatz, Curtis LeMay and many more.

In 1975, the Michigan Guard Historical Association and the Selfridge Military Air Museum were formed by a group of Air National Guard officers and enlisted personnel. The museum's mission is to help preserve the heritage and traditions of the Michigan Air National Guard, Selfridge Air National Guard Base and the units that are, or have been, stationed there.

Learn more about the museum and the project by watching a video narrated by Michigan's own Mort Crim online at [youtube.com/watch?v=AMiXie5v7os](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMiXie5v7os)

To learn how to help, visit [selfridgeairmuseum.org/access](https://www.selfridgeairmuseum.org/access)



## Easter Together!

This year, join us as we celebrate Easter together at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church!

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### EVENTS:

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Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

- ◆ The movie "Old" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 8. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for non-members, and includes snacks and the movie.

- ◆ On the Gogh Watercolor Painting Class, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, with facilitator Michelle Boggess-Nunley.

- ◆ Meet the Mayors, 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, with the mayors of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

#### Moross Greenway

Moross Greenway Project hosts its Spring Community Clean-Up at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9. Volunteers will meet at

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 21150 Moross, between I-94 and Chester, to collect trash and work in the garden beds on the Moross median islands. RSVP to [morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com](mailto:morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com).

#### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, April 11, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 11, Eastpointe Fire Department, 16370 E. 9 Mile, Eastpointe.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville.

- ◆ 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20,

Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register online at [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org).

#### Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Conference Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. John Mozena will present "How to Grow an Economy: Lessons from Watching it Done Wrong." Guests are welcome.

#### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13. The speaker is yet to be determined. Visit [grossepointerotary.org](https://www.grossepointerotary.org) for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

#### Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Tompkins Community Center, located in Windmill Pointe Park. Mason Griff of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society present, "The Future of Grosse Pointe Past." Visitors are welcome. The club encourages attendees to wear face masks when not eating, drinking or speaking to the group. Cost is \$20, paid at the door. To reserve a seat, email [gmcattendance@gmail.com](mailto:gmcattendance@gmail.com) or call (313) 550-9661.

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## This could be the year

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Narrative verse meets a pounding rhythm in a song by Artificial Agent, a heavy metal band nominated for a 2022 Detroit Music Award and fronted by an event planner living in Grosse Pointe Park.

Their song, “Who’s got the bat now b\*\*\*h?” comes from witnessing a street fight during the early 2000s in front of the Wayburn residence of lead singer, Derek Jendza.

“A couple dudes were drinking or something and were all upset,” Jendza said. “One was chasing the other with a bat. He swung the bat and hit the second guy in the armpit, who pulled the bat away from the first guy and said, ‘Who’s got the bat now, b\*\*\*h?’”

A stanza is born.

“I thought it was the funniest thing,” Jendza said. “Then, after he said it, he kind of looked at his side and said, ‘My ribs are really aching now, man.’”

A chorus is born.

“That happened exactly as the song goes,” said Derek’s brother, Bradley Jendza, the band’s bass player. “One day my guitar player said he had a riff that he didn’t know what to do with. I said let’s make some lyrics. That was 20 years ago.”

Artificial Agent is up against five other bands in the hard rock-heavy metal category. Winners are named during a ceremony live-streamed at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 24, on [detroitmusicawards.net](http://detroitmusicawards.net). A win for the Jendza brothers would be a change of pace.

“We’ve been nominated every year for the last 10 years,” Derek said. “We’re the Susan Lucci of hard rock, heavy metal award



Artificial Agent performs at St. Andrews Hall in downtown Detroit.

shows.”

Lucci won only once in 21 Emmy nominations for a daytime actress.

The four members of Artificial Agent, with Mike Elgert on lead guitar and Carl Crafton on drums, don’t dwell on human deficiencies and redemption.

“If you go back to old blues songs, they’re about getting back at someone, the man, your landlord,” said Bradley, creative director at Lafayette American advertising in Detroit. “There are other times we try to be a little more ‘messagy.’ It’s our way to get things out of our system, like writing a diary.”

Artificial Agent is preparing its fifth album since forming about 10 years ago. Before that, the Jendza brothers produced four albums by the self-titled band, Jendza, which rose to a string of openings for such big-name

acts as Alice Cooper at the Michigan State Fair.

“Artificial Agent opened a sold-out show for Ratt at the Fillmore,” Derek said. “That was the last show we played before this thing with COVID. We had a whole summer of stuff coming out, the ‘Death Ray’ album and concerts. It was going to be awesome. But, we still put out videos.”

Both bands’ videos and live performances are on YouTube.

“Things are starting to open up again,” Bradley said. “We love to run around on stage and entertain people.”

Detroit’s Doc of Rock, longtime DJ Doug Podell, airs Artificial Agent videos on the Rock 900 TV show, carried on Comcast channel 900 multiple times weekly.

“He played ‘Do You Love Me or What?’ on his Valentine’s Day special,” Derek said.

The Jendza and Artificial Agent bands have shared billing with Poison and Bret Michaels multiple times, Vince Neil from Mötley Crüe, Queensryche, Slaughter, Warrant multiple times, Eagles of Death Metal and more.

“We’re all in the same boat,” Derek said about hobnobbing with bigwigs.

“We’re trying to make music for people to enjoy. Everyone’s cool with each other, which makes it fun.”

Music is a full-time passion but not a full-time gig for the Jendza brothers, both graduates of Lutheran East High School in Harper Woods. Their alma mater closed in 2004, due to declining enrollment.

Derek’s clients at his company, Jendza Entertainment, are varied. They include the Stars & Stripes Festival in Macomb County. He’s managed box offices at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 4,500-seat Masonic Temple and former State Theater, now the Fillmore in downtown Detroit.

Derek accepted an invitation last week to read a book to students at a Kaiser Elementary School in Roseville, where he was a camp instructor 20 years ago.

“March is Reading Month in grade schools,” he said. “I was part of Reading Rock Stars.”

He chose, “A Fly Went By.”

“As a child, it was my favorite book,” Derek said. “My mother and grandmother made it seem like I was the kid in the book, like it was my adventure. Good memories of being a kid.”

Bradley, formerly of the Park and now living in Pleasant Ridge, worked 10 years as senior art director at Campbell Ewald and for lesser times in comparable capacities at Weber Shandwick and McCann Worldgroup.

**ASK THE EXPERTS** By Kimberly King, M.A., CCC-SLP

## April is Autism Awareness Month!

**Q: My teen has special needs. Are there vocational opportunities in the community that will help them gain independence as they get older?**

**A:** Yes! The Grosse Pointe Public School System’s Special Education Transition Services Department supports students with disabilities by providing opportunities to gain pre-vocational and vocational training, learn work and social skills, and explore educational and employment opportunities to assist students in making a successful transition to living and working as independently as possible after leaving the public school system.

We partner with local restaurants, markets and other businesses to create meaningful opportunities for students ages 16 and older. Secondary special education transition students learn a number of skills when they participate in work-based learning experiences. Not only do they learn the specific skills needed at a job site such as filing, stocking and running a cash register, but these work-based learning experiences also teach students soft skills needed to be successful in the workplace. The American Speech Language Hearing Association describes soft skills as “the non-technical ‘people skills’ ... that help people secure and keep a job. They include

skills related to professionalism, communication, a positive attitude and politeness, teamwork, problem-solving and critical thinking.”

One example is the Green and Gold Café at Grosse Pointe North High School where special needs students run a coffee and sweet shop, taking orders for delivery and providing walk-in service. Over the years the students have selected the name of the café, designed logos and brainstormed additional products and ways to market their café. Students learn valuable pre-vocational skills such as taking orders, communicating with co-workers, customer service, making the product, inventory and cleanup. The cafe also provides opportunities for social interactions with support from GPN’s KNOTS (Kids Need Opportunities to Socialize), a peer-to-peer group designed to support students with disabilities in different aspects throughout their North experience.

For more information, contact Transition Services Coordinator Kimberly King M.A., CCC-SLP, at [kingk@gpschools.org](mailto:kingk@gpschools.org).

The Family Center provides free programs and resources that empower families to successfully navigate life’s social, emotional and physical challenges. Learn more at [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).

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Richard Wilson

The Finer Pointes Art Contest Judge

Born and raised in London, Wilson’s interest in art began with a passion for graffiti art in the 1980s. Since 2010, he has developed his skills as a portrait painter on walls using spray paint. In the last few years, he has been doing more studio-based work using oils on stretched canvas or panel.

Wilson splits his studio time between commissioned works or on his own personal projects. His work mostly is led by his interest in portraiture and figurative work, while practicing with still-life pieces.

Learn more at [richardwilsonartwork.com](http://richardwilsonartwork.com)

# The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

## Guess leak

I thought my (second) husband and I were happily married, but based on my past experience, the signs are there that he's planning on leaving me. He's going to the gym regularly, working later, eating healthy, and dressing better for work. At New Year's, he did say his resolution was to improve himself and get ahead at work to provide better for our family, but that seems too convenient. His recent behaviors are almost exactly like what my rotten first husband was doing when he left me.

— Hate Reruns

To be human is to leap to conclusions — when we aren't doing Simone Biles-level gymnastics to avoid exploring the obvious: "Hmm, might there be a connection between the bizarre shrinkage of all my clothes and my mowing through six jumbo bags of Doritos daily?"

In my defense, Doritos are basically heroin you can pick up at the Piggly Wiggly. In

your defense — for your Olympic long jump from "He's eating healthy" to "He's yet another dirtbag who's leaving me" — our brains are pattern-spotting machines, hoovering up similarities in things and events.

This mental sloppiness seems like a design flaw, but it's actually a feature. We evolved to be protectively wrong — to err on the safe side — meaning make the least evolutionarily costly error: for example, going temporarily paranoid instead of potentially coming home to a house that's permanently short one breadwinner.

However, even temporary leanness can take a lasting bite out of a relationship. To replace your assumptions with information, talk with your husband. Ask questions instead of making accusations.

For example: "Awesome New Year's rez. Love to hear what inspired these changes."

Evoke his empathy by telling him about the pattern that's got you so worried. Open with "Okay,

maybe crazy..." — though maybe anything but — because "Ugh, the workings of our minds" will get you more answers than the defensiveness-provoking "Ugh, you're just like the last one."

Finally, look to history. Does his prior behavior over time — combined with the output from these other lines of inquiry — suggest he's the sort to go "Toodles, wife and babies!" If not, what stinks in his gym locker probably isn't a "go bag" with fake passports, \$100K in cash, and plane tickets to a country that doesn't extradite for himself and his, um, wife, Brittany Botox.

### Meat Cute

In using dating apps, I go by who looks cute in photos (followed by a call). But I keep going on dates and finding I have zero physical attraction to the guy. No spark. Big depressing waste of time. How do I prevent this?

— Unhappy Hour Girl

"Looks cute in photos" is a start. But vision is just one of our five senses, and a few of the others refuse to be left out of the "Hot or not?" action.

I experienced this firsthand when this hot guy came up behind me in the coffee line, and I nearly passed out. Not because he's just that hot, but because — despite his appearing recently showered — I found myself living a cop show cliché: that moment when the junior detective retches into a hanky, then makes a run for it to puke in the bushes.

Beyond how a guy smells, there's the pitch of his voice ("You da man!" versus "You da mouse!") — along with stuff you can only see in person: how he moves and how tall he is.

If, like most women, you're a height queen, you might figure it's because your dad cast a big shadow.

In fact, in "Why Women Have Sex," psychologists Cindy Meston and David Buss explain that much of what we're into goes back waaaaay further — to our "evolutionary past."

This might explain why



my two female friends, standing right next to me in line, did not smell what I smelled. Or as one put it: "Hello, Crazy. Is there something medically wrong with your nose?" It probably comes down to our genes. Women are drawn to the scent of men with dissimilar immune system genes — with whom they'd make a baby with a broader set of defenses against disease — and grossed out by men whose immuno pack is redundant with theirs.

In other words, all those dud dates are actually time well spent — and this goes double for the most disastrous. See them for what they can be: comedic gold — making you a sparkingly

amusing addition to cocktail parties, where you might draw the eye of some Mr. LCIRL ("looks cute in real life"). Then and there, you'll be able to see (and smell) all the man-vetting essentials -- including his height actual as opposed to claimed on a dating app, where 6'2" is very often another way of writing almost 5'7".

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## How to find good bosses

Q: I've been thinking about the bosses (all men) I've had from my past jobs -- the jobs I loved and the ones I have quit.

I think I've discovered the types of bosses and company environments where employees are treated well and will be happy in their jobs.

The best bosses I've had are entrepreneurial types who own small companies and are involved with the employees and do the work.

the worst to deal with. These bosses avoid managing and don't want personal interactions with employees so they can be the good guy when they make decisions employees won't like.

They can play the blame game: The boss blames the assistant, and the assistant blames the boss but will never stand up for the employees because all they care about is being above the employees. The assistants, impressed with their

environment when I interview for new jobs, including if the boss works at the office most days and interacts with the employees. I will make sure to never again work for a boss who hides behind a secretary or assistant.

A: It sounds like you have a plan to protect yourself from a company with an objectionable environment and a controlling employee who inappropriately hovers over you.

You won't be able to protect yourself from everything you dislike, but everyone should have a list in mind of reasonable questions to ask the interviewer. Research the company so you do not ask questions you could have learned the answers to online through the company website and news articles.

Also, listen carefully to the information given when the interviewer introduces the company to you. Be sure not to ask questions with a negative tone

in your voice.

Word your questions as though you are gathering information about the job, whether the procedures are established and if the boss is open to suggestions for streamlining procedures or potential changes. That will let you know if the boss is rigid and controlling.

You will presumably be



Small business owners who are removed from the office and the actual work and who delegate their power to their secretaries or assistants are

undeserved power, are worse than the real boss.

I'm making a list of questions to ask about the company culture and



hired for your experience and ability. Nothing is more disturbing than to be hired for your competency and be treated as a novice, which may be what you have experi-

enced in a past job.

Be sure not to expose your negative experiences at other companies, specifically regarding bosses who delegate authority over employees

your responses.

An interview question could be, "What did you least like about your past job?" The interviewer may want to see if you have the sense not to speak of anything negative.

It will hurt you to bring your past disappointments with you to a new job, so say, "I loved my job. I am looking for a company to grow with."

Everyone has worked with jerks at one time or another, so smile and be positive. Experience is often necessary, but people hire people they like.

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## Neighborhood frostier amid political divide

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I share a common driveway with our neighbors. These neighbors are keenly aware that my wife and I do

not share their political views. After the election, one of them quit speaking to us or even acknowledging our presence.

After a few months, I approached him in the shared driveway and said "Bob, it is obvious you are not speaking to me. If I have offended you, let me

know and I will do my best to apologize." His response was, "I'll think about it." That was the last I heard for a while, but he still shunned me.



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

A few months later, he rang my doorbell and asked us to accept his apology, saying, "Only God can judge." I knew what he meant. Life is short, the neighborhood is small and neighbors need each other, so my wife and I accepted his "apology."

Now, months later, he is back to not acknowledging our existence. I see him several times a week. I am happy to continue "turning the other cheek," but with no results so far, both cheeks are getting red. Any suggestions? — FREE THINKER IN TEXAS

any of your cheeks in this neighbor's direction. It's a shame that so many relationships have been destroyed in this country because people were unwilling to TALK with or LISTEN to each other.

Folks on both sides of the aisle had their reasons for voting the way they did in the last presidential election. Those reasons cannot be understood unless they are calmly discussed.

Individuals who are not mature enough to discuss their differences are really not worth your time, so ignore what he's doing and go on with your life.

DEAR FREE THINKER: Stop turning

See ABBY, page 9C



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# Easter treat

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

My grandmother, or Gami as my children call her, loves to serve this recipe at family occasions. The original recipe was mostly made for Easter dinner.

She found the recipe in a newspaper many years ago and thought it was so clever because it does not involve baking.

Her recipe includes a pound cake and a homemade chocolate sauce spread between 6 layers and also drizzled over the top.

Once again, I have switched a few ingredients around to make it my own. I use Nutella in place of a chocolate sauce. And, I added thinly sliced strawberries to each layer.

It's easy to throw together in a pinch

and honestly quite beautiful once plated. The longest part is just waiting for it to chill in the fridge before serving. Which means it's a dessert you can do in the morning and forget about until dinner.

I'm writing this recipe with a 13 oz jar of Nutella but I have to say, buy two jars just in case. If you have extra Nutella, spread it on toast for breakfast.

I did have a difficult time finding pound cake that wasn't pre-cut but Kroger has it everytime.

This is all about preference. One pint of strawberries and Nutella. Use as little or as much as you want. Just have fun making

it and licking the knife once you're done!

Cheers, Mombeau

### Gami's Viennese Torte with Nutella (Serves 6)

1 pound cake loaf

1-2 13 oz jars of Nutella

1 pint thinly sliced strawberries

To begin, slice the pound cake, horizontally, in half. Slice each half into three horizontal cuts.

Carefully spread a layer of Nutella on the top of each slice, excluding the outer top and



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outer bottom piece. Layer your thinly sliced strawberries on the top of each slice and build the cake back together.

Place on a plate and cover with plastic wrap. Chill for at least an hour.

Once the cake has chilled, use the plastic

wrap to form the cake into place. Sometimes the strawberries slip out or the layers aren't perfectly centered.

Meanwhile, heat or microwave 1 cup of the remaining Nutella until it's pourable or slightly

thin, about 30 seconds. Pour the sauce over

the cake and smooth over all sides with a knife. Chill the finished product in the fridge for another 2 hours or put in the freezer for 30 minutes so the outer layer can firm up.

Transfer the cake to a serving platter. Slice and enjoy.

# Wine's many paths

The complications arising in the production of wine can be so voluminous that it takes a multi-year college degree to master the basics, and after that it takes years to become an expert in all of its manifestations.

Those who love chardonnay (or any grape variety, for that matter) will have a hard time processing the stratagems involved in its production -- and that says virtually nothing about the complications that take place before that variety is even planted in the soil, takes root, finally is harvested, and is brought to a production facility.

Grapes arriving at the winery typically come loaded into 30-pound lug boxes, or maybe in large trucks that may be dumped into a large stainless-steel bin containing a massive auger, usually with a plastic guard that helps to protect tearing the grape skins.

It is at this stage that the winemaker typically adds some sulfur dioxide to protect the fruit from oxidation as it goes through the auger to a de-stemming device that removes the stems and assorted other material other than grapes (winemakers call this MOG). Then it is sent on to a press, which helps to turn the grapes into juice and removes the skins for other uses.

The winemaker then has a crucial decision to make: how many gallons of juice from each ton of fruit does he or she hope to get? The average amount is about 160 gallons, and it is well known that to get much more than that requires significantly heavier pressure, which can produce bitterness and/or produce flavors that are probably risky in terms of quality.

If the winemaker chooses to get fewer gallons out of a ton, the result could possibly make a better wine, but



fewer gallons make less wine, which results in lower overall profits.

Once the juice has been moved to a fermentation tank, time is expended to allow solids to settle to the bottom of the tank. Meanwhile, the winemaker is doing important technical analysis to ascertain what exactly is in that juice, such as acid, pH, sugar and many other constituents, to determine how best to proceed.

Here the winemaker probably has already

decided whether to use a prepared yeast strain, sold by specialty suppliers. Some yeasts are chosen because they improve the overall aromatics of the wine to accentuate special characteristics, such as terpenes or other elements that will be part of the wine's signature.

Many winemakers today are pleased to use so-called "wild yeasts," which typically are on grape skins when they arrive at the winery. In most cases, they are little more than prepared yeasts the winery had used in past years that

continue to propagate themselves in the vineyards.

The choice of yeast determines much about the way the fermentation will continue.

Starting a fermentation can be tricky, forcing winemakers to take extra measures. Winemakers then also decide on what temperature should be used for the fermentation. Too warm or cool a fermentation can have detrimental effects.

Once the fermentation has begun, the



winemaking team must monitor it to make certain that it continues according to plan, because if it should slow down or stop, measures must quickly be taken to restart it or deal with its sluggishness.

Chardonnay is an extremely light-flavored wine grape, so after fermentation, it is often transferred to a wooden cask for maturity and to pick up some nuances imparted by the barrel, giving the wine a slightly richer, more complex flavor profile and likely adding to its longevity.

Winemakers then must decide how long the wine spends in the barrel. Too little or too long both entail risks.

Once it is time for the wine to be bottled, numerous other decisions must be made that involve bottles, corks, any treatments the wine needs and many other factors.

This scenario is complicated, includes at least 50 or 75 different decisions that we did not mention

here and includes several other processes that most wineries add to the mix.

Multiply this by many different grapes processed by most wineries, and taking into consideration the different volumes of each, it is a dynamic process that takes a long time to master.

And just imagine that most wines selling for a few dollars per bottle all go through a similar regime.

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# Easter



## SPRINGTIME FUN

**E**aster brings back happy thoughts of Sunday-best outfits, chocolate bunnies and springtime egg hunts. The Grosse Pointe community sure knows how to get in the spirit of the season, with basketsful of fun activities for its littlest residents, past and present.

From Marshmallow Drops to Easter fashion photos and visits with the Easter Bunny, here is a collection of some fond memories of happy Easters past along with a calendar of this year's exciting events:

**City of Grosse Pointe**

The Spring Egg Hunt will take place at Neff Park on Sunday, April 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. Children of all ages can collect the eggs scattered throughout the park and redeem them for a candy bag.

Peter Cottontail will be at the park to meet and take a photos. All those who visit him will also get a chocolate lollipop. The cost is \$5 (cash only, please) and no outside baskets are allowed. Park passes are required for entry.

**Grosse Pointe Farms**

Grosse Pointe Farms is having an Easter egg hunt at Pier Park on Saturday, April 9 beginning at 10 a.m. sharp. Attendees are encouraged to arrive by 9:45 a.m. Park passes are required for entry.

**Grosse Pointe Park**

The annual Marshmallow Drop on Sat., April 9 with 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. start times:

- 0-5 years old only at 10:00 a.m.
- 6-10 years old only at 11:00 a.m.

Children can collect one or more marshmallows to turn in for a bag of candy. The event is held at Patterson Park. Park passes are required for entry. This event is sold out for both times.

**Grosse Pointe Shores**

The Grosse Pointe Shores Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Osius Park on Sat., April 9 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

**Grosse Pointe Woods**

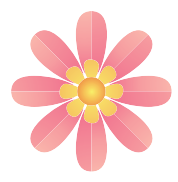
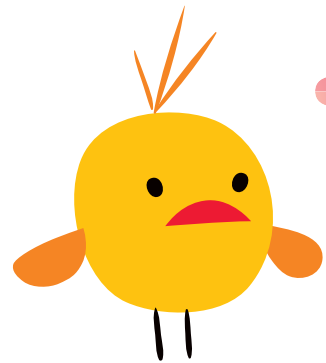
Grosse Pointe Woods children are invited to a special Egg Stroll at Lake Front Park on Sat., April 9. The strolls begin at 10 a.m. and are scheduled every 15 minutes until 12:45 p.m. Registration is \$5 per GPW child. Participants must register for a specific start time in advance. Each child is given a collection bag before they start off on the Bunny Trail, collecting eggs as they go. At the end of the trail, children receive a treat bag and can visit with Mr. E. Bunny himself.



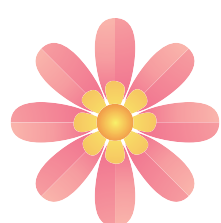
Above, the babies had a ball at these past Grosse Pointe Shores Egg Hunts, top and left, and at the Grosse Pointe Woods Egg Stroll, above right.



At left, Liv Gryzenia gets ready to dig into a fab cupcake from the Chocolate Bar Cafe in the Lilly Pulitzer dress she modeled, from Village Palm, for an Easter photo shoot.



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RENEE LANDUYT



The Bishop family from Grosse Pointe Woods didn't let a few sprinkles dampen their Easter spirit at the city's Egg Stroll last year.



A tiny lass gets her game into high gear at a past year of Easter celebrating at the Grosse Pointe Woods Egg Stroll.



Grosse Pointe Park invited the Easter Bunny to meet local kids at its second annual Marshmallow Drop in 2019.



A helicopter drops the goodies at a past Grosse Pointe Park Marshmallow Drop.

# A tisket, a tasket, it's time to pick a basket!

Every child excitedly awaits Easter morning to see what the Easter Bunny will bring. We've got some great picks on all-age baskets from shops around town — to make sure you don't disappoint this year! Even older kids and adults can get in on the fun. Everyone deserves some special treats picked just for them for being so good all year. Take a look at these luscious baskets, then find one that will make someone on your list of loves super happy this Easter.



Below left, a soft puppy-licious basket for little tikes is filled with chocolate eggs, a chocolate bunny, jelly eggs and more. Below center, wow, that's a big bunny! Chocolate rabbits, chicks, eggs, jelly beans — everything Easter is covered in the beautiful deluxe basket. Below right, a cute soft fire truck basket is filled to the brim with delicious Easter treats for your little future fire chief. All three and more from the Chocolate Bar Cafe on Mack.

Above, the Campus Shop has the goods for a Detroit-themed cool kid's Easter basket for tweens to adults. Socks, sun-glasses, hats, shirts and more. The Campus Shop's goodies will be favorites all year round.

Above, Ridge Crest Outfitters has everything you need for a basket for the guy in your life. These man-friendly gifts are just ducky for Easter. It's proof that you're never too old for an amazing Easter basket!

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 Chocolate Bar Cafe • 20737 Mack • Grosse Pointe Woods • Instagram: @chocbarcafe  
 Ridge Crest Outfitters • 17125 Kercheval • Grosse Pointe • Instagram: @ridgecrestoutfitt



## Grown-up Easter gifts for girls

If your little girl has outgrown her Easter basket, but still expects a visit from the Easter bunny, we might have a solution. Check out these gifts for grown-up girls.

Far left, this cute lounge set from Savvy Chic doubles as PJs, in lovely Easter-egg lavender. It will take your girl all through summer in comfort.

At left, this adorable spring print travel duffel and matching zippered makeup bag would top any girl's wish list. Add the pretty necklace in a lilac gift sack, and your special girl's Easter gift is in the bag! They're all from Savvy Chic.

Savvy Chic is located at 16822 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe. Call (313) 466-3388 or visit them on Instagram @savvychicgp.

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**Sand Bucket Basket:** For ages 2-5. Inside Out Bunny/ Egg Plush, Bubble Gum Jelly Belly's, Pop Rocks.



**Grocery Cart Basket:** For ages 3-7. Books, Frog Toss Game, Kite, Melissa and Doug Butterfly Net, Inside Out Bunny Plush Backpack clip.



**Upside Down Umbrella Basket:** For ages 6-14. This is known as our "Fidget Basket". OMG FO' Sqweezy Bunny, Bunny Pop Fidgety, Sticky Bubble Blobbie Bunnies, Stretchy Ramen Noodles, Stretchy Feet of Fun, lil' Dimpl, Pop Snapity and more!



**Spooner Basket:** For ages 6-12. Pokemon Cards, Crickets, Bean Boozle Jelly Beans, Pindaloo Neon.



**Tonka Truck Easter Basket:** Perfect for kids ages 3-7. Kinetic Sand Castle Kit, Lego Ninjago Plush, Lego Set, Pirate Splash Ball.



**Beach Bag Easter Basket:** For ages 7-13. Beach Towel, Sunglasses, Klutz Nail Art Kit, Inside Out Bunny Plush.



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## A perfect Easter appetizer



Sprigs of fresh herbs for garnish

Turn the eggs bottom- (wider-) side up in the carton. Use a pushpin to delicately poke one hole squarely in each center.

Fill a large saucepan or small Dutch oven with 2 to 2 1/2 quarts of water (enough to cover the eggs; use two pans if cooking all the eggs at once). Bring the water to a rolling boil.

Use a slotted spoon to add six eggs to the pan (working quickly but carefully to get them in at the same time); boil the eggs for 6 minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat. Let the eggs sit for 6 minutes for slightly soft yolks; add about 40 seconds for firmer yolks).

Remove each egg with a slotted spoon and place it on a kitchen towel. Repeat with the remaining six eggs. Let the eggs cool to room temperature, about 20 minutes, before peeling. (Store in the refrigerator, unpeeled, for up to 1 week; peeled for up to 4 days).

Peel the eggs under cool running water. Slice the eggs in half lengthwise, gently scooping out the yolks into a medium bowl. Add the mayonnaise, three-fourths of the crumbled bacon (if using), pickle relish, mustard, salt, and pepper. Stir to combine (and adjust seasonings as desired). Use a small spoon (or better yet, a piping bag) to insert the filling into the egg halves. Garnish with the remaining chopped bacon and herbs, if desired, before serving.

Note: Large eggs are best used for egg plates and are easier to eat in one or two bites.

Now...Aren't you happy you didn't let your dyed eggs go to waste?

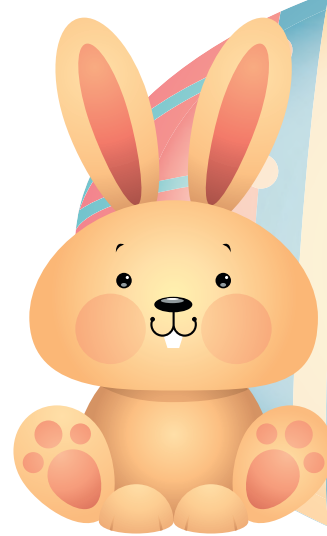
Traditional dishes tend to find their way to the Easter dinner table, but no meal would be complete without some sort of deviled eggs appetizer. Deviled eggs make good use of hard-boiled eggs that may not have been colored, or even those that have been dyed and can now be safely repurposed as food.

This zippy recipe from "Southern Appetizers" by Denise Gee, teaches home chefs how to craft tasty, aesthetically pleasing eggs.

### Deviled Eggs

Serves 8 to 12

- 12 large eggs
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 4 slices cooked, crumbled bacon
- 3 Tbs. sweet pickle relish
- 2 Tbs. prepared mustard
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. ground black pepper



### Egg-coloring tip

Wait until just before coloring to hard-boil eggs. Good Housekeeping recommends boiling eggs for 11 minutes for a hard boil. Do not chill the eggs afterward; warm eggs absorb color more effectively for more vivid results.

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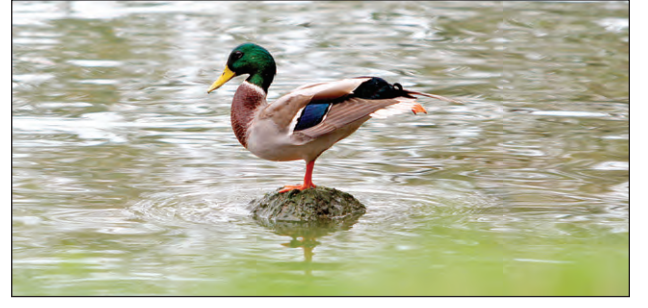
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Left, a new Easter-themed scavenger hunt has been introduced at Ford House, beginning April 1. Above, as spring is the perfect time for bird watching, Ford House also features bird-themed programming.

# Ford House ushers in spring with bunnies, birds, blooms

Spring is in the air and Ford House is introducing a new Easter-themed scavenger hunt activity and other programs to keep everyone hopping outdoors.

Beginning April 1, little visitors can hop along the Bunny Trail, a perfect way to experience the springtime blooms in the grounds and gardens. Young guests will receive a map with clues to find all the Easter Bunny's stops. When they are finished, they can collect a treat inside the Ford House Visitor Center.

"This fun family activity will give visitors another reason to get outside and enjoy the estate together in the springtime," said Amanda Rutland, director of visitor experience at Ford House. "The grounds and gardens are

glorious in the spring, and soon we will see carpets of daffodils and little blue scilla creating a magical landscape. It is the perfect time to get out and explore."

The Bunny Trail runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, April 1 to 30. The activity is included with admission to any activity or a grounds pass. A grounds pass is \$5 for adults and free for ages 5 and younger and Ford House members. Purchase tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

Spring also is a fantas-



A Spring Flower Tour occurs Saturday, May 7; Sunday, May 15; Saturday, May 21; and Saturday, May 28.

tic time of year for bird watching at Ford House. The estate is located on two migratory bird paths, making it a great vantage point to see birds on their annual journey. Bird-themed programs and activities include:

◆ Thursday, April 14 — "The Birds of Gaukler Pointe" exhibition opens in the Teague Gallery inside the Visitor Center. It features photographs of birds taken on the estate by Ford House members and staff.  
◆ Sunday, April 24 —

Visitors can learn bird-watching basics from experts and enthusiasts at a Birding 101 program.

◆ Guided bird walks are planned Sundays, April 10 and 24, and May 8, as well as Tuesday through Friday, May 10 to 13. Cost is \$10 for the public, \$8 for Ford House members. The walks are led by local experts Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Bill Rapai, president of the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society.

In addition, two new grounds tours include a

guided outdoor tour of trees on the estate to celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 29, and a Spring Flower Tour that takes visitors through the gardens to learn about what's in bloom Saturday, May 7; Sunday, May 15; Saturday, May 21; and Saturday, May 28.

"The natural beauty on the estate really comes alive in the spring," said Scott Boberg, education tour manager at Ford House. "Our programs, photography exhibit and outdoor tours offer ways for visitors to better appreciate the beauty that surrounds us, while learning more about the plants, animals and wildlife in our region."

Tickets for these programs are available at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) or by calling (313) 884-4222.

## EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

- » **Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4**  
Detroit Symphony Orchestra,  
7:30-10 p.m.  
3711 Woodward Ave.
- » **Vertical Gardening and Biosecurity**  
Ford House, 7 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **Books on the Lake**  
Offsite, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
[grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org)
- » **Storytime with Miss Jane (via Zoom)**  
Central Library,  
10:30-11 a.m.  
10 Kercheval Ave.
- » **Underwater Egg Hunt**  
Neighborhood Club,  
4-6:45 p.m.  
17150 Waterloo St.
- » **The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel**  
Grosse Pointe Public Library, 6:30 p.m.  
10 Kercheval Avenue.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 8

- » **Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4**  
Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 10:45 a.m., 7:30-10 p.m.  
3711 Woodward Ave.

- » **Detroit Pistons vs. Milwaukee Bucks**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox**  
Comerica Park,  
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Digital Marketing Strategies For Small Businesses**  
Greektown Casino Hotel,  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
9009 SE Adams St #1911.
- » **Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson: Cosmic Collisions**  
The Fillmore, 7:30 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
- » **Leafar Village**  
Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center, 8-10:30 p.m.  
3711 Woodward Ave.
- » **Omar Sosa & Seckou Keita Suba Trio**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.

- » **Peppa Pig Live!**  
Fox Theatre, 6 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Tiger's Opening Day Party**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 9 a.m.  
350 Madison St.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

- » **Sahra: An Evening of Performance in Detroit**  
Spot Lite, 8 p.m.  
2905 Beaufait Street.
- » **Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4**  
Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 7:30-10 p.m.  
3711 Woodward Ave.
- » **Detroit Red Wings vs. Columbus Blue Jackets**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox**  
Comerica Park,  
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **The House**  
Ford House, 3 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **Music Hall Presents Omar Sosa & Seckou Keita Suba Trio**  
Aretha's Jazz Cafe, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.

- » **The Takeover 2**  
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 10

- » **America**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m.  
350 Madison St.

- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox**  
Comerica Park,  
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Greektown Casino Presents America**  
Music Hall Center, 7:30 p.m.  
350 Madison.
- » **Maxwell: The Night Tour**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
- » **National All Things Detroit Day**  
Eastern Market,  
11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
2934 Russell St.
- » **Sky Covington**  
Woodbridge Pub  
7:30-11 p.m.  
5169 Trumbull
- » **VIP Petcare**  
Pet Supplies Plus,  
10-11:30 a.m.  
23700 Greater Mack Ave.

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Boston Red Sox**  
Comerica Park,  
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Dr. Jordan B. Peterson: Beyond Order**  
Fillmore Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.

- » **Ford House Blood Drive**  
Ford House, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **Indoor Storytime with Miss Jane**  
Central Library,  
10:30-11 a.m.
- » **Writing Group**  
Central Library, 4-5:15 p.m.  
10 Kercheval Ave.
- » **WWE Monday Night RAW**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- » **Detroit Red Wings vs. Ottawa Senators**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Boston Red Sox**  
Comerica Park,  
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **GP Badminton Association**  
Parcells Middle School,  
6:30-8 p.m.  
20600 Mack Ave.
- » **Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom**  
Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m.  
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- » **Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra, "Rochester Jazz: In the Tradition"**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 7 p.m.  
350 Madison St.

- » **Storytime with Miss Melissa**  
Ewald Branch,  
1:30-2 p.m.

- » **Tuesday Night Book Discussion**  
Offsite, 7-8 p.m.  
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### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Boston Red Sox**  
Comerica Park,  
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Jim Breuer**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.
- » **Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel**  
Central Library,  
10:30-11 a.m.  
10 Kercheval Ave.
- » **Science Fiction Book Club**  
Central Library, 7-8 p.m.  
10 Kercheval Ave.

**Check out the online calendar on our website for more details & registration links**

# We Tried It!

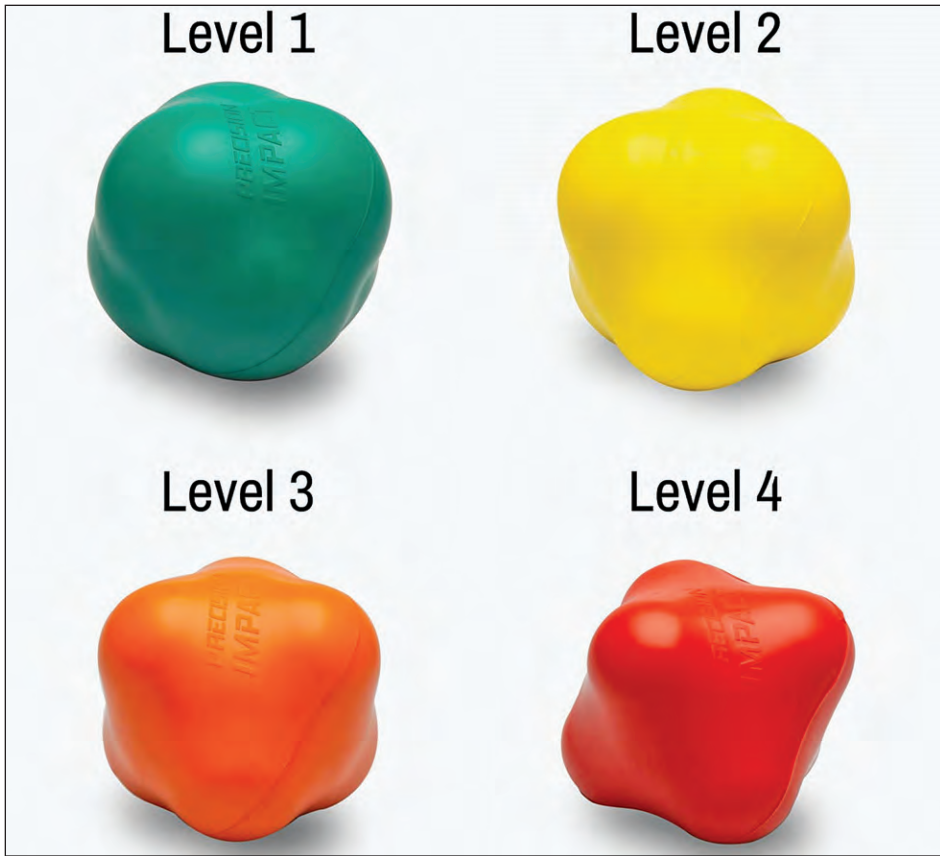
by Anna Lizer



'Tis the season — even though it doesn't feel like it — for baseball fields and dirty white pants and getting hit in the lip with rogue ground balls! Hooray! This is actually a great sign that spring is near and also it gives our kids something new to focus on rather than winter sports and iPads.

They are billed as a way to improve coordination and reflexes for almost any sport, from baseball to softball to tennis, football, lacrosse and more. They come in four colors, which indicate the difficulty level.

It made for at least 30 minutes of fun and a lot of hooting and hollering. Really, at my house, it became a competition (no surprise) and whoever couldn't field the green ball (easy) got mocked relentlessly and whoever could handle the "chaos" ball got respect.



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To get the kids ready for Little League baseball and softball, I went looking for something fun and also skill-building. It didn't take long for me to come across Precision Impact's Ultra-Bounce Reaction Balls. I had to try it — it

Work your way up from beginner to intermediate to advanced to "chaos" level. Over here I just had the boys (and girl) line up and threw a grounder their way. They didn't know which one was coming at them until the last

Another upside to this training "system" is that the reaction balls are really light and won't damage your garage, windows "or your friend's face." This is a legit concern each spring, as any baseball parent can attest.

One other positive of these is that your child can throw it against a wall or the garage door by themselves — whatever it takes to avoid hearing "I'm bored" every five minutes is a winner in my book. The Precision Impact set comes in a really small box and is easy to store. The only hazard I would warn about is your dog trying to play

shortstop and taking the ball. It is entertaining, but also annoying and they are easily mauled. These are available on Amazon for \$19.95 and were delivered in one day. I really cannot find a downside to something that is fun, constructive and signals that warmer weather and good times are to come. We give these 5 out of 5. Why not? Get the kids and yourself outside and moving!



5 Out Of 5

## Classic Ann Landers



that goes back to 1911, before this man was even born. It seems the debt had gone undetected, even though the property had changed hands several times. When the man expressed his astonishment, he was told that the passage of time and the change in ownership did not make any difference. He still has to pay the back real estate taxes. I find this outrageous. -- Mary in Warren, Mich.

**Dear Mary:** It is good of you to take up this man's cause, but I'm afraid he is stuck. According to Dominick Gambino, administrative assistant to the Allegheny County controller, anyone who buys property is responsible for the outstanding tax liens. In this instance, however, the tax lien was so old, it did not show up on a standard title search when the man bought the property back in 1983.

The county sold its tax liens to a private company in 1997, which then discovered the old debt when it began cleaning up the county's records. You will be pleased to know that the beauty supply owner has title insurance that ought to cover it.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I need your advice. I have been friends with "Walt" for seven years. About two years ago, I started to have feelings for him that were definitely more than friendship. Needless to say, he was surprised when I told him.

Walt made it clear that he thinks of me only as a friend. I see him every weekend, and it hurts knowing he will never care for me the way I want him to. What should I do, Ann? — Mary in Canada

**Dear Mary:** If you are willing to settle for a brother-sister relationship forever, Walt's your man. If you want a romance that leads to marriage, disconnect from Walt, and start dating.

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**Dear Ann Landers:** Last night, I was driving in the city and hit a cat. "Just some stray animal," most people would say. I stopped my car and checked the poor creature, but it wasn't breathing. There was no identification, but I couldn't get over the guilt of thinking some child might be looking for "Fluffy" or "Tiger."

When I was growing up, my two cats were hit by cars. I begged my mother not to let them out, but she insisted that cats needed "prowling" time. That is the most insane thing I have ever heard. A pet is part of your family. Would you let a child out to play alone? Pets don't need to be out running around. Cats can be litter-trained. Dogs should be walked on a leash or kept in a fenced yard.

If one thing comes from this letter, I hope it is that people will take better care of their pets and give them the chance to grow old with the rest of the family. To the cat I hit last night: I'm sorry we couldn't have met under better circumstances. — E.M. in Lonoke, Ark.

**Dear E.M.:** The accident was not your fault, so please stop tormenting yourself. I have said several times that pet owners should NEVER let their pets roam free. Anyone who takes on the respon-

sibility of caring for an animal should be willing to keep it safe from harm. Your letter may save a few of those nine lives.

**Dear Ann Landers:** You recently printed a letter from a bride who resented the fact that several uninvited people showed up at her wedding.

According to our priest, a wedding in a church is a religious event. The church is a public building, and anyone can attend a religious service there. If the wedding were in a home or private hall, it would be different. Most people do not know that church weddings are open to the public. Only the reception is private and requires an invitation. Please tell your readers about this. — Mrs. B. in Dallas.

**Dear Mrs B:** My pastor friends agree with you. People who have good manners, however, do not show up at a wedding without an invitation, no matter where it is.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I just read a story in The Macomb Daily, a paper here in Michigan, about a 72-year-old resident of Pittsburgh. This man owns a salon and barber-shop supply business, which he bought in 1983. He recently received a notice saying he owes a property tax bill of \$1,151

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From left, George Webster as Arden, Michael Smiley as Robert and Evanna Lynch as Emily in the 2015 movie "My Name is Emily" directed by Simon Fitzmaurice.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
**"My Name is Emily"**  
 2015 - NR  
 1 hr 34min

What is it that makes the Irish such great storytellers? Maybe it's the historical hardships like the Great Potato Famine that they've collectively had to endure. Or perhaps it's that it rains all the time in Ireland.

I know this firsthand. When our family visited the country, it rained nine out of the 10 days we were there. Whatever the reason, the country is blessed with storytellers, in music, literature, and movies. "My Name is Emily" is a perfect example of the latter.



The film tells the story of Emily (Evanna Lynch), an introspective, sensitive young woman. She's raised in a loving home and is close to her parents, especially her mother (Deirdre Mullins). Robert (Michael Smiley), her

father, is a best-selling author who instills in her the fact that it's okay to be different. Of course, her classmates tease her to no end about this, which she endures quite well.

When her mother is killed in a car accident, it's up to her father to raise her. He does a commendable job at first, but slowly withdraws into himself, and his eccentric behavior evolves into madness. One day someone spray paints the word "freak" on the wall opposite their home. Robert responds by painting "A fact is a



**Movie Junkie Mark**  
 by Mark Domin



point of view" on their front wall. At this point his relatives have no option but to have him institutionalized and Emily is placed with foster parents.

Emily and her dad correspond frequently, and he never fails to send her a card on her birthday.

When his letters arrive less frequently and he misses her birthday altogether, she suspects something is up.

While this is occurring, a young classmate Arden (George Webster), takes a liking to Emily. He's a charming, thoughtful boy who is struggling in school.

At first she shrugs him off, but eventually

actors is palpable. I expect to see more of them both in the years to come.

Actually, Ms. Lynch has appeared in several Harry Potter films in the coveted role of Luna Lovegood, so her career is off to an incredible start.

"My Name is Emily" is the only full-length feature by the talented writer and director Simon Fitzmaurice. Sadly he passed away from Lou Gehrig's disease shortly after completing this film.

What a loss. This is one of those feel good movies that will stick with you long after you watch it. It's

smaller children would find it boring.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy (with your library card), Tubi, and for rent on Prime Video.

★★★★☆

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](http://youtube.com). If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: [dominmark@yahoo.com](mailto:dominmark@yahoo.com). Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](http://moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).



they become friends. They're reluctant to admit it, but they are true kindred spirits.

After a row with his parents, and a request from Emily to find her dad and help him escape, he agrees to assist her on her quest. They're aided by his kindly and understanding grandmother. The couple drives off in grandma's old beater of a car and the road trip begins!

Their trek across the beautiful Irish countryside is full of adventures.

Along the way they slowly open up to one another and come out of their shells. The film includes a number of beautiful and memorable flashbacks where we witness the loving upbringing Emily had.

What's more, the chemistry between these talented young

another beautifully told Irish tale that touch on universal themes, love, loss, and acceptance. If you're looking for a few other exceptional Irish films, here are some of my favorites: "The Secret of Roan Inish" (a tale based on an Irish legend), "Ondine" (a modern-day story full of surprises), "The Van" (a fun romp based on the best-selling novel by Roddy Doyle), "The Commitments" (full of great music) and the bawdy "Rory O'Shay Was Here."

Note to parents: While this film is not rated, I'd probably rate it PG. I don't recall anything offensive, but

**ABBY:**

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 54-year-old man, blessed with a good life, family, friends and a good job for 35 years.

I was married for six years. The first four of them were very good. We were blessed with a sweet, beautiful daughter. Her mother and I have been divorced for more than 20 years now.

I'm a decent-looking guy. I'm kind, honest and fun, and I have good morals and a sense of humor.

I have dated many women since the divorce, but most of those relationships were all about sex. I'm not complaining, but I'd like to find that one woman with whom I could share everything -- travel, dinner, ballgames, concerts, etc.

The few of those I've encountered over the last 20 years have ended up getting married to someone else. Abby, can

you help? I feel... — CURSED IN ARKANSAS

**DEAR CURSED:** If I read your letter correctly, you have been very promiscuous with women before you find out what they are all about. Your chances of finding someone to share the rest of your life with might improve if you make the effort to form friendships first.

Although you may not find someone who enjoys all of the activities you mentioned on your wish list, you might forge rewarding friendships along the way and enjoy some of them together.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I recently hosted a dinner party for six close friends. I spent the day cleaning, cooking and setting the table nicely with flowers.

Our guests were supposed to arrive at 5 p.m., but didn't show up until 6. One couple brought their dog along, and proceeded to give it a bone on our newly cleaned couch.

The guests talked only with each other, and anytime my husband and I tried to talk, we were interrupted and the subject was changed back to their personal discussions, which included making plans for the next evening, cellphones ringing and calls being taken, etc.

One of the men was extremely rude. He complained about the ingredients of the food, demanded to move to the head of the table and made negative remarks throughout the meal, after which he abruptly announced he was tired and wanted to go home immediately.

My husband and I were very upset after they left, and my husband said he never wants to have them for dinner again. I need your advice because I'm close friends with the women and would like to clear the air. Meanwhile, I received two texts the next day thanking me for the "great dinner" and "lovely time." — HOSTESS WITH

THE MOSTEST

**DEAR HOSTESS:** The man who criticized your cooking and demanded to be moved to the head of the table should be stricken from your guest list. The couple who fed their dog a bone on your newly cleaned couch should be given the opportunity to pay for having it cleaned again if there are stains on it.

In the future, when you issue an invitation, it appears you will have to specify that you expect your guests to show up on time and leave their pets at home. If anyone is offended by that, perhaps they are not such "close friends" after all.

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# Happy 4X4 Day!

## Outdoor adventurers choose Ford

**DEARBORN, Mich., April 2022** — When Rachel Sampson took delivery of her 2021 Ford Bronco® last November, she joined a growing number of Americans choosing a four-wheel-powered vehicle to expand their capabilities in outdoor experiences.

Some 114 million Americans a year are now participating in outdoor adventure activities and as they seek to spend more time outdoors, more customers are choosing Ford for a four-wheel-powered vehicle than any other brand.



2022 Ford Bronco Wildtrak with optional HOSS 3.0.

retail sales in 2021 were four-wheel-powered vehicles for Ford. “In some cases, it’s the day-to-day confidence of driving in snow, but it’s also the desire to get outdoors, get off-road and

270,000 general purpose, or GP, vehicles for the Allied forces.

In 1951, a government contract called on Ford to design a quarter-ton 4x4 Military Utility Tactical Truck, or MUTT, to replace the M38 and M38A1 model jeeps. Design started in 1951, with testing and prototyping continuing through most of the decade.

While GPs were popular among returning servicemen for both work and play, Ford research in the early '60s revealed they were too small and uncomfortable for civilian life, so a more refined, spacious off-road vehicle that still delivered durability was born – the Ford Bronco.

With an increasing number of people in the United States seeking outdoor adventures, more customers are choosing Ford than Toyota, Jeep or any other automotive brand for four-wheel-powered vehicles to help get them to the trailhead, set up camp or explore the wilderness.

Nearly two-thirds of Ford sales in the U.S. are four-wheel-powered vehicles, up from about one-third a decade ago, while more than half of millennial and women customers are choosing this capability, nearly

find new adventures.”

Any driveline setup that can send power to all four wheels – including 4x4, four-wheel drive, all-wheel drive and dual-motor all-wheel drive – constitutes a four-wheel-powered system. Rugged 4x4 systems that include a transfer case, such as on Bronco SUV, are designed to elevate off-road capability for those seeking more extreme adventures. These systems, also available on Expedition®, F-150®, Ranger® and Super Duty®, typically feature a mechanical or electric shift with 2-High, 4-High and 4-Low modes, as well as 4-Auto on select vehicles.



2022 Ford Bronco Everglades Edition.

According to data from S&P Global Mobility, Ford sold 1.2 million four-wheel-powered vehicles in the United States in 2021 – roughly 18% more than the next best-selling brand, Toyota, and 42% more than Jeep.

“Living in north Florida, we enjoy beaches all day, every day, and we do a lot of traveling to Georgia, too,” said Sampson, a former Nissan owner and mother of two who fell in love with the Bronco after its 2020 debut. “We enjoy top-down weather as much as possible.”

Growth in sales for four-wheel-powered Ford vehicles comes from a mix of new models, including the Bronco family of 4x4 vehicles, plus an uptick in the take rate for all-wheel drive in other popular nameplates like Explorer®. Growth is also coming from millennials and women – with both groups of buyers doubling their take rate of four-wheel-powered vehicles over the past decade.

“We know customers want SUVs for the additional cargo space and convenience, and also for the capability and confidence that comes with a four-wheel-powered vehicle,” said Dave Rivers, Ford U.S. SUV marketing manager, noting that three in four

Since 2000, Ford has led all automakers in U.S. four-wheel-powered vehicle sales, while one of its latest offerings – Bronco – has a lineage in extreme capability. In World War II, Ford participated in a government competition to build rugged carry-all utilities for GIs on the battlefield, producing more than

double the rate from a decade ago.

Ford has 13 four-wheel-powered trucks and SUV vehicle lines – including Bronco®, Explorer® and the F-Series lineup – that fit a variety of budgets and lifestyles, building on 80 years of four-wheel-power experience and 21 years of cumulative U.S. sales leadership.



2022 Ford Super Duty Lariat Tremor and Limited.



2022 Ford Explorer ST.

# Royal Stars

## Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or major decisions from midnight until noon EDT today (midnight until 9 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Gemini into Cancer.

**Happy Birthday** for Thursday, April 7, 2022:

You are a high-energy person, ready to act. You are easygoing and have a warm heart. You are always creative and innovative. This year you might be in the spotlight for some reason, because your hard work will pay off. You might get a promotion, an award or acknowledgement for your efforts.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

Today you will look around you to see what needs to be improved. You're not concerned with being a carping critic; you're concerned with making the situation better, because you have a critical eye to see what needs to be changed or corrected in your environment. This is a good thing. Tonight: Happy at home.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

Your research abilities today are stellar! Use this opportunity to dig deep for answers to old questions or solutions to old problems. Because you might mentally isolate yourself today, you might feel a tad lonely. Hey, this is a brief dark cloud on your horizon. Tonight: Warm conversations.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

You might have a discussion with someone younger today, or perhaps a younger friend or someone in a group or organization. Very likely, this discussion will be about practical matters. Possibly, someone older or more experienced will be the teacher in this situation. Tonight: Enjoy what you own.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

A conversation with a boss, parent or someone in a position of authority will be successful today because you are both concerned with making improvements and discussing long-range plans. These discussions won't be frivolous, but they don't have to be dour either. Take a positive view. Tonight: You win!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

You will find it easy to apply yourself to any kind of study today, which is why you might finish a paper or a manuscript. You also might play the role of teacher to someone else, or perhaps you are the student. You will definitely respect someone who has more experience than you. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is an excellent day for practical discussions about shared property, taxes, insurance issues or anything that you own jointly with someone. Because you're in a serious frame of mind and you are patient, you will pay attention to details. This combo guarantees you'll make good headway! Tonight: Be friendly.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is an excellent day to clarify and explain issues to someone or to discuss any difficulties that might have come up in a relationship. It's also a good day to sign contracts or enter into negotiations. However, be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Tonight: Respect authority.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a great day for work discussions or practical discussions related to pets or your health. You'll be focused and ready to give attention to detail. Meanwhile, someone older or more experienced

might have helpful advice for you. Tonight: Learn.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Earlier in the week, you might have struggled with some obstacles. Now your ideas might come to fruition or become a reality. Expect some creative, artistic and outside-the-box solutions. (If you believe in fairies, clap your hands!) Tonight: Do paperwork.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Family discussions will be productive today. A parent or older family member might have practical suggestions or good advice. Fortunately, you're in the mood to respect someone with more experience than you, which is why you will be open to listening to others. Tonight: Cooperate.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You will easily learn something new today, because you have excellent concentration. It's a good day to tackle mental tasks that require precise thinking, focus and attention to detail. (That's because today you have mouse mind not eagle mind.) Tonight: Work!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

Financial discussions will go well today because you're in a serious frame of mind and you won't overlook details. You're ready to listen to the advice of someone more experienced than you. If shopping, you will buy practical, long-lasting items. (Check the Moon Alert.) Tonight: Play!

**BORN TODAY**  
Actor, martial artist Jackie Chan (1954), actor Clarke Peters (1952), actor Russell Crowe (1964).

# Contract Bridge

CLOSE CALL

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 7 3  
♥ 6 4  
♦ J 6  
♣ A K 8 7 5 2

**WEST**  
♠ 2  
♥ A 9 7 3  
♦ Q 10 7 2  
♣ Q J 10 4

**EAST**  
♠ A Q J 8 6 4  
♥ 10  
♦ A 9 8 5  
♣ 9 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 10 5  
♥ K Q J 8 5 2  
♦ K 4 3  
♣ 6

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♥ Dble  
Opening lead — two of spades.

Good defensive play is usually the result of a concerted partnership effort. Unlike declarer, who is essentially on his own during the play, the defenders must depend on partnership cooperation to achieve the best result possible. As a case in point, consider this deal from a team event many years ago.

Both Wests made a very close penalty double of two hearts in the auction shown. Defeating the contract then became a matter of precision defense.

The play at both tables began the

same way. East won the opening spade lead with the ace and returned the queen. West ruffed South's king and led a diamond to East's ace. East then cashed the jack of spades for the defenders' fourth trick as West discarded a diamond.

East now had two choices. A diamond return is best if West has the king. Alternatively, a spade return puts West in a potentially desirable overruffing position, but allows dummy's remaining diamond to be discarded if the overruff occurs.

At the first table, East decided to return a diamond. South won with the king and cashed the A-K of clubs, discarding his remaining diamond. He then led a heart to the king and, after West took the ace, claimed the remainder, making two hearts doubled for a score of 670 points.

At the second table, East returned a spade at the critical point and so defeated the contract. Here, East reasoned that if West had the king of diamonds, he should have played it at trick three before leading the deuce in order to avoid giving East a problem. In other words, East decided to trust that his partner had not made a mistake.

East's spade return was ruffed by declarer with the jack, but West simply discarded and later scored the ace and nine of hearts to register a 200-point set.

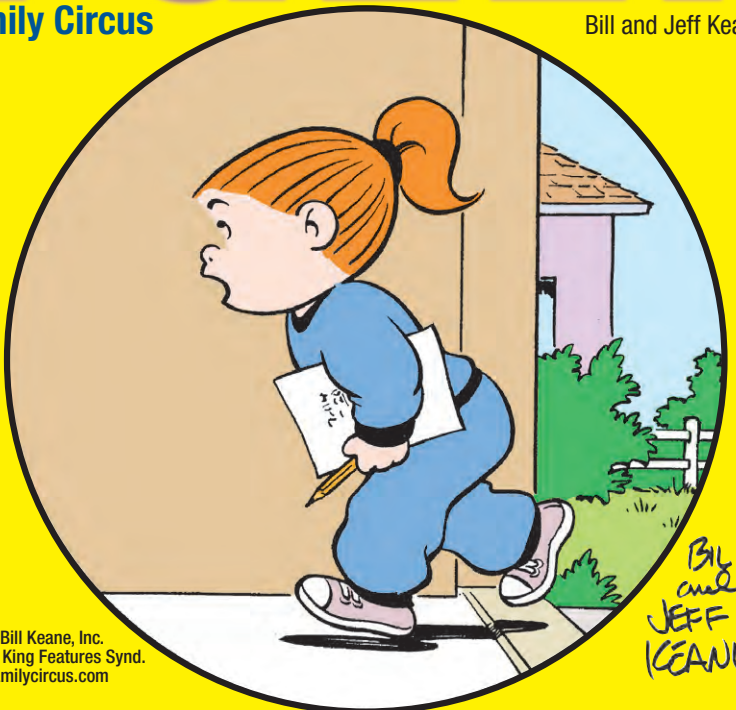
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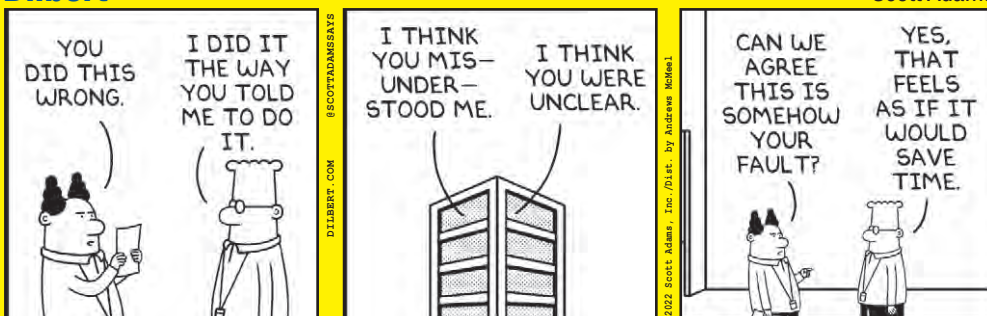
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## Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



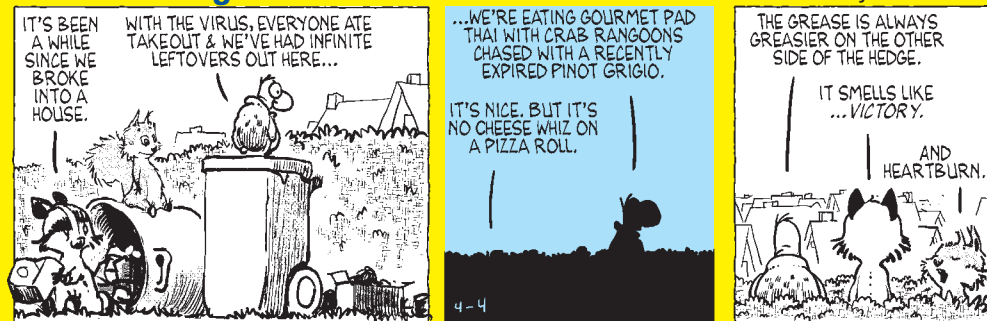
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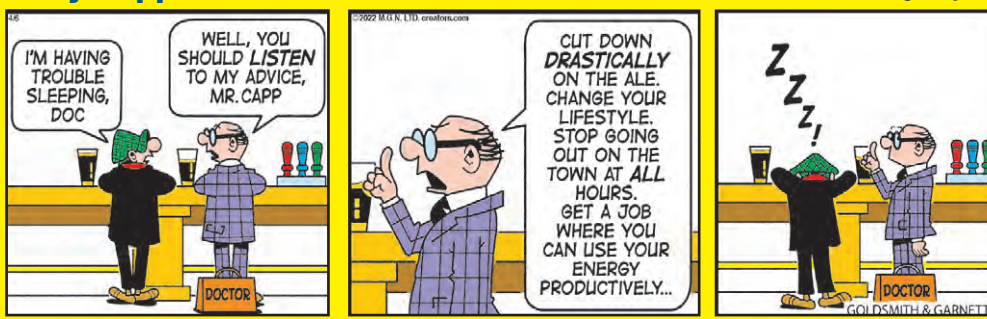
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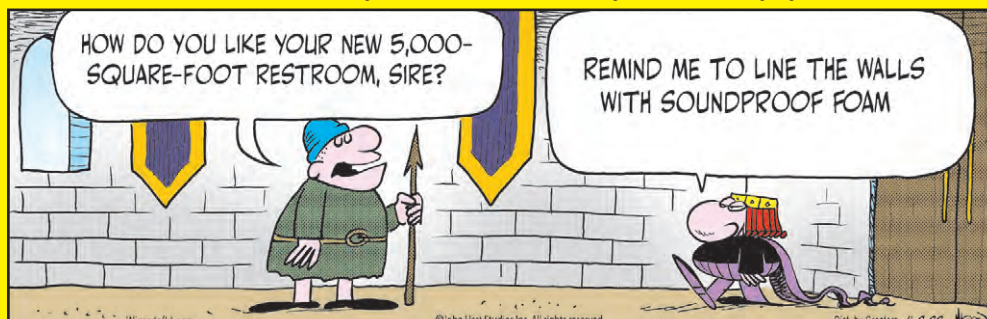
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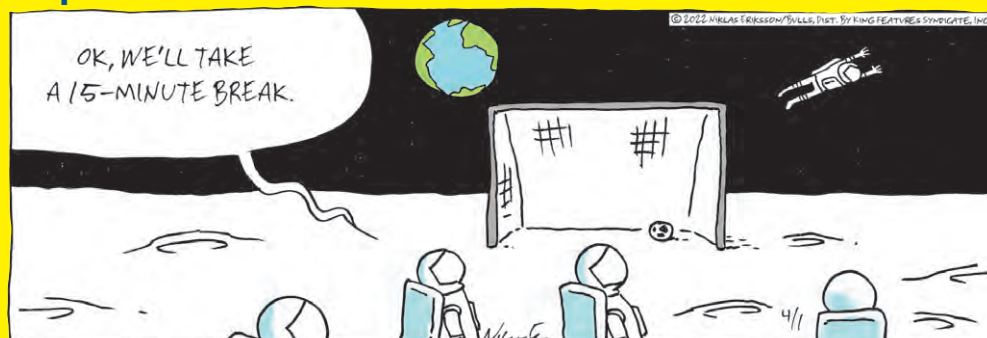
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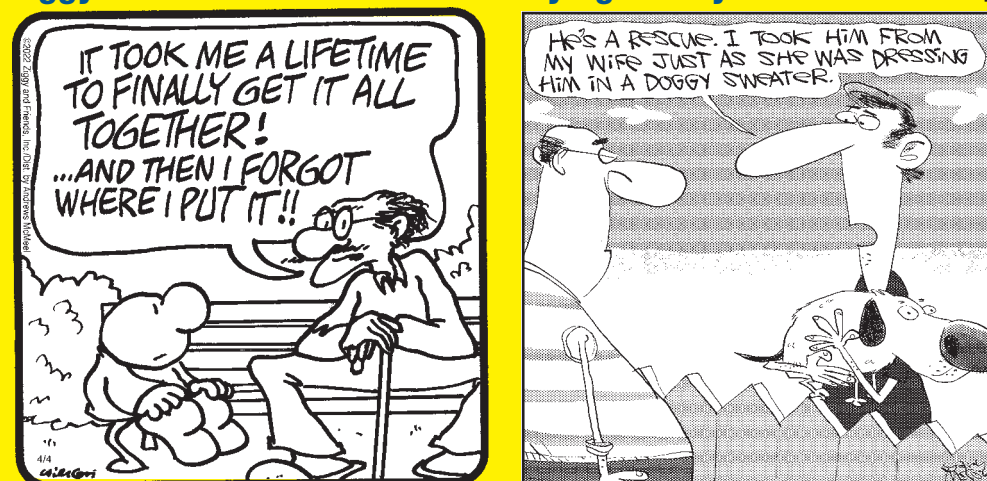


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg April 7, 2022

### ACROSS

- 1 Filled with foliage
- 5 Relaxation destinations
- 9 Make angry
- 13 Instrument that's 3/4 vowels
- 14 \_\_\_ of (in the know about)
- 15 October birthstone
- 16 Depend (on)
- 17 Band with the hits "Photograph" and "Far Away"
- 19 What a tyrant rules with
- 21 Like 13-Across music
- 22 Lets off steam?
- 23 Solidifies, like custard
- 24 Cutesy dino sound
- 25 Inits. aptly hidden in "Obama-care"
- 26 "I know! I know!"
- 30 Container in which preserves are preserved
- 31 Space for growth?
- 34 Taboo behavior
- 35 Application
- 36 TV series starring Rami Malek, and what you could build using 17-, 19-, 53- and 56-Across?

- 38 Get the W
- 39 Video file format
- 41 Italian fashion house
- 42 Mother deer
- 43 Fiery prefix
- 44 Gossip that's "spilled"
- 45 Physics particle that anagrams to "um, no"
- 47 Founded, for short
- 49 Like an echidna
- 51 Haiku master
- 52 Matsuo
- 53 Metaphorical feature of a fast driver
- 56 Venomous American snake
- 58 It may surround you
- 59 What squiggly lines may represent
- 60 Mosque leaders
- 61 The \_\_\_ of March
- 62 Result of using the wrong key?
- 63 Sound-boosting equipment
- 64 Chess "castle"

### DOWN

- 1 Model \_\_\_ Harvey
- 2 Lyft competitor
- 3 Harry Styles' began with his self-titled album

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

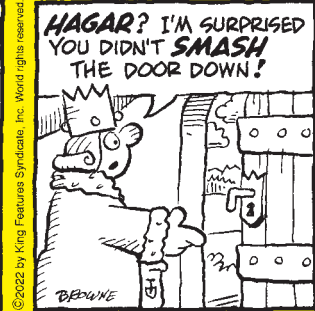
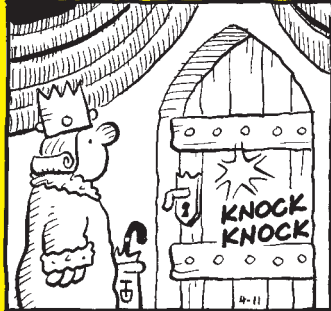


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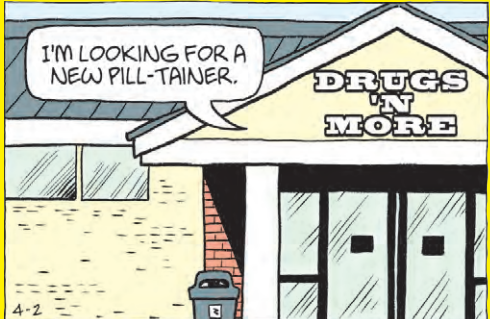
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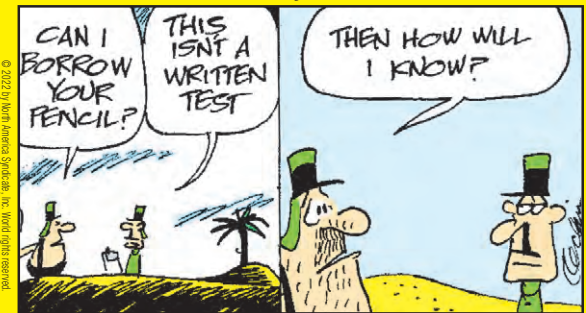
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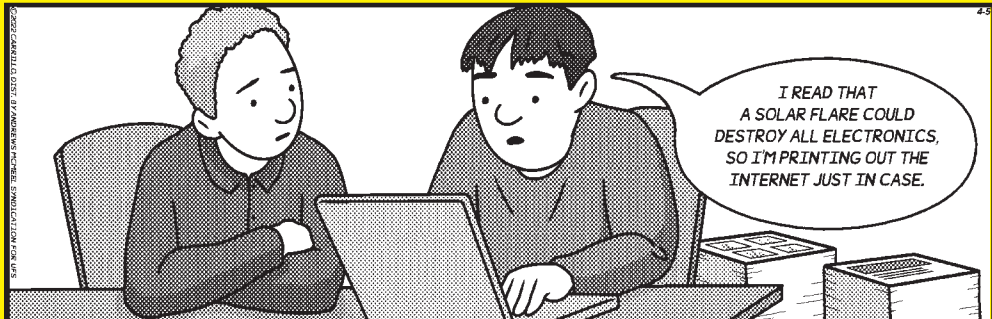
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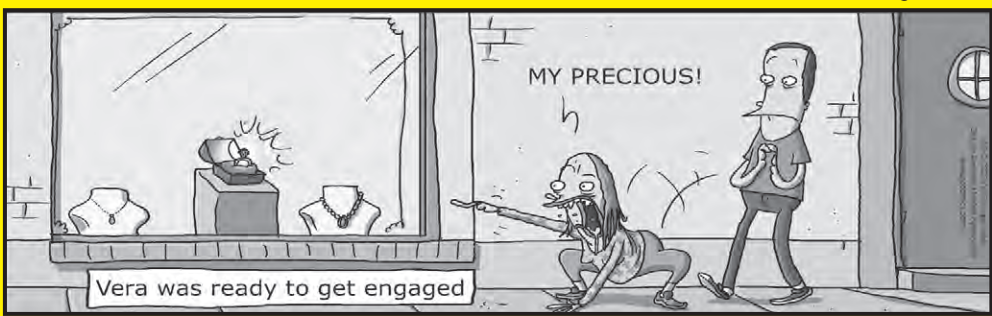
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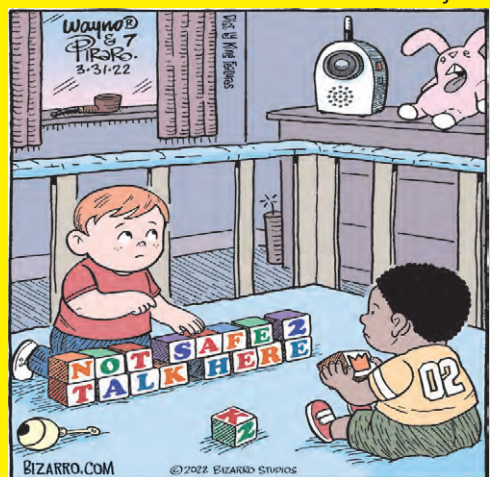


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Dan Piraro and Wayno



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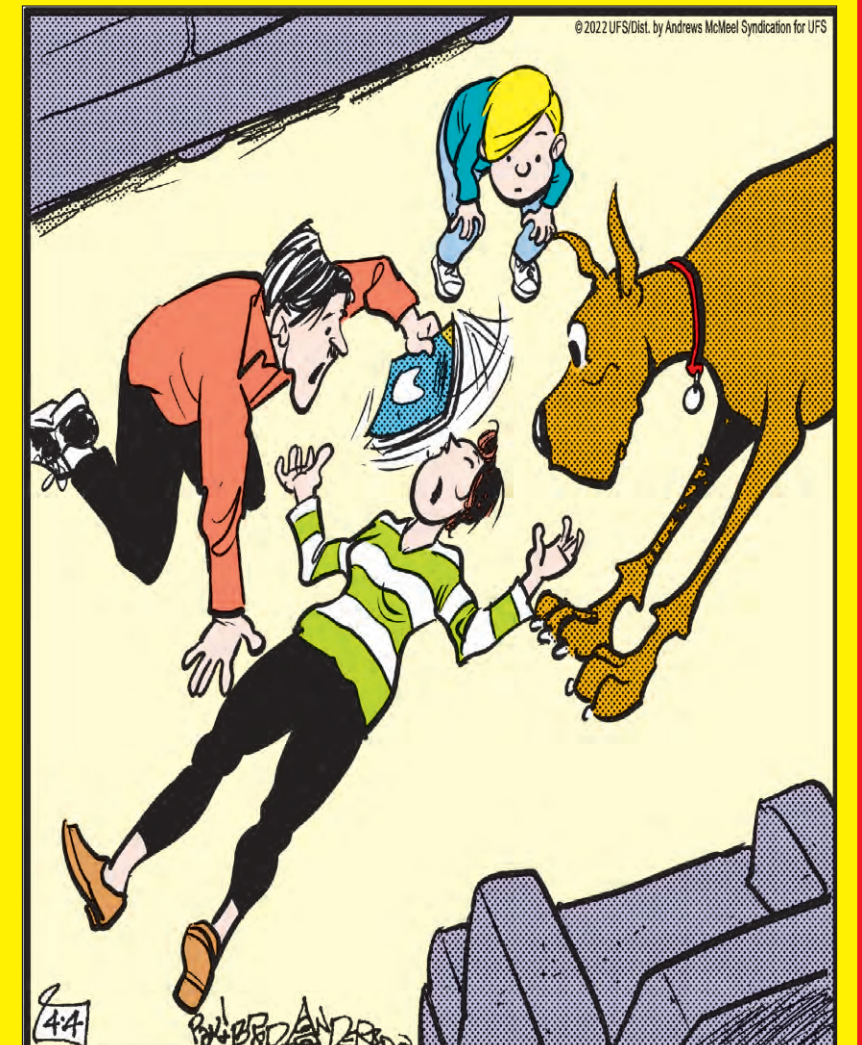
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"Sorry you've got to mix your own cement shoes. We're a little short on help right now."

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



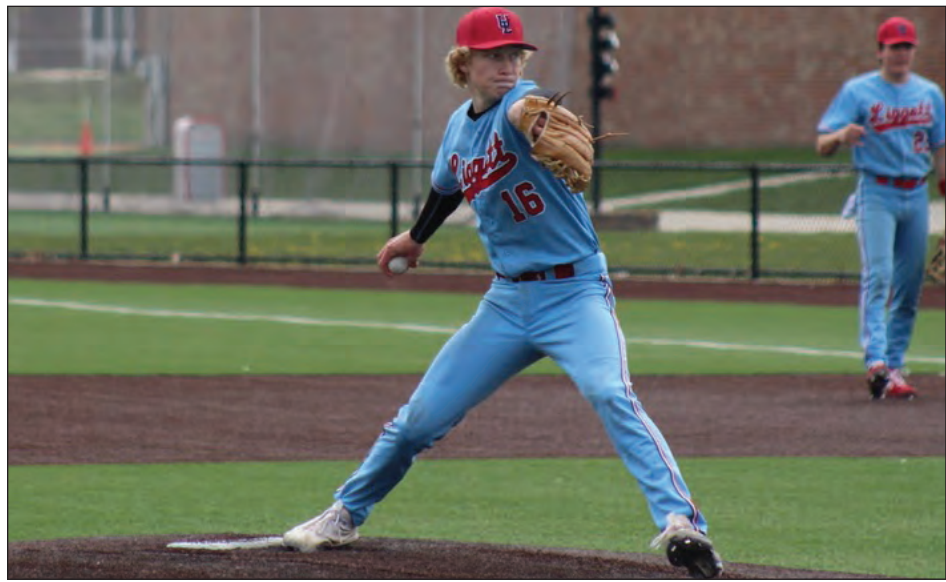
"All I did was ask if we could get another dog."

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Liggett pitcher Kurt Barr threw a no-hitter in the team's opening game of the 2022 season, a 14-0 win over Brother Rice.



Matthew Greene recorded 5 RBI in the first game of the Knights' doubleheader against the Warriors.

## Liggett and Warriors split opening series, trade no-hitters

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School baseball team officially began its state-title defense Saturday with its opening games of the regular season. The Knights opened the season on the road taking on Catholic League foes Brother Rice.

Liggett and the Warriors found themselves in a doubleheader series that was not the most ordinary start to the season, with the teams splitting the series and each team's starting pitcher throwing a no-hitter in their respective wins.

Liggett dominated the opening game of the doubleheader, highlighted by an incredible opening-day performance on the mound by Kurt Barr. The senior needed just 45 pitches in five innings to complete a no-hitter as the Knights took game one 14-0.

"I was a little nervous going into the game, which was expected,"

Barr said. "I knew Brother Rice was going to be a good team. The previous couple of days before the game, I started to really envision myself doing well on the mound. I think that helps with my nerves a lot. It's something I've been doing since last year and it helps me with my confidence and mindset going into a game."

Barr was one of the aces on last year's state championship team for Liggett. In the 2022 season opener, it seemed as though he had not skipped a beat from last spring.

"The curveball, slider and changeup were working, which kept guys off balance," Barr said. "I kept the fastball on the corners and threw the off speed for consistent strikes, which is key, especially against a team like Brother Rice. We played amazing defense as well."

As far as the 14 runs the Knights were able to score in that first win, it all started in the opening inning with an RBI ground

ball by Ryan Jones. Liggett tallied four more runs in the second inning, with three coming home on a double by Matthew Greene.

Greene had a two-RBI double in the fifth inning to finish game one with five RBI and going 3-for-3 at the plate. Jones ended the game with a pair of RBI. Jarren Purify, Oliver Service, Kurt Barr, Joey Randazzo and Preston Barr all brought in runs as well.

The field flipped in game two of the doubleheader and the Knights' explosive offense from the first game was nowhere to be found. Liggett batters struck out 12 times against Brother Rice pitcher Alfredo Velazquez. The junior for the Warriors walked just two batters in seven innings and completed a no-hitter of his own as the Knights fell 2-0 in game two.

Jack Jones had a strong See KNIGHTS, page 4D

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

Winning two state championships in the first two years is quite a way to begin a high school sports career. Sofie Ancona, a sophomore on the University Liggett School girls hockey team, is one of the few who can claim that kind of accomplishment.

Ancona has become used to winning and collecting trophies with her Liggett teammates over the course of her first two seasons with the team. In those seasons, the second-year forward has experienced her own ups and downs, but has used that to appreciate the success the Knights have enjoyed. Through it all, Ancona and her teammates haven't given up on each other, which makes Liggett truly feel like home.

"We are a family," she said. "We're super close. I've never been this close with teammates ever. There's such a good bond

that we have and we carry that with us on the ice. ... If we didn't have a good bond, we might not be where we are now. It sets us apart from other teams because of how well we play together."

The strong sense of camaraderie in the Liggett locker room has helped Ancona, who earned All-State honorable mention honors this season, feel at home and

"My plan wasn't really to even play in high school," she said. "But I fell in love with it all over again. The team was great and we won a championship, then won another this year. I'm really happy with my choice."

The biggest obstacle Ancona had to overcome before beginning her high school career at Liggett was recovering from an injury that could have kept her off the ice a long time. She suffered an ACL injury while playing junior hockey before high school, leading her on a lengthy road to recovery.

Even last season, while playing for Liggett, Ancona knew she was not truly back to her full self. Over a year of hard work

has finally gotten her feeling like she is back to the player she once was.

"I wanted to get back so bad and worked so hard," Ancona said. "I was able to come back, but it didn't feel right. I didn't feel like I was at my full potential and I

got mad because I did all the work, but then had to do more work to get back to my full potential. I did the work and last year was a good year but not my best. ... I was able to look at it as a helping year for me to grow and get back as a player and this season I was really in stride and got through the season. I'm proud of myself for being able to overcome that."

If leading Liggett in goals and assists this season means Ancona is feeling back to her full potential, then it means even bigger things might be in store in the next two seasons. The skill and hockey IQ is already there for Ancona, but the biggest improvements she wants to make in the future might be more important off the ice.

Putting up great statistics is one thing, but Ancona knows the importance of hockey being a team game. Back-to-back state titles likely would not have been possible if the Knights were not as close as a group both on and off the ice. That makes Ancona want to see that bond in the locker room continue to grow as she gets to be an upperclassman.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sophomore Sofie Ancona led the University Liggett girls hockey team in points during the Knights' run to a second consecutive state championship this winter.

"I want to see myself become more of a leader and showcase my skills on the ice with my team," she said. "What's important for me is how I can help my team. As long as I'm helping my team the best I can, then I'm happy with that."

The connection Ancona feels with her team might be the strongest with the rest of her forward line. She typically shares a line with

Elle Quinlan and Annaclaire Doppke, two players with whom Ancona was familiar even before getting to Liggett.

"We know each other well and had the opportunity to be a line, which I'm really, really grateful for," Ancona said. "We move the puck really well up the ice and have such a great dynamic because

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# South baseball swings into action

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Describing it as “great to just finally play,” coach Dan Griesbaum and his Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball team completed a successful spring training trip to Cincinnati, Ohio March 28 to 31, finishing the week with a 4-2 record that included five games and one scrimmage.

After a two-year layoff due to COVID, the team resumed its annual pre-

season road trip to southwest Ohio, picking up where they left off and competing toe-to-toe with top-level teams — all of which started their seasons nearly three weeks earlier than their state of Michigan counterparts.

“We used to start up everything the Monday after March 1,” Griesbaum said. “But over the years, it’s gotten pushed back for us by a few weeks.”

The competitive advantage on preseason

preparation aside, Griesbaum said his team held its own throughout the week against some of the best competition it may see all season.

“We saw great competition in our games against (Cincinnati) Moeller and LaSalle,” he said. “Both teams have several D1 players on their rosters.”

One such player is LaSalle left fielder Devin Taylor. The Indiana University commit went three-for-three against the Blue Devils, driving

in four runs with a double, triple and a “home run that still hasn’t come down at the University of Cincinnati,” Griesbaum said.

South ultimately took a beating in that game, losing 16-2. But according to Griesbaum, the team earned some valuable experience throughout the week and showed glimpses of many potential bright spots, starting with the team’s pitching staff.

Before that humbling mid-week showing against the LaSalle Lancers, South started things off with a hard-fought, 3-1 win over Lodi Cloverleaf High School at the University of Cincinnati. Starting senior pitcher Robbie Leonard powered through four innings in chilly conditions, allowing only one hit, one run and striking out four. Senior pitcher Chase Campbell handled three innings in relief to earn the victory, allowing one hit and zero runs with three strikeouts.

South knotted up the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the fifth when senior Cam Braithwaite singled on a 1-2 count, scoring a run. Sophomore Hunter Belanger drew a walk in the bottom of the sixth, bringing in a run and breaking a 1-1 tie.

After finishing out the day with the loss to LaSalle, South regrouped Tuesday to face another daunting opponent, Cincinnati Moeller. The game served as opening day for the eight-time state



South’s Jordan Bruetsch locks in at the plate against Lorain High School. Bruetsch went one for two on the day and also took the win for South on the mound, allowing zero hits and zero runs over four innings. He struck out four and had zero walks.

champion Crusaders in their new, state-of-the-art, all-field-turf Kremchek Stadium.

Though the Blue Devils lost 9-1, Griesbaum noted the pitching performance of junior starting pitcher Chase Mazey.

“Chase threw a great game,” Griesbaum said.

Because it is so early in the season, the skipper pulled Mazey after three and two-thirds innings, in which he allowed four hits and two runs, while striking out six with no walks. Despite Mazey’s solid pitching, and hits from junior Cliff Grabowski and senior Alex Tigges, Moeller grabbed an early lead and never looked back, collecting nine hits on the day.

Wednesday brought an onslaught of offense for the Blue Devils in a 14-3 win against Lorain High School. Grabowski once again had himself a day, driving in four runs among three hits, including a single in the first, triple in the third and double in the fourth. Starting pitcher Braithwaite earned the

win for South.

The team followed up the game with a scrimmage against the same Lorain squad. South pitchers Connor Stafford and Joey Michelotti combined for a shutout for the Blue Devils, who dominated by a score of 21-0. Stafford, a junior, allowed zero runs on zero hits, striking out five and walking one. Sophomore Michelotti threw one inning of relief. Hits came from Michael Tengler, Alex English, Joey McEvoy, Nate Kocik, Colin Burke and Matt Zrimec.

South closed out its busy week with a 7-2 victory against Cincinnati Princeton High School. Leonard earned the win, going four innings, allowing one run on two hits and striking out six. Grabowski and senior Jonathan Drake combined for five hits and four runs for South.

South begins its chase for the program’s third state championship at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, at home against Warren De La Salle.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRIS MAZEY

The 2022 Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball team finished a successful trip to Cincinnati over spring break. The Blue Devils saw tough competition and finished the week 4-2, playing five games and one scrimmage.

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**HOME GAMES**

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

**Thursday, April 7**  
4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. De La Salle @South Diamond  
4:30 pm Boys JV “B” Baseball vs. L’Anse Creuse @Elworthy  
6 pm Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Stoney Creek @Stadium Field  
7:30 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Stoney Creek @Stadium Field

**Friday, April 8**  
4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. L’Anse Creuse @Elworthy

**Saturday, April 9**  
8 am Girls Varsity Tennis Quad @Elworthy & South Lake  
10 am & 12 pm Girls Varsity Softball DH vs. Algonac @South Softball Diamond  
10 am & 12 pm Boys Varsity Baseball DH vs. Marysville@Jimmy Johns Field  
10 am Girls JV Soccer vs. Summit Academy @Stadium Field  
11 am & 1 pm Boys JV Baseball DH vs. Rochester @Elworthy  
11:30 am Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Summit Academy @Stadium Field

**Monday, April 11**  
6 pm Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Grosse Pointe North @Stadium Field  
7:30 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Grosse Pointe North @Stadium Field

**Tuesday, April 12**  
4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Detroit Edison @South Diamond  
4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. Detroit Edison @Elworthy  
6:30 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Rochester Adams @Stadium Field

**Wednesday, April 13**  
4 pm Girls JV Tennis vs. Troy @Elworthy  
4:30 Girls Varsity Softball vs. Grosse Pointe North@South Softball Diamond  
6 pm Boys JV Lacrosse vs. De La Salle @Stadium Field  
7:30 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Eisenhower @Stadium Field

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH**

**Thursday, April 7**  
4:30 pm Boys Freshmen Baseball vs. Rochester Adams @Ghesquire Field

**Friday, April 8**  
5:30 pm Girls JV Lacrosse vs. North Farmington @Football Field  
7 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. North Farmington @Football Field

**Saturday, April 9**  
8:30 am Girls Varsity Tennis Quad @GP North Courts  
10 am Girls Varsity Softball vs. Franklin @Softball Field  
11 am Boys JV Baseball vs. Groves @Baseball Field  
2 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. St. Clair @Softball Field

**Monday, April 11**  
4 pm Girls JV Tennis vs. Grosse Pointe South @GPN Courts  
6 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs Troy @Football Field

**Tuesday, April 12**  
4:30 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. Chippewa Valley @Softball Field  
4:30 pm Boys Freshmen Baseball vs. Lakeshore @Ghesquire  
4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. Lake Orion @Baseball Field  
6 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Detroit Country Day @GPN Turf Field

**Wednesday, April 13**  
3 pm Boys Varsity Golf vs. Grosse Pointe South @Lochmoor Club  
4 pm Boys/Girls Varsity Track & Field vs. Chippewa Valley @Football Field  
4:30 pm Girls JV Softball vs. Grosse Pointe South @Softball Field

**UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL**

**Thursday, April 7**  
4:30 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. St. Catherine of Siena @ULS  
4:30 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Plymouth Academy @ULS

**Friday, April 8**  
11 am Boys Varsity Baseball vs. St. Mary’s Prep @ULS  
12:30 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Notre Dame @ULS  
2:30 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Academy of Sacred Heart @ULS  
4 pm Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Academy of Sacred Heart @ULS

**Monday, April 11**  
5 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Bishop Foley @ULS

**Wednesday, April 13**  
4 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. U of D @ULS  
4 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. Bishop Foley @ULS  
4:30 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs Royal Oak @ULS



COURTESY PHOTO

Ancona and the Knights finished the 2021-22 regular season with a perfect 16-0 record and won three playoff games to claim the state title.

## ATHLETE:

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we can move anywhere on the ice and the other team can’t defend us. We know where each other are on the ice and make those passes and create opportunities to get shots.”

Ancona and Quinlan were two of the top three leaders in points for Liggett this season, so it seems safe to say their line played a major role in the Knights’ achievements. Liggett captured this year’s Michigan Girls High School Hockey League state championship after winning it in 2021 as well.

The Knights won the state championship while completing a perfect season with a final record of

19-0. Although an incredible achievement, the pressure that comes with a run like that is not always easy. Ancona and her teammates experienced that first-hand this winter.

“The thing about winning a lot is that the feeling that you might lose and lose that streak put a weight on us a bit,” she said. “We worried about possibly losing or losing in states in those big games. We were able to pull together and execute that and it stood out to me that even though we had our doubts, if we threw that away, we knew it would be a huge loss and we pulled it together and got through it.”

Ancona is one of many talented players on a perfect Liggett team. Going

through highs and lows both individually and with her team, she has reached incredible heights as a sophomore. It all comes down to her love for the game of hockey and how Ancona shares that love with her teammates.

“I really know the game,” Ancona said. “I know that I’m fast and maybe not the best shooter. But I have fast hands and know what to do on the ice. It’s hard to explain, but I can find those passes to my teammates and I’m fortunate enough to have really good teammates who know my style of play and we can play off each other like that.”

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week).



# Tradition, positive mindset serve as pillars of winning program

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

As Dan Griesbaum Sr. enters his 39th year as head coach of Grosse Pointe South's varsity baseball program, he has made his expectations for his team clear from day one.

"We tell our kids 'Tradition Never Graduates' for a reason," he said. "We never say or believe we are in a rebuilding year. Whether we have eight or nine starters returning, or just one or two, we expect to win."

According to Griesbaum, once you set the bar as a rebuild, players will only perform up to that lowered expectation.

Embracing a winning, positive mindset, led by Griesbaum, has helped produce one of the state's most successful baseball programs. South has captured two state championships in 2001 and 2018, and ranks third in all-time Final Four appearances with eight. They only trail behind in that category to Brother Rice (10) and Catholic Central (9), two all-

male, Catholic school powerhouses.

"The importance of the mental game is so huge," he said. "You have to visualize that it's going to happen. I can't tell you how many times I have visualized us making the last out in a state championship. "When you act, speak and believe in your success, the more likely it's going to happen."

Griesbaum emphasized he does make room for his team to grow and improve. In each of South's last five Final Four appearances (2003, 2005, 2014, 2015 and 2018) "we have had double-digit losses in those seasons," Griesbaum said.

He noted that his 2014 team that finished as state runner up, had 18 losses.

"We evolve over the season as a team. We are not afraid of losing some non-league games," he said. "I don't care about the rankings. We don't worry about the early season losses."

The program's winning ways are remarkable, given it fields players from only half of the Grosse Pointes,

with no open enrollment or recruiting, Griesbaum said.

"All of our kids come from Grosse Pointe, no where else," he said.

Griesbaum is quick to credit a few factors for South's success: One is the strength of the community's Little Leagues to develop young players; the other is the talent and dedication of his assistant coaching staff, including John Hackett, Matt Reno, his son Dan Griesbaum Jr. and Rich Smith.

"We are blessed to have over 50 years of combined coaching experience, all of which has taken place at South, with my assistant coaches," he said.

With no predictions for what this season will look like, Griesbaum holds true to what he knows about the game of baseball.

"You better believe you are a better hitter than the guy pitching and you are a better pitcher than the guy up to bat."

"The mental aspect of this game separates the good players from the better players from the great ones."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Coach Dan Griesbaum Sr., right center, celebrates with longtime assistant coach John Hackett as the Blue Devils capture an exciting extra-innings victory over North to take the 2019 district title.

Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (0-0)
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)	Result
4/9	@ Birmingham Groves (DH)	
4/12	@ Lake Orion	
4/16	@ Grosse Pointe South (DH)	
4/18	L'Anse Creuse North	
4/19	@ L'Anse Creuse North	
4/20	@ Brother Rice	
4/21	L'Anse Creuse North	
4/23	@ Avondale	
4/25	Chippewa Valley	
4/26	@ Chippewa Valley	
4/28	Chippewa Valley	
4/30	@ Detroit Edison (DH)	
5/2	Anchor Bay	
5/3	@ Anchor Bay	
5/4	Detroit Country Day	
5/5	Anchor Bay	
5/7	TBD (Comerica Showcase)	
5/9	@ St. Clair	
5/10	St. Clair	
5/12	@ St. Clair	
5/16	@ Utica	
5/17	Utica	
5/19	@ Utica	
5/21	Mt. Pleasant	
5/21	Portage Northern	
5/23	UD Jesuit	
5/24	Rochester Adams	
5/27	@ Brighton	
Grosse Pointe South		Record (3-2)
Date	Opponent	Result
3/28	Cloverleaf, OH	3-1 W
3/28	@ La Salle, OH	16-2 L
3/29	@ Cincinnati Moeller	9-1 L
3/30	Lorain, OH	14-3 W
3/31	@ Cincinnati Princeton	7-2 W
4/7	De La Salle	
4/9	Marysville (DH @ Jimmy John's Field)	
4/11	@ Detroit Country Day	
4/12	Detroit Edison	
4/16	Grosse Pointe North (DH)	
4/18	@ Henry Ford II	
4/20	Henry Ford II	
4/12	@ Henry Ford II	
4/25	Stevenson	
4/27	@ Stevenson	
4/28	Stevenson	
4/30	TBD (Comerica Showcase)	
5/2	@ Romeo	
5/4	Romeo	
5/5	@ Romeo	
5/7	TBD (GPS Invitational)	
5/9	Dakota	
5/11	@ Dakota	
5/12	Dakota	
5/16	@ Eisenhower	
5/18	Eisenhower	
5/19	@ Eisenhower	
5/21	TBD (GPS Invitational)	
5/24	@ Brother Rice	
5/27	@ University Liggett	
5/28	Northville	
5/28	Livonia Churchill	
University Liggett		Record (1-1)
Date	Opponent	Result
4/2	@ Brother Rice (DH)	14-0 W, 2-0 L
4/6	De La Salle (DH)	
4/9	Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	
4/13	UD Jesuit (DH)	
4/16	@ Richmond (DH)	
4/23	Plymouth Christian (DH)	
4/27	@ Detroit Catholic Central (DH)	
4/30	Brother Rice (DH)	
5/4	@ De La Salle (DH)	
5/7	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	
5/11	@ UD Jesuit (DH)	
5/14	Detroit Catholic Central (DH)	
5/16	Lutheran Westland	
5/18	Grand Blanc	
5/23	Cardinal Mooney	
5/27	Grosse Pointe South	
5/28	Livonia Churchill	
5/28	Northville	

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan  
**PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center in the Council Chambers/Courtroom, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, at 7:00 p.m., local time, to consider public comment regarding the amendment of CHAPTER 50 ZONING, SEC. 50-340 SPECIAL LAND USES AND SEC. 50-373 DESIGN STANDARDS REGARDING COLONIAL THEMES. The proposed amendment encourages colonial design themes, but eliminates it as a mandatory design requirement, provided proposed design elements are of quality materials and construction.

Copies of the proposed amendment are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding City holidays. A copy of the Ordinance may also be reviewed at the City's website at [www.gpwm.com](http://www.gpwm.com). Written comments concerning the proposed amendment may be submitted to the City Clerk by first class mail or in-person up to the meeting time.

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**TO AMEND CHAPTER 50 ZONING, SEC. 50-340 SPECIAL LAND USES AND SEC. 50-373 DESIGN STANDARDS REGARDING COLONIAL THEMES.**

Paul P. Antolin  
Deputy City Clerk

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## KNIGHTS:

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showing of his own on the mound for Liggett in the second game, allowing just one earned run on three hits with eight strikeouts through six innings.

The Knights return to the Pointes this week for their first home games of the new season. Liggett continues its run of early games against Catholic League foes by hosting Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the No. 1 ranked team in Division 1, for a double-header Saturday.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Head coach Olivia Dallaire and the North girls soccer team are ready to take on tough competition in the MAC Red Division this spring.

# North soccer ready to face every challenge

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

If one were to look at this year's Grosse Pointe North girls soccer team roster, they might notice the squad only includes four seniors. It may lead some to think the Norsemen are lacking experience. However, it is really the opposite.

Those four seniors are joined by eight juniors and a group of sophomores all with experience on the soccer pitch at the varsity level. That experience comes from changes made to North's program specifically for last spring, but could now end up paying off for the Norsemen.

"Last year, because of COVID, we decided to keep one larger varsity roster, instead of having separate JV and varsity teams," North head coach Olivia Dallaire said. "This has been a benefit to the beginning of our season, because the girls know the expectations and the girls will

be able to draw from last year's experiences in MAC Red games and the postseason."

Having that experience also should help make up for the departure of some senior leaders from last year's team. That does provide a chance for the returning North players to step up and fill those shoes. There are plenty of players capable of doing that for the Norsemen this spring. It is just a matter of finding out where every piece fits during the early parts of the season.

"We lost a few key seniors from our lineup last season and there are opportunities for players to earn important minutes," Dallaire said. "At the beginning, we tend to switch up formations and lineups while we are figuring out what works best for our specific team that year. As we play more games over the next couple weeks, we are excited to see some new faces step into these open spots."

The season already is underway for the Norsemen, who played their opening game before spring break March 24. That game, against Chippewa Valley, ended in a scoreless draw.

Being in the MAC Red Division once again this year, the Norsemen know every game is going to be a challenge. Important non-division games for North include teams like Detroit Country Day, Groves and Crosstown foes Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School. The level of experience this year's Norsemen squad has is showing in how prepared they are to face every test.

"We face a very challenging non-conference and MAC schedule this season, which is no different than the past several seasons," Dallaire said. "The girls know we try and schedule the best competition for them throughout the season with the goal that they will be the most prepared to enter the post season and peak as a team at the right time."

If North can peak at the right time, they surely would like to repeat and build upon some of the success of last spring. The Norsemen won two playoff games last season and advanced as far as the district championship game.

The large crop of returning varsity players this year now share that experience of competing and winning in the post-season. Continuing that mindset of constant work and improvement is how they can get back there



Senior Eleanor Bernas with the ball for North in the team's opening game of the season against Chippewa Valley on March 24.

# Registration deadline approaching for Bayview-Mackinac Race

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki  
Staff Writer

Time's running out if you want to sail the Bayview Mackinac Race this year — and get one of the oft wanted berths in the Mackinac Island harbor.

The first 170 boats to register are all but guaranteed a spot in the harbor and, as of this writing, there are 161 boats registered. After that, skippers will probably have to dock in Mackinac City or St. Ignace. More than 200 boats are expected in this year's race.

For the first time in two years, the Bayview race will return to two race courses, the shorter Shore Course (204 nautical miles) and the longer Cove Island Course (259 nautical miles). The Cove Island Course has been off limits for the last two years, due to COVID restrictions in Canada.

"It's allowing the bigger and faster boats to stretch their legs a little bit. I think it allows us to showcase the Great Lakes a little bit more," said Lyn Kotwicki, this year's Bayview Yacht Club commodore and the first woman to hold that position. "We're racing a longer distance; it's more variety."

The Shore Course typically is sailed by smaller or slower boats, while larger and faster boats head to Cove Island.

And to get to one of the more important changes, the island awards party is switching to Mission Point Resort, from the Grand Hotel.

"It's a different vibe" at Mission Point, Kotwicki said. The party will be on the waterfront at Mission Point. "To be able to touch the water, sometimes there's still boats finishing."

This will be the 98th sailing of the Bayview-

Mackinac race. Typically Bayview and the Chicago Yacht Club switch years: One year Bayview will have the first race on Lake Huron, the next year Chicago will be first on Lake Michigan. The second race attracts more boats from the other lake because you're halfway around the Michigan mitten to the start of the second race when you finish the first race.

Next year and in 2024, the two yacht clubs switched dates, so Bayview will be the second race when it sails its 100th race in 2024.

"We don't know how many more boats we'll get," Kotwicki said. "If it's making it easier for Chicago boats to come to this side, that's what we're doing."

"But it's not just the Chicago boats coming. It's the timing for the 100th itself and allowing people time to plan."



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID STOYKA

Diablo, owned by Brad Kimmel and Steve Young of Grosse Pointe Farms, sail in a previous Bayview-Mackinac Race. This year's 98th edition of the race is scheduled to begin July 16. Registration is currently open with more information available at [bycmack.com](http://bycmack.com).

## City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

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Copies of the proposed amendment are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding City holidays. A copy of the Ordinance may also be reviewed at the City's website at [www.gpwmi.us.com](http://www.gpwmi.us.com). Written comments concerning the proposed amendment may be submitted to the City Clerk by first class mail or in-person up to the meeting time.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 50 – ZONING, SECTION 50-1 - DEFINITIONS, BY REPEALING THE DEFINITIONS OF "SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM" AND "SOLAR PANEL", AND REPEALING SECTION 50-539 - SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Paul P. Antolin  
Deputy City Clerk

## City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers/Court Room of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center. The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment is available for public inspection at the Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 50, ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Paul P. Antolin  
Deputy City Clerk

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**Varsity Softball**

<b>Grosse Pointe North</b>	
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)
4/9	Livonia Franklin
4/9	St. Clair
4/12	Chippewa Valley
4/13	@ Grosse Pointe South
4/14	Dakota
4/16	@ Lake Orion
4/19	@ Romeo
4/21	Anchor Bay
4/26	Cousino
4/28	Henry Ford II
4/30	TBD (Michigan Stars Tournament)
5/1	TBD (Michigan Stars Tournament)
5/3	@ Eisenhower
5/4	@ L'Anse Creuse North
5/5	@ Chippewa Valley
5/10	@ Dakota
5/12	Romeo
5/13	@ Algonac
5/17	@ Anchor Bay
5/18	Lakeview
5/21	Stevenson (DH)
5/23	Utica
5/24	@ Henry Ford II
5/26	Eisenhower

<b>Grosse Pointe South</b>	
Date	Opponent
4/9	Algonac (DH)
4/12	@ Marine City
4/13	Grosse Pointe North
4/14	Fraser
4/16	TBD (GPS Round Robin)
4/18	Stevenson
4/19	@ Berkley (DH)
4/21	Port Huron
4/23	TBD (GPS Round Robin)
4/26	@ L'Anse Creuse
4/28	@ Port Huron Northern
4/29	TBD (Holland Invitational)
4/30	TBD (Holland Invitational)
5/3	Cousino
5/5	Marine City
5/7	TBD (GPS Round Robin)
5/10	@ Fraser
5/11	Lakeview
5/12	@ Regina
5/16	@ Port Huron
5/19	L'Anse Creuse
5/21	TBD (GPS Round Robin)
5/23	@ Chippewa Valley
5/24	Port Huron Northern
5/26	@ Cousino
6/1	@ Eisenhower

<b>University Liggett</b>	
Date	Opponent
4/6	@ St. Catherine (DH)
4/11	@ Cabrini (DH)
4/13	Bishop Foley (DH)
4/19	@ Cranbrook (DH)
4/22	Lutheran North (DH)
4/26	Our Lady of the Lakes (DH)
4/29	St. Catherine (DH)
4/30	@ Our Lady of the Lakes (DH)
5/3	@ Lutheran North (DH)
5/6	Cabrini (DH)
5/10	@ Bishop Foley (DH)
5/12	Center Line
5/20	Lutheran Westland (DH)
5/26	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)

# Toth Invitational crowns champs

Grosse Pointers John Lamb and David Smith took home the trophy for this year's Tom Toth Invitational Platform Tennis Tournament on March 24 at the Elworthy courts. The tournament is held in remembrance of Tom Toth and his family. Toth, along with his wife Christina and daughters Sophia and Elianna, died in Colorado on April 7, 2018 while returning home from a ski vacation. Before his death, Toth was an avid platform tennis player for years. This year's champions, Lamb and Smith, won their quarterfinal and semifinal sets 6-3. The pair defeated the team of Greg Brink and Drew McSkimming 7-5 in the final match.

— Mike Adzima



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID STRICKLER

David Smith, left, and John Lamb holding the Tom Toth Invitational Platform Tennis League Cup.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DREW MCSKIMMING

# Paddle champs

Chris Liagre, left, and Tom MacMillan with their trophy after winning the 2022 Andrew W. Pflaum Paddle Classic.

# Softball players wanted

Interested in joining a men's softball league? Grosse Pointers are looking to form a team and are searching for players. Games begin Sunday, May 15, and will be held every Sunday through September. All games are double headers between noon and 6 p.m. at Maheras Park in Detroit, near Bayview Yacht Club. Call (313) 918-8851 for more information.

— Mike Adzima

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
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WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
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Lt. Thomas Teatsorth  
Traffic Safety Section

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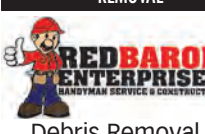
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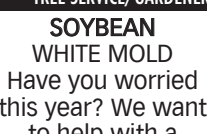
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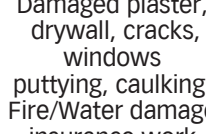
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