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## Shores project list growing

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE SHORES** — City Manager Steve Poloni has a long to-do list and that's not counting what he has to get done around his own house.

"These are things that have needed attention for some time," he said, regarding a project list he presented to city council at its May 17 meeting. "Everything has a lifespan."

From window and roof repairs at city hall and other city buildings to new fire hydrants to road repairs, fixes that have been ignored are finally catching up with the city.

Poloni requested council approve a permanent increase to the city's operating millage of 1.5 mills. Council instead approved an increase of 1 mill for three years. A mill is \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value.

That increase, along with about \$70,000 in cuts, will be just enough to cover the \$6.67 million budget for next fiscal year, including plugging a shortfall of about \$400,000.

"To council's credit, they haven't raised taxes for a number of years," Poloni said. "The downside to that is things deteriorate. The extra half mill wouldn't have covered everything we need

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## Master plan draft coming together

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

### CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

With every intention of approving a finalized master plan at its July meeting, City of Grosse Pointe City Council unanimously voted May 16, to distribute

the current draft to necessary entities such as Wayne County for feedback.

This starts off a required 63-day period of the master plan update process, during which council cannot yet adopt the plan, but can garner public opinion and make

changes. It is anticipated that by the June council meeting, a final draft will be released to the public and a public hearing date will be set.

Current strategic focuses of the draft are housing diversity — specifically in regard to accessory dwelling units,

bed and breakfasts and two-family dwellings — preserving traditional residential character, potential redevelopment sites and planning for future climate impacts.

**Accessory dwelling**  
Noting "housing diversity is important for the

long-term health and sustainability of the community," and a need to ensure there are "a variety of housing types available for people throughout the stages in their lives," City Planner John Jackson proposed

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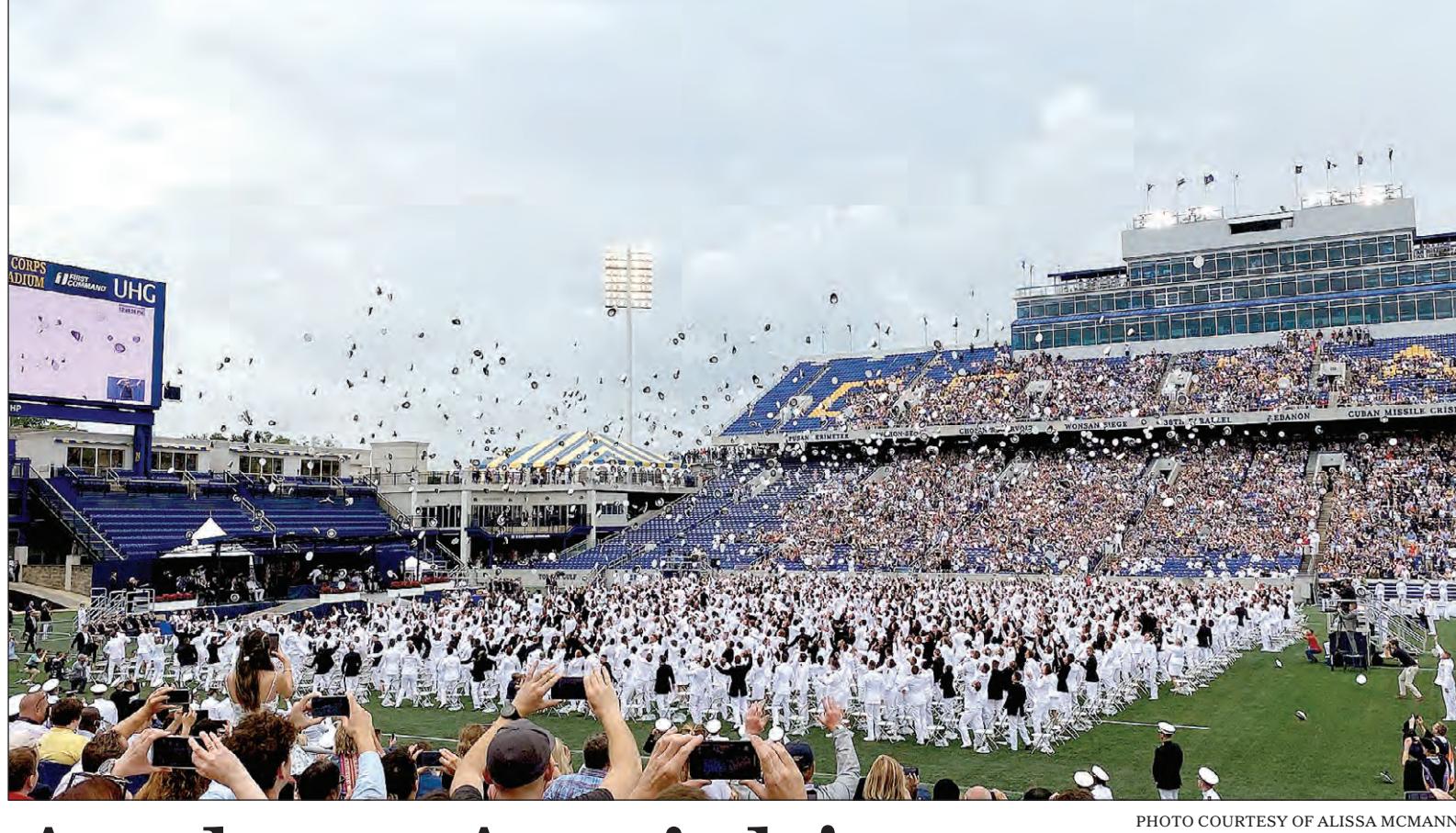


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## Anchors Aweigh!

Nearly 1,100 Midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy, including Grosse Pointe Shores native Colin McMann, graduated May 27, at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md. President Joe Biden addressed this year's graduating class, encouraging them to be "defenders of democracy." McMann is among many Grosse Pointers who graduated from their respective universities this spring. See our photo story celebrating these new grads on pages 13-18A.

## Polling places afforded location flexibility

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Dotting its i's and crossing its t's, the Farms is catching up with state law via an ordinance amendment that now allows polling places to be located outside precinct boundaries.

The amendment to the city's election precinct ordinance, unanimously passed by council during its May meeting, states, "The city council shall designate a polling place for each election precinct, and shall give

notice of the location of such polling places in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan."

"Due to school construction, the availability of polling place locations was limited by the current ordinance," Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki explained, "which required the polling place of each precinct to be located within the boundaries of the precinct."

Prior to the amendment, it would have been difficult for the city to accommodate construction planned for Brownell

Middle and Kerby Elementary schools this summer.

Now, through an emergency temporary change — pending council approval at the June meeting — the election Tuesday, Aug. 2, will see precincts 4 and 5 moved to Grosse Pointe South High School, along with precinct 1. Precincts 2 and 3 will remain at Richard Elementary School and Farms city hall, respectively.

While the polling places will return to their

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Plans may see the Farms permanently place multiple precinct polling places at Grosse Pointe South High School.

## Do's and don'ts of municipal recycling

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — One wrong thing in a recycling bin risks the pickup being passed by.

The contractor handling Grosse Pointe Park's recycling service

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# New officer welcomed

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Three days into his new job, Billy Howe said he knows he made the right decision to join the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department.

Howe's first day on the job was Monday, May 16, and he was officially sworn in by Mayor Ted Kedzierski before city council met Tuesday, May 17.

"I can already tell this is a really special place to work," Howe told the News the day after he was sworn in. "Not just in the department but among all the staff and even the residents. It's like a big family and I enjoy that."

Howe, 25, graduated from Roseville High School in 2014, and obtained an associate's degree in general studies from Macomb Community College in 2016. He went through the MCC fire academy



PHOTOS BY TED O'NEIL

Billy Howe, left, is sworn in by Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski as council member Sandra Cavataio looks on.

the following year and in 2018, earned his EMT certification. He graduated from the Henry Ford Community College paramedic program in 2019, and this year attended the police academy at MCC.

"This is the best part of my job," Chief Ken Werenski said before the ceremony. "Watching the candidates go through the testing, get-

ting to meet their families and finding the right one. Billy is a young man of integrity and if he shows up at your door, you'll know you're in good hands."

Howe said he originally pursued a career in the firefighting and paramedic fields, but when he found out the PSOs in the Shores do that as well as police work, he decided to apply.

"I have some family friends in law enforcement, so this was a no-brainer to give it a try," he said. "After talking to the guys on staff, I jumped at the chance."

Once Howe was offered the job, he went through the 18-week police academy and is now licensed in all three facets.

"It's been a busy year, but it's worth it," he said.

Werenski said the department is back to fully staffed, but an impending retirement later this year will mean the need to look for the next candidate.



Billy Howe's father, Cliff Howe, left, pins his son's badge on him after Billy Howe was sworn in as the newest Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officer.

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easing the restrictions on accessory dwelling units, more commonly known as granny flats or mother-in-law suites.

Currently, AUDs are allowed in the estate residential district, but can only house staff employed on the property such as a caretaker. The master plan draft would encourage eliminating the employment requirement, but would remain applicable only to already existing structures in the ER district.

As there are fewer than 10 potential units that would be eligible, council consensus leaned toward

appreciation for a slow start to the potential new allowance.

Also noted was the fact that, as it stands, accessory buildings in the City already can have bedrooms.

"You cannot have something that would qualify as an occupiable space, which requires both a bathroom and a kitchen," City Manager Pete Dame explained. "But you can have a bedroom and a bathroom. You just have to make grandma eat in the house."

### Bed and breakfast

Following the public engagement process during which residents reported openness to tra-

ditional bed and breakfasts in the City, the draft master plan also contains language of B&B allowances in appropriate areas as determined through a historic preservation lens and without adversely impacting surrounding neighbors.

This could be regulated in the zoning ordinance as a special land use through which each potential B&B site plan would be reviewed individually, undergoing a public hearing and notification to all homeowners within 300 feet.

Despite its potential to dissipate any desire to open a B&B, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said the ordinance likely would have a provision restricting on-site events such as weddings, to keep from changing the character of the City's neighborhoods.

"I think the key is that it would have to have a lot of limitations on it," she said, "and if that limits people's ability to want to do it because it's not commercially viable, then so be it. But that's the only way I think that we would do it."

While council mem-

# Crime down in Park

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Overall lawbreaking last year in the city hit the lowest level in at least nine years.

The 262 crimes reported in Grosse Pointe Park during 2021 were less than any year since at least 2013, when police logged 266 crimes.

Figures come from the city's Department of Public Safety annual report for 2021, released in April, and prior editions.

The general trend of crime in the Park rose from 2013 to 2019, when incidents reached 379, but declined each year since.

"Of all our accomplishments," department Director Bryan Jarrell said, "I'm most proud of the way my staff and our residents have embraced my commitment to community engagement, the creation of a public safety advisory committee, town halls, Coffee With a Cop and produced opportunities for our constituents to interact with those that are dedicated to serving them."

Reported crime extends beyond incidents to which police were alerted, plus things the department's 33 sworn personnel discovered on patrol and otherwise initiated themselves.

"Proactive preventive patrol is the primary function of the department and 85 percent of the sworn personnel are dedicated to patrol functions," according to the report, the first since Jarrell was hired as director upon former Chief Stephen Poloni becoming city manager of Grosse

Pointe Shores.

"Our overall reported crime dropped by 4.3 percent (from 2020)," Jarrell said. "Our index crimes, which are the most serious, such as robbery (and) homicide, dropped 18.3 percent. Non-index crimes dropped 25.3 percent, all while our calls for service increased by 17.4 percent."

Jarrell submitted the report to council during its Monday, April 11, meeting.

"There's nothing more important than for government to deliver on the health and safety of our community," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "It's our core function."

Whether cataloging major or minor crimes, almost everything went down:

◆ burglary, nine cases, down three from 2020;

◆ larceny, 79 cases, down 19;

◆ malicious destruction of property, 20 cases, down five from 2020, down 65 percent from 2019 and 10 fewer than the five-year average of 30 instances per year;

◆ forceable sexual offenses, four, down one, and

◆ obstructing police, four cases, down six.

The outliers involve motor vehicles, alcohol and, especially, combinations of the two:

◆ car theft, 18, up six cases from 2020 and five more than the five-year average of 13 thefts per year;

◆ drunkenness and liquor law violations, six cases, three times the two instances in 2020 and twice the five-year average and

◆ drunken driving, 42, a 27 percent increase from the 33 cases in 2020

and 38 percent greater than the five-year annual average of 30 cases per year.

There was one armed robbery during 2021, no unarmed robberies and no aggravated assaults or homicides.

This relative doldrum of lawbreaking occurred during a year in which the public safety department responded to 8,360 calls for service, or nearly 23 per day. The figure is 17 percent more than the 6,898 calls for service to which officers responded during 2020, and is slightly lower than the five-year average of 25 calls per day.

"In 2021, we responded to 538 fire-related calls for service, resulting in a total of \$239,000 in fire losses, an 11 percent increase from 2020," Jarrell said. "That means our fire rigs or ambulances were rolling 538 times last year."

"One of the things that is amazing about our public safety team is their response time," Councilman Brian Brenner said. "The day after our last council meeting, we had a fire in our home. Nothing gives perspective on response time like getting a panic call that your house is on fire. Chief Jarrell and your staff, I thank you guys so much. Your quick response you guys had saved our family home. I greatly appreciate it."

Countering the drop in crime, arrests were up.

Officers made 149 arrests during 2021, up 292 percent from the year before, which included months of COVID-induced social downtime, in-home activities and reduced commercial activity.

If the 51 total arrests

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John Stempfle stated reluctance to allow B&Bs in any form, council agreed to consider its inclusion in the master plan update with the limitations.

"In my time here, we've had three different homes be talked about as possibilities," Dame said, noting two houses at Lakeland and Jefferson, "and we almost started this process three different times."

**Two-family dwelling**

As one of the more minor proposed changes, council supported an inclusion within the draft plan that would remove the need for a special use variance to rebuild existing two-family dwellings, or duplexes.

"Right now, if you have a duplex and it burns down, you have to go back through a special use process, public hearing notice, in order to rebuild it and you'd have to notify the people within 300 feet," Jackson said, "so there's hoops that you have to jump through, as opposed to not requiring a special use where it would just be permitted by-right."

The update would

allow existing duplexes in the R-1B district to be rebuilt by-right in the event one is torn down or destroyed, with the stipulation it must meet already established design standards.

### Design standards

With homes built in the first half of the 20th century cataloged within the master plan as one of the strengths of the community, city officials are considering ways to best preserve the traditional residential character.

Specifically, one goal of the updated plan may be to develop a set of design standards with minimum requirements regarding style and level of detail for new homes and renovations.

About a dozen homes were built in the City in the last five years, Dame said, which is the largest building boom it's ever had.

"The thing that I worry about (with) design standards is ... what makes the fabric of our neighborhoods is that every house is different and they're not cookie cutter and they don't look all the same," Tomkowiak said. "... I don't want to tie people's hands to do something that could be really wonderful just because it isn't traditional, but we also can't require good taste, so it's a tough call."

### Climate impacts and redevelopment sites

The draft plan also includes goals of preparing for future increases in flooding and storm

events, supporting the enhancement of the existing urban canopy, protecting Lake St. Clair as a community amenity and exploring ideas of how to best redevelop key sites in a community that already is significantly built out.

Potential change areas identified in the draft include the Staples site, corner of Kercheval and Cadieux, Merrill-Lynch office site and Neighborhood Club parking lot.

"What we're not saying is we're going to go buy these properties and do something," Dame clarified. "We're trying to instill some ideas for the owners (as) to what we might like to see if they're looking to redevelop."

"Or for a developer who is looking to come in and buy it," Tomkowiak added.

### First step

City officials emphasized the master plan updates simply would pave the path for the discussed changes to take place. Zoning and other council considerations still would need to take place to legally implement the plans.

Along with authorizing the distribution of the current draft at the May meeting, council also established a master plan communications subcommittee, the purpose of which is to prepare the draft in a format that is suitable for public comment. Members are Jackson, Dame, Councilwoman Maureen Juip and Tomkowiak.

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# Woods officers, crossing guard honored

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — With National Police Week celebrated May 15 to 21, Grosse Pointe Woods took time at its council meeting Monday, May 16, to recognize its public safety team for the award-winning service it provides the community.

"As we celebrate Police Week this week," Public Safety Director John Kosanke said, "I thought it was only fitting to bring these officers in front of the city and show you just what we do and what we're capable of on a daily basis."

The department celebrated six life-saving awards and one citizen citation for a crossing guard as part of its annual public safety awards presentation.

Two of the life-saving awards went to Lt. Brian Conigliaro and Sgt. Brian Urban for their efforts Dec. 27, 2021.

When dispatched to a residence, they encountered a man sitting in a recliner. He had no pulse and was not breathing.

Urban moved the man to the floor, beginning CPR, while Conigliaro brought in an automated external defibrillator. The two continued to perform CPR as MedStar services arrived on scene.

"The resident began to breathe and his pulse returned after an airway was inserted by a member of the MedStar team," Kosanke said. "Lt. Conigliaro and Sgt. Urban continued their efforts to assist the resident and maintain his



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, crossing guard Maureen Carter and officers Jarod Smith and David Empson stand with Director John Kosanke after receiving recognition in the annual public safety awards presentation. Award recipients not pictured include Lt. Brian Conigliaro, Sgts. Joseph Provost and Brian Urban and Officer Matthew Muzia.

airway until another medic team arrived to assist and help transport the resident to the hospital."

Officers David Empson and Jarod Smith also were presented life-saving awards. Along with Sgt. Joseph Provost, the officers were dispatched for the second time to a residence of a man with a history of cardiac arrest Jan. 13, 2021. Upon arrival, they found him unresponsive.

The trio rotated through performing CPR and used an AED to shock him twice. He regained his pulse and began to breathe on his own. When the ambulance arrived, he was taken to the hospital.

The man had been resuscitated before by the same trio of officers and neither time suf-

fered damage to his heart, neurological deficits or side effects.

"Through your efforts," Kosanke said, "you have received the ultimate of rewards, the saving of a human life."

While Provost was not presented an award at the meeting, he will receive one in the coming weeks.

The last of the life-saving awards was presented to Officer Matthew Muzia, who received an emergency call Feb. 13, 2021, while he was at the station completing a police report.

Immediately making his way to a patrol vehicle, Muzia was first on the scene of a residence where a woman was choking. She was cognitively impaired, non-verbal and quickly losing consciousness.

Muzia performed the Heimlich maneuver several times without success, until finally the object blocking the woman's airway released. He held her up as her color returned to normal and they waited for paramedics to arrive.

"Had Officer Muzia not acted as quickly and decisively and with as much perseverance as he had, it is not likely that the victim would have survived," Kosanke said. "Officer Muzia is to be commended for his efforts, wisdom and quick actions."

Aside from the officers' awards, a crossing guard, Maureen Carter, showed just how important her role is in the community as an effort to protect pedestrians proved essential to safety.

Manning the intersec-

tion of Roslyn and Wedgewood, Carter noticed a car disregarding her stop sign, making it unsafe for pedestrians at the busy intersection to cross the road.

Carter remained in the intersection, stop sign raised, as she instructed pedestrians to remain on the sidewalk and attempted to get the driver's attention. Eventually, three feet in front of Carter, the driver stopped.

"Without hesitation, you remained standing in the intersection and did your best to keep everyone at the corner while attempting to get the driver's attention," Kosanke said. "The actions

you took prevented a horrific tragedy from taking place as school children, a child on a bicycle and a man walking his dog all had the potential to be hit."

Carter was awarded a citizen citation for her efforts.

"We can all tell you about a few saves we do

every year," Carter said of her fellow crossing guards.

While it is a job, Carter said she performs the duties because she loves it, not because she's required to.

"I think I can say for all the crossing guards, we adore these children," she said. "We really do. It would be really devastating if anything ever happened to anybody. ..."

"I really appreciate the perspective you get from children when you see them every day," she added. "You get to watch them grow up. Some kids are real quiet, some kids are more outgoing and boisterous, but on any given day any one of them can say or do something precious, wise, hilarious, and it's just very rewarding."

The mayor and council commended the officers and Carter for their work in the community.

"In view of so many things that we hear about every day on local and national news, it's wonderful to be here and hear events such as this," Mayor Arthur Bryant said.

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, JUNE 6

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 7

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Harbor Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park DDA informational meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

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

### THURSDAY, JUNE 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA informational meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 11

- ◆ Cook Schoolhouse open, noon to 2 p.m.
- ◆ Charlevoix Street Party, 7 p.m.

## DDA budget squirrels funds for civic lot

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The DDA budget for next fiscal year totals \$116,637 and consists of six expenditures ranging from road signs to setting aside funds to build a parking lot in front of the public library beside city hall.

A united Downtown

Development Authority board approved the budget May 3, then forwarded it to the city council for consideration Monday, May 9.

The council passed the DDA budget as a component of the city's \$13,132,182 overall budget, featuring nearly \$8.2 million for public safety for fiscal year 2022-23, starting July 1, by a 6-1

vote.

Councilman Vikas Relan opposed adoption of the city budget because the DDA portion contained a \$45,000 outlay for the parking lot planned in support of the Schaap Center for performing arts. Construction of the center hasn't started, but it is due to open in two years

on Jefferson between city hall and Alter in Detroit.

"We could have used that money in our (existing) city hall parking lot," Relan said. "Why are we putting funds toward a project that isn't happening yet when we could be taking care of things our residents use?"

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to do, but it would have given us a cushion to get started."

Poloni and his staff currently are putting together an asset management plan detailing the city's entire infrastructure, including how old things are, what the life expectancy is and how much repairs or replacement will cost.

One item on the list is replacing fire hydrants. Poloni said even though they do not get a lot of use, they still have a life expectancy.

"They still operate, but we'd like to replace five or 10 a year, starting with the oldest ones," he said.

The city has a total of 185 hydrants.

Water and sewer line work on Lakeshore and Oxford mean those roads will get new hydrants, but that money will come from bonds the city sold to cover the entire scope

of those projects.

The water meter radio system, which the city uses to monitor water use and calculate bills, needs to be upgraded.

"We can monitor each house's water use in real time and if we see a big spike, that means there's a leak that maybe the homeowner doesn't even know about," Poloni said. "The system is starting to falter a bit and needs to be fixed."

The steps at the main entrance to city hall pose a safety hazard and need to be replaced. The concrete is pockmarked from years of winter salting and Michigan's annual freeze-thaw cycles.

"We've patched the steps a number of times as best we can, but it's time for a total replacement," Poloni said. "Hopefully over the next year inflation will flatten out a bit and we'll be able to find money in the budget for some of these items."

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# Performer setting the stage for career in science

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Marella Piazza has a long road ahead of her, but she's making the most of every opportunity along the way.

The Grosse Pointe Farms native just wrapped up her freshman year at Hope College. On a pre-dental track, the 18-year-old is studying to become an orthodontist.

"I knew I wanted to do something in the science field; I love science," she said. "I started to look at different types of doctors. I was at my orthodontist one day, talking with them. They offered me a job there. That's where I'm working now. When they offered it to me, I thought maybe this is a sign that this is something I should be going in to."

This summer, she's working as a sterilization technician while gaining experience in a professional setting.

She started cleaning chairs and sanitizing equipment, which led to taking photos, X-rays



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**Marella Piazza is studying to become an orthodontist after years of embracing the arts.**

and patient scans.

"As I've been working there, they're giving me more work with patients," she said.

It's the start of a long road ahead.

"To become an orthodontist, it takes 10 years," she said. "Staying positive is the

best thing for me right now. It's easy to get overwhelmed, but the years will go by fast. I try to take every opportunity I get."

One shining light in Piazza's life is her love of the arts. An accomplished soprano singer, the 2021 Grosse Pointe

South High School graduate also plays piano and violin, acts and dances.

"I was never really into sports," she said. "I just always loved music."

She recalled a story her parents, John and Julie, are fond of sharing.

"When I was little, my brother (Jacob) was taking piano lessons," she said. "We had a piano in our house. I'd never taken a class, but I sat down at the piano and just wanted to play. I wanted to make something happen. So my parents put me in lessons. It all started with piano, which evolved to music and singing and dancing."

Piazza said she's been singing as long as she can remember. She joined the choir in elementary school and loved it so much, she joined in middle school as well.

"Then in high school, things got more serious," she added. "I decided to take voice lessons."

Piazza sang with the award-winning South

Show Choir and began competing onstage. It's a place where she's comfortable, having performed with Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth On Stage program, as well as South's Pointe Players and the Brooklyn Academy of Music in New York City.

Her voice earned her a spot during Mass at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Detroit. A member of the choir, she was asked to sing a solo, which led to her "singing the entire Mass," she said.

"During COVID, people said they missed hearing my voice every Sunday," she added. "The church asked me to record myself singing, which they posted on their Facebook page so people could hear me sing and see my face."

Another video of Piazza singing, shared by her proud godmother, also landed her an upcoming gig at Ford House.

"She loves sharing videos of me singing," Piazza said, noting her godmother showed a video to her dentist, Dr.

George Goodis. Goodis, whose office is located in Grosse Pointe Woods, called Piazza and asked if she'd perform for the 2022 Ralph F. Sommer Endodontic Symposium, which he is chairing this year.

"I said I'd love to," she said.

Dental specialists from across the state will visit Ford House, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Renaissance Center Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. Piazza will kick off the symposium with a rendition of "God Bless America." Later that evening, she'll take the stage to sing a few songs with a live band.

Singing gigs and work experience aside, Piazza plans to spend the rest of her summer enjoying her other loves.

"I have a dog, Stella," she said. "I love taking long walks with her and my family. It's been my favorite thing coming home from college; I didn't realize how much I missed it. I love spending time with my family and my friends."

## RECYCLE:

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collects two large trucks of material per day or 10 each week.

Individual garbage trucks can pack 30,000 pounds, meaning total weekly collection in the Park could hit 300,000 pounds.

At such a pace, pickup

crews can't dwell on niceties. They collect, move on and continue doing so bin-by-bin until something such as a used pizza box knocks the process off kilter.

"Crews aren't going to pick through bins," said Tom Perry, Park public works superintendent. "If they see it's contaminated, they won't take the whole

thing."

The high cost of gasoline further provokes the contractor not to dally.

"They can't have a truck sitting there idling while the guys pick through what can and can't be taken out of your recycling," Perry said.

Even if a pizza box is clear of residual food,

its placement in a recycling bin is supposed to prompt the contractor to move on.

"A pizza box has oil in it," Perry said. "It's considered contaminated disposal."

A link on the city website, [grossepintepark.org](http://grossepintepark.org), for public service "waste collection and recycling information" lists do's and don'ts of the city's recycling contractor, Green For Life Environmental.

"People get upset because they don't know what they can or can't do," Perry said.

"We get phone calls from people asking what they can put out in the garbage or recycling."

In addition to common sense don'ts — syringes, hypodermic needles and medical waste — there are a few left curves.

"They will not recycle plastic bags from a grocery store," Perry said. "Take those back to the store from now on."

The prohibition has to do with plastic bags tangling sorting equipment and taking practically forever to degrade in landfills.

To facilitate even more recycling, Kroger continues to offer customers the option to bring certain types of plastic films to the store for recycling by different partners," according

to a notice at Kroger.com. "Customers can drop off single-use plastic grocery shopping bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, produce bags, bread bags, plastic cereal box liners, multi-pack case overwraps and more."

Styrofoam tops the list of items Green For Life won't recycle.

"They'll accept take-out food containers unless they're Styrofoam," Perry said. "Rinse out food containers before putting them in the recycling bin."

Given the status of pizza boxes, it's no surprise motor oil containers are considered hazardous waste; not recyclable. So are computer monitors, televisions and similar electronic components.

"They have metals inside, some precious metals and some contaminated metals," Perry said.

Batteries are a no. They should be discarded during hazard-

ous waste collection day.

Grosse Pointe's 2022 household hazardous waste drop-off day came and went in April, but Park residents needing help can call the city environmental hazardous waste hotline at (313) 923-2240 for assistance, according to the municipal website.

Also unacceptable are wire hangers, paper milk and juice cartons, automotive parts, aerosol cans, paint cans and cans of paint; and tanks used for propane, oxygen or helium.

## Acceptable

Acceptable materials include, according to the website, cardboard, paper bags, junk mail, phone books, newspapers, steel and tin cans, clear and colored glass, kitchen cookware, aluminum cans, plastic bottles and household plastic.

Metals can be set out for recycling, but odds are they won't be there when the contractor rolls around.

"Scrapers usually take the metals, but GFL will take metal if it's still there," Perry said.

convenient for campaign workers to stand outside and talk to voters; and simpler for voters to know where to go.

Notably, the Farms has seen 60 to 70 percent absentee voting in recent elections, Kozicki reported.

"We don't want long lines at the polling places," he said, "but due to the increase in absentee voting, we can make this change and not have the voters have to wait in long lines, because there simply are not as many people voting in person as in the past."

Any changes to polling location will be mailed as a notice to each registered voter, as is required by state law.

Voters also can visit [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) to look up their polling location.

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**City of Grosse Pointe****Formula shortage**

In the midst of a baby formula shortage, a resident turned to ganbino.com for supply, ordering \$215 worth of baby formula.

After ordering, the resident discovered the website is fraudulent.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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

**Grosse Pointe Farms****Stolen rings**

Two rings, now thought to be stolen, were noticed missing from a local assisted living facility approximately two weeks ago.

**One truth, one lie**

A 39-year-old Clinton Township woman told officers she had "way too much" to drink when they approached her vehicle, which was stopped with a flat tire at Windward and Lakeshore at 7:34 p.m. Monday, May 23.

The woman, who had slurred speech and red eyes, then told officers she was not driving but could not state who was.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.27 percent and she was arrested for a third offense of operating under the influence, not having insurance and driving while license suspended.

A witness later informed officers the woman had struck a

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curb and a couple of cones when turning onto Lakeshore.

**Found wallet**

A men's wallet was found on Kerby just before Ridge at 8:25 a.m. Thursday, May 26.

— Laurel Kraus

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

**Grosse Pointe Shores****Run but can't hide**

A public safety officer was talking to residents outside city hall around 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21, when he heard a motorcycle on Lakeshore traveling at what sounded like a high rate of speed. The officer got in a patrol car and started to pursue the rider west-bound on Vernier.

As the officer approached Michaux, the motorcycle was headed back east on Vernier, where the rider crossed a double yellow line into oncoming traffic. The rider then went through a red light and turned north on Lakeshore. Once the officer was able to confirm the 2005 Kawasaki's license plate, he suspended the chase and notified St. Clair Shores police.

Officers there monitored the suspect's house on the north end of the city and confirmed with neighbors that the man

lived there, but did not see him.

When the man is found, he faces charges of reckless driving and fleeing and eluding. The 34-year-old white male was described as wearing gray sweatpants, black sneakers, black and white gloves, a black helmet and a dark shirt.

Officers in Grosse Pointe Farms also reported attempting to make a traffic stop on the motorcycle the same afternoon.

— Ted O'Neil

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

**Grosse Pointe Woods**

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— Kate Vanderstelt

*Report information about crimes to the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, (313) 343-2400.*

**Grosse Pointe Park****Tools taken from trailer**

A construction crew returned to their worksite at the corner of Kercheval and Maryland on Monday, May 23, to discover their tool trailer had been broken into over the weekend. Two items were taken.

Missing are a trim nailer worth \$140 and a coil nailer worth \$250,

both manufactured by Bostitch.

**Rent scam**

On Monday, May 23, a scammer posing as a prospective tenant submitted a rent check \$500 greater than the requested amount, asking for the excess payment to be returned via Venmo, a mobile payment service owned by PayPal.

If none of this makes sense, it's because it doesn't.

"(The) victim returned the \$500 and was later notified by her bank that the check was fraudulent," according to police.

**B&E on Charlevoix**

Multiple officers responded to a burglar alarm at 3:27 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, at a business in the 15000 block of Charlevoix.

They discovered the front door had been forced open.

"Surveillance video showed two subjects arrived in a black vehicle, pried the door with a pry bar and entered," according to a police report. "One subject stole \$400 cash from the registers while the second subject acted as a lookout. Both subjects fled prior to police arrival."

**Drunken driving**

Again and again, drunken driving suspects attract police attention by erratic driving. In three incidents last week:

◆ A 30-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman, investigated at 12:07 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at the intersection of Bishop and Jefferson for tailgating and operating a vehicle at night without headlights, was intoxicated, according to police.

◆ Also drunk, according to police, was a 22-year-old Detroit man an officer pulled over for speeding on Mack at Whittier at 2:01 a.m. Saturday, May 28.

◆ Weaving his vehicle and crossing into oncoming lanes of travel caused a 38-year-old man from Eastpointe to be investigated on Mack near Bishop at 1:09 a.m. Sunday, May 29.

"(He) was intoxicated," reported an officer. "The driver had (a) juvenile passenger in the vehicle and was also cited for child endangerment."

**Backyard theft**

Two unknown black males in a red and black Dodge Charger were reported stealing a

\$2,500 furnace and an Echo trimmer from a rear yard in the 1400 block of Balfour at 4:06 p.m. Sunday, May 29.

"(The) theft (was) captured on home security video," according to police.

**Drunken hit & run**

Police investigating a hit-and-run wreck Sunday evening, May 29, on Jefferson at Cadieux in Grosse Pointe Park

arrested the suspect, a 38-year-old man from Gaylord, in the Farms.

Police logged the incident at 7:18 p.m.

"(He) was intoxicated," reported an officer.

**Home invasion**

Numerous people had an opportunity early Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, to steal items from a residence in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield.

The resident awoke in the morning to report three stolen items: a 50-inch TCL television valued at \$299, a \$1,000 Dell laptop computer and a printer-scanner worth \$160.

"Several doors and windows in the residence were unlocked and several people come and go from the residence," according to police.

The thefts are believed to have happened between 1:30 and 5:30 a.m.

**Vehicle entered**

At 5:17 a.m. Monday, May 30, someone entered an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway in the 1000 block of Bishop and stole \$5 in coins, a Leatherman tool and Kirkland winter hat, gloves and backpack cooler, according to police.

— Brad Lindberg

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

## Fireworks see significant price increase ahead of celebrations

By Laurel Kraus

Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — In what can be attributed to a combination of supply chain issues and rising shipping costs due to increased safety regulations, the cost of fireworks is seeing an industry-wide 30 percent increase this year.

Grosse Pointe Farms administration took this into account when planning for the second annual End of Summer Bash at Pier Park Saturday, Sept. 3, budgeting \$32,500 for the approximately 25-minute firework show. Last year, the show cost the city \$24,750.

"They let us know (about the increase) ahead of time ... so we budgeted accordingly so that we could have the same quality of show as last year," Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki said.

Unrelated to the industry-wide increase, the Farms will receive considerably more fireworks as part of its show than last year due to a change in vendor. A large portion of the cost of the 2021 show, Kozicki said, went toward the barge in Lake St. Clair, off which the fireworks were shot.

"Through this process, we learned that that company has a very difficult time getting a barge," he explained, "so the actual amount of fireworks

we're going to get for our money is more than almost triple than what we would have gotten with our current vendor."

"It's a good thing that we're going to get more fireworks," he added, "and it's a new vendor, so it will be a different show than last year."

Additional changes from the 2021 show include a synchronized audio component and the use of smaller shells.

International shipping regulations now are requiring significantly increased costs for 8- and 10-inch shells, leading the industry trend to start curving away from them. The Farms show will switch to 6-inch shells

this year.

"Fire inspector (Raymond) Krause and I felt that the shells last year, while it was great, at times felt a little unsafe because the shells were very large and they almost felt like they were

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during 2020 are omitted from the most recent five-year tally, arrests during 2021 are still slightly below the recent average of 152 per year.

Jarrell plans more outreach.

"Events such as Faith in Blue, fire prevention open house, block parties and others are more ways for the public to get

acquainted with their public safety officers," he said. "This spring and summer we will again bring fire apparatus to the parks on weekends for kids to see and play on.

"Going forward, you

can expect to see more community-focused events, not fewer. We'll be holding a public safety open house this summer at the station. We hope to get our bicycle officers out more in the community."

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### OUR VIEW

## Hats off to our college grads

**D**ear Class of 2022 new college graduates:

There's a saying that annually makes the rounds throughout each graduation season: "There are two gifts we can give our children. One is roots. The other, wings."

As hundreds of you from throughout the Pointes earned your college educations this spring, it is our wish at the Grosse Pointe News that our community has indeed prepared you new grads with both roots and wings.

Our chests could not be more puffed with pride for how we feel about you becoming college educated — an outstanding accomplishment. This pride may only be matched by our excitement for the new paths you will be taking and the impact you are going to have, whether it will be back in our hometown, around the country or throughout the world.

As the Pointes' collective 2022 college graduating class, you exemplify what happens when a strong academic foundation, backed by a supportive community, combines with ambition and hard work. Your inspiring success stories illustrate that result.

Some of you, whether an alum of South, North or University Liggett, attended some of our country's most prestigious places of higher education, including MIT, Notre Dame, Yale, Howard, Harvard, the U.S. Naval Academy and NYU, to name a few.

Some of you spread your wings and headed as far west as Hawai'i Pacific University and University of Southern California; others flew down south to Baylor, Belmont and University of Florida; and a handful of you hit the Great White North to Toronto and Quebec, attending some of Canada's most prestigious universities. Many of you deepened your Midwest roots and stayed right here in Big Ten country.

Additionally, some students took the community college route, or chose to live at home while attending local schools like Macomb, Wayne State or UM-Dearborn, saving money along the way and earning that important college degree.

And let's say it loud enough for those in the back of the room: You earned your college degrees despite having nearly two years of your undergrad experience interrupted, beginning in March 2020.

After a global pandemic forcibly sent you home from your universities, the bedrooms and basements you thought you left behind in Grosse Pointe suddenly became your makeshift dorm rooms and libraries. You successfully navigated roughly four semesters or more of remote and hybrid learning.

You lost out on some significant memories that constitute what the college years are all about — late-night library sessions, roommate bonding, group projects and football tailgates. For months, each day became an endless series of Zooms, replacing lecture halls, science labs and Greek life.

During this time, many of you also lost val-

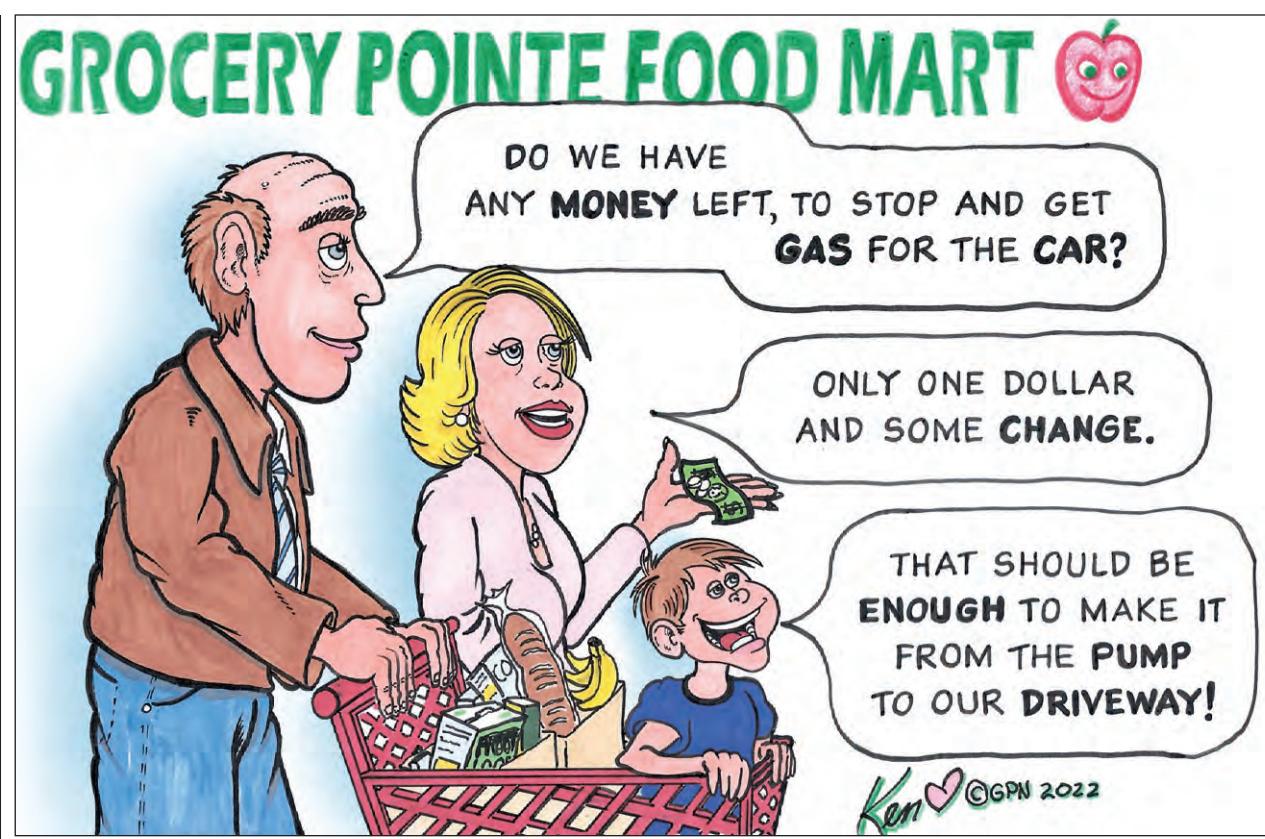


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With gas prices expected to soar this summer, Grosse Pointers might need to lace up their walking shoes more often in lieu of paying a premium at the pump.

able internship and employment opportunities, whether to prepare yourself for the real world or help pay for college.

And let us not forget how out-of-reach the cost of college has become, as many of you and your parents have become acutely aware.

For an in-state resident, four years at the University of Michigan set you and your family back by about \$136,000 to cover tuition, room and board, books and a meal plan. Michigan State cost you about \$104,000.

Barring any scholarships or merit awards, the out-of-state costs at popular colleges such as Indiana or Miami (OH) University came in at nearly \$200,000 for four years, while private colleges like Baylor University, Northwestern or University of Miami in Florida averaged nearly \$70,000 a year. Multiply that by four and we actually don't have the stomach for the math on those.

Most impressively, the Class of 2018 managed by and large to graduate in four years. We say while there is nothing wrong with taking a "victory lap" with an extra year of college, your parents and your bank account thank you for finishing on time.

Trust us when we declare your parents won't miss the bills from your college experience. There are some here in our newsroom who have undiagnosed trauma from previous trips to Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond to stock your

dorms and apartments.

So where are you newly minted college grads headed? Some of you will take to the coasts in New York City, Boston and Los Angeles, while others will settle in Chicago, Cincinnati or Dallas. Others will return home to metro Detroit, while others will gear up for more school as you head to graduate, law and medical school.

You are our country's newest investment bankers, educators, nurses, social workers, journalists and chemists. You are our future physicians, physical therapists, lawyers, professors and executives.

Regardless of your chosen profession, we encourage you to find your passion, match it with your natural talents and find a way to make this world a better place.

Comedian Jon Stewart, a graduate of the College of William and Mary, once dispensed this advice to new college grads: "The unfortunate, yet truly exciting thing about your life is that there is no core curriculum. The entire place is an elective."

In other words, as you take this new path in life, be sure to blaze your own trail along with it.

Hats off to you, Class of 2022. You have shown us what you are capable of. Time to take on the world.

*Editor's note: Be sure to check out pages A13-18 featuring a photo story highlighting the Pointes' newest college grads.*

## LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to [editor@grossepoincenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepoincenews.com).

### Let's make public schools 'public' again

#### To the Editor:

When most people think of "public" schools, their first thought is that their child can get an education for free. No out-of-pocket tuition, in contrast to a private or parochial school education.

This is a myth. Families choose to pay higher property taxes in select communities, like the Grosse Pointes, in order to benefit from a perceived "better" public school district, seemingly giving their child a better education for those higher tax dollars than what another community's district would deliver for lower property taxes.

Based on comparative data with other school districts, Grosse Pointers need to question if the value

able to manage the district superintendent, Dr. Jon Dean. In order to be effective in their governance of the district, the trustees should be frequently questioning the actions and decisions made by the superintendent and his administration in order to gauge whether Dean and his administration are acting responsibly and in the best interest of the public, of which the trustees represent.

Aside from Trustee Ismail and Trustee Papas, who are constantly asking demanding questions of the administration and seeking additional information so they can responsibly vote on the matters brought before the board, the other current trustees ask very few questions of the administration during these meetings, despite there being a number of controversial votes taken in the last several months.

Votes on extending the executive administration's contracts, votes to add administrative positions while proposing teacher layoffs at the same time and votes to establish a Race, Equity & Inclusion council. It is often the response from certain trustees that it is "not our responsibility to get into the weeds." Nothing is further

from the truth, especially when the decisions being considered are controversial in nature and need further information and discussion in order that the BOE act responsibly and in the best interest of the public.

The reality currently in Grosse Pointe is this: We have a BOE that is held accountable to Dr. Dean and allows him to proceed in the administration of this district as he sees fit. No checks and balances. And given the significance of declines in enrollment, budget deficits and declining academic standards, the BOE has failed in its fiduciary duty to govern the district and hold the superintendent accountable. In fact, they gave a contract extension after only 10 months on the job.

In five short months, the taxpayers of Grosse Pointe will have an opportunity to once again make the Grosse Pointe school district "public" by electing trustees who truly represent the public's interests and not the woke interests of our current school district administration.

The taxpayers of Grosse Pointe deserve better value for their dollars.

SANDY HUDSON

Grosse Pointe Woods

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I SAY By Ted O'Neil

# Don't take me out to the ball game



**B**ecause of family trips or other circumstances, I've been able to visit a handful of Major League ballparks over the years. That's mostly because my mom was a huge baseball fan.

Back in the 1980s, WDIV showed maybe a couple dozen Tigers games on TV every season with the broadcast duo of George Kell and Al Kaline — or George Smell and Al Fouline as the old WRIF radio sketch called them.

When we first got cable in the early '80s, WGN showed every Cubs game and WTBS did the same with the Atlanta Braves. After my dad passed away, mom's obsession with baseball grew bigger. Dad was always a football guy anyway, unless the Yankees were in the World Series.

WTBS in the summer of 1983 was offering a two-for-one package deal that included airfare, hotel and tickets to two Braves games at the old Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. My mom jumped at it and off we went for vacation. That was great, because Dale Murphy of the Braves was my favorite player at the time. He's been robbed year after year not being voted into the

Hall of Fame, but that's a tangent for another time.

The next year saw a train ride to Chicago to see two Cubs games at famed Wrigley Field. The first game we had tickets behind home plate a few rows back from the press box, and when legendary announcer Harry Carey stepped out to wave to the crowd, mom yelled like a teenager at a Beatles concert.

Summer visits to see my maternal grandmother in Pennsylvania usually included a day trip to see the Pittsburgh Pirates at the old Three Rivers Stadium, one of many forgettable and bland cookie-cutter stadiums the National League was known for in the 1970s and 1980s.

As for our beloved Tigers, there hasn't been much reason to take in a game in person for a long while, but my objection to seeing them live isn't so much about how they play as it is where they play.

I've been to Comerica Park once, 15 or 20 years ago. I've had no desire to return and don't see myself doing so in the future. Every time I watch a home game on TV, I just keep thinking how much I miss Tiger Stadium.

No matter how many times I went, my heart would skip a beat walking up the tunnel from the concourse to our seats. The first glimpse of the bright lights, the rickety wooden seats and the greenest grass imaginable.

Although I suppose my sentimental attachment to "the corner" is about youthful memories, it has a family aspect as well. My paternal grandfather, Patrick Joseph O'Neil, was an ironworker who worked on expanding what was then known as Briggs Stadium in the 1930s. Quite a source of pride for a Depression-era, first-generation Irish-American helping build one of the most famous structures in Corktown.

Moving away to college and then Midland to start my career meant fewer trips to Michigan and Trumbull, but one stands out.

Before the terrible idea of inter-league play was introduced, the Tigers hosted the Cincinnati Reds for a

charity fundraiser in May of 1985. Even though the game was an exhibition, the Tigers were the reigning world champs and the stadium was packed. Seeing the upper and lower decks go in opposite directions with 50,000 people doing the wave was a sight to behold. CoPa doesn't even have bleachers that could sustain a wave should the Tigers do something to warrant one.

Pete Rose at the time was player-manager of the Reds and, if memory serves, he grounded out to Lou Whitaker (who also belongs in the hall) to end the game.

So when it comes to ever finding me at Comerica, don't bet on it. Pun intended.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1947

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**BEACHES PUT ON BANNED LIST:** Swimming at all five Pointe beaches was banned by Dr. Thomas Davies, Pointe Health Commissioner, in a letter sent to the five Pointe municipalities. The order will stand until rescinded by the health department. Cause of the ban is the same old refusal of Macomb County to dump its sewage and drainage into the interceptor sewer especially constructed to bypass the Pointe sewers. Macomb pollution has endangered the health of the Pointe area for years and on more than one occasion has kept Pointers from swimming in Lake St. Clair.

**CHIEF HELPS BEAT STORK TO HOSPITAL:** A race with the stork ended at Cottage Hospital with the mother the winner and second place honors going to

Chief Walter Hoyt of the Farms Police Department, include an upper deck lounge area with expansive escort of the cab in which viewing windows on two the expectant mother was sides from which members hustled through the streets can observe both tennis of the Pointe. Chief Hoyt saw court and indoor riding ring a Pointe Cab Company taxi activities.

**WOODS ORDINANCES COVER SALE SIGNS, GRASS HEIGHT:** What does spring and summer bring besides everything we all know so well? Signs. Signs which advertise a variety of sales including garage, car and rummage announcements. But in the Woods, signs posted on public property advertising such sales are in violation of a city ordinance. And for owners of vacant houses, there's a city ordinance that says weeds and/or grass cannot grow taller than six inches.

### 1972

50 years ago this week

**MORE BUILDING AT HUNT CLUB:** The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club has announced that the contract has been awarded to build a new 6,000-square-foot, two-story lounge and facilities building adjoining the new tennis house and connecting with the riding ring building. The new facility will

### 1997

25 years ago this week

**FIRST VARSITY SEASON IS SOUTH LAXERS' MOST**

**SUCCESSFUL:** This has become a season to remember for Grosse Pointe South lacrosse. Not only is it the team's first year with varsity status, but it's the most successful season in the school's history. Last week, the Blue Devils beat East Lansing 9-5 in its first-round game in the state Class B tournament to improve their record to 14-5.

**ST. JAMES CHURCH PLANS APPROVED:** What a difference a month makes. At the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting Monday, St. James Lutheran Church received a rather speedy approval of its plans to make its facility handicap accessible. In fact, some members of the city council even praised this second round of plans submitted by congregation member and architect Stuart Pettitt. In contrast, last month, the council fired endless questions at him and directed him to complete numerous actions before returning for consideration of approval.

### 2012

10 years ago this week

**COUNCIL DOES 180 ON MACOMB:** Scratch one advisory election. One week after resolving to poll voters about Grosse Pointe Shores switching jurisdiction to Macomb County, the city council reversed itself. The question was to appear on the August primary election ballot, with results non-binding.

**POLICE DOG CAMPAIGN:** A drive is gearing up to privately fund police dog operations. Money donated would be tax deductible and dedicated to K9 operations, not siphoned off for other things. The city's K9 division consists of one dog and handler. Operations are due to be eliminated for budgetary reasons. Former City councilman John Stevens not only wants to retain the dog, but add another one.

# Farms water, sewer, recycling rates on the rise

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — To address a 2.05 percent rate increase from the Great Lakes Water Authority for sewage disposal and allow the city to rely less on consumption to generate revenue for the system, Grosse Pointe Farms residents will see an increase in water and sewer billing heading into the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Come July 1, a \$2.66 flat rate increase per billing cycle and a \$4.79 increase per 1,000 cubic feet of actual metered water usage will be in effect.

"We've seen a consistent downward trend in the amount of water that is being used," Director of Finance and Operations Debra Peck Lichtenberg said. "Last summer in particular was a very wet summer, which a large portion of our water usage occurs during the summer months and when we have a wet summer, people don't have to use their sprinklers to

water their yard. When it's a dry summer, they do."

"We're largely weather dependent," she continued, "but what we do try to do is spread that impact so that our rates stay smooth and we don't have significant spikes. Although we're projecting that our water usage will decrease again this year, we are looking at a rather modest increase overall."

The average resident who uses approximately 2.4 thousand cubic feet of water on a bi-monthly basis will experience a 4.9 percent increase equating to \$14.15 per billing cycle or \$80.90 annually.

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"Overall, we have worked very hard to keep this increase under 5 percent, regardless of whether you are a high user or a low user," Peck Lichtenberg said. "Given the current economic situation, the inflationary increases that we are anticipating, we feel that that is a modest increase."

City council unanimously approved the rate increases during its meeting Monday, May 9.

### Recycling rates

As a result of a five-year contract with Green For Life Environmental signed last year and effective

October 2021, through Sept. 30, 2026, Farms residents also are in for significantly higher recycling rates as of July 1.

The new contract called for an increase in the city's rate from \$4.25 to \$5.60 per residence, along with a 3 percent annual increase and, as such, resident rates now will increase from \$8.50 to \$12 per bi-monthly billing cycle.

"As a percentage, it is a substantial increase," Peck Lichtenberg said, "however, when you break it down, the increase equates to about 40 cents per week

and our cost under the new rate structure for being able to participate in recycling service is roughly \$1.38 per week."

"Our hope and our goal, based on the contract requirements, is setting the rate at this

new \$12 level will help us recoup some of those excess costs that we've incurred since Oct. 1," she added, "and we expect to be able to hold those rates hopefully for the next two or three years and keep things level with that."

### Calling All Annual GPN Subscribers!

The Grosse Pointe News will be conducting interviews of all participating candidates for the school board of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, starting after all candidates have declared. Please submit your questions to the Grosse Pointe News. The editorial staff will pick one or more of the questions to be used during the interviews.

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# Fund reserves fill budget gap

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

The city council voted 6-1 on Monday, May 9, to adopt a municipal budget for the upcoming fiscal year starting July 1.

"One of the most significant actions this body takes is to adopt its budget," Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges said.

The \$13,132,182 general fund budget for fiscal year 2022-23 was built mainly on \$9,142,575 in property tax revenue. Its biggest expense is the public safety department's combined police, fire and emergency medical response totaling \$8,168,555.

City officials tapped \$1.1 million in general fund balance, often called a rainy-day fund, to erase a deficit.

"That's what it's there for," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "Over the years, we've been saving up our rainy-day fund in the case of this happening. A good case in point is the floods (last summer). We used our fund balance to pay cleanup costs."

In a related vote, differing from the budget decision by being unanimous, the council adopted an operating millage rate of 10.5917 per \$1,000 of a property's taxable value. The rate is 0.1157 mills less than the year before, a trend due to Headlee Amendment rollbacks Michigan voters approved in 1978.

"Every year it's been rolling back for us because of Headlee," Sizeland said.

"In a nutshell, Headlee requires a local unit of government to reduce its millage when annual growth on existing property is greater than the rate of inflation," according to a Michigan Municipal League October 2016 factsheet.

"As a consequence, the local unit's millage rate

gets 'rolled back' so the resulting growth in property tax revenue, community-wide, is no more than the rate of inflation."

"The value of our homes went up 4.5 percent, but the Consumer Price Index this year was 3.3 percent," said Jane Blahut, city finance director. "Because our values rose by 4.5 percent, we were required to rollback our rate to 10.59. We've had to roll back our rate since 2002."

Future reductions may be a thing of the past unless taxable values exceed the 8.3 percent inflation rate for April reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

During a nearly line-by-line preview of the budget last month, Sizeland foreshadowed a sewer rate increase, which the council enacted along with passing the overall municipal budget and millage rate.

"Great Lakes Water Authority increased our water and sewer rates this year in total by \$124,060," Blahut said.

"It equates to an extra \$5.06 added to the existing flat rate charge," Sizeland said. "It was \$66.90. Now, it's \$71.96."

"It would be \$30.36 for a homeowner per year," Blahut said. "If you have a two-family structure, you're going to be charged per water meter."

City charter mandates the council to adopt a budget by the third Monday in May.

## No vote

Councilman Vikas Relan supported the millage rate and higher water costs, but not the overall municipal budget. He thereby approved taxing the community but not providing services.

Prior to the votes, Relan said, "Probably the most important thing we do is approve this budget."

He opposed the Downtown Development

Authority setting aside \$45,000 to meet a contractual obligation, dating to November 2021, for future construction of a civic center parking lot on a lawn in front of the Park branch public library next to city hall. He also objected to three late deletions from the Tax Increment Finance Authority budget totaling \$130,000.

Both authorities are funded by property taxes generated in and retained for the betterment of their respective districts.

The budgets are drafted by Sizeland, approved by each board and sent to council for consideration as components of the general municipal budget.

"We've all said infrastructure is our No. 1 priority now," Relan said regarding the parking lot. "I'm wondering why we're allowing money to be spent on a future project when our current infrastructure is a priority and we need help there."

The DDA is legally obligated to the Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation to build the lot, according to Jake Howlett, park city attorney.

The foundation backs the forthcoming Schaap performing arts center and Manoogian art gallery on the other side of city hall. Upon completion, the URIF will reimburse the DDA \$200,000.

The council isn't legally obligated to approve the DDA budget, he told Mayor Hodges.

"If you don't," Howlett said, "it would likely put the DDA into breach of contract. If they can't pay for the parking lot they committed to build, they now have a contractual breach with the URIF."

He added, "The Downtown Development Authority's job is to help develop the downtown area. It's very common practice: They've entered into an agreement with a group that's proposing a \$30 or \$35 million devel-

opment. One of the quid pro quo in that contract is the DDA would develop a parking lot on its property in exchange."

During a budget hearing April 28, Relan proposed the DDA repair city hall's current lot rather than consider a future project.

"It's been in shambles for quite some time," Relan said at the time. "It feels like India driving through our parking lot here at city hall."

At the May 9 council meeting, he braced his stance by claiming the city received 50 letters from residents against the idea of a parking lot displacing greenspace.

"We did get 50 letters," he said.

"We want to make accurate representations," Councilman Max Wiener said. "To say we got 50 individual letters is not correct. The petition, with signatures, is not the same as 50 individual letters. I want to make sure we're representing this accurately."

"I thought it was a stack of 50 letters," Relan said.

"It was a petition," Sizeland said.

"I saw some signatures 'signed on behalf of,'" Councilman Tom Caulfield said.

Regarding the TIFA budget, Relan opposed a \$15,000 reduction for alley improvements.

"I don't think we're doing our TIFA or DDA residents justice by this budget," he said.

He also questioned the relatively last-minute cancellation of two purchases totaling \$115,000 for equipment at the new public works headquarters and garage, a TIFA project due to open this summer on Mack.

Sizeland said money for the acquisitions was applied instead to the water and sewer fund. The two purchases still are being made. They'll be paid with proceeds from auctioning surplus public works equipment.

"That's pretty good," Relan said.



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## Sign up for September

Beaumont Health Foundation hosts the Grosse Pointe Classic golf fundraiser Monday, Sept. 12, at Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms. The outing will benefit the renovation and expansion of surgical services at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. Golfers will enjoy an afternoon golfing the championship course with lunch, cocktails and dinner. To register or for sponsorship information, visit [beaumont.org/GPGC](http://beaumont.org/GPGC).

## TIFA pitches in for alleys

### GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Next fiscal year's municipal \$673,145 appropriation for roadwork is augmented by a not so hefty but welcome \$15,000 raised in the TIFA district for alley improvements.

Tax monies generated in the Tax Increment Finance Authority district must be used to improve the district, including alleys.

The district consists of residential and commercial properties from Jefferson to Mack, Wayburn to Beaconsfield.

Contractors and public works department crews are working together to spruce up and resurface alleys, and also separate alley sewers to handle storm runoff independently of wastewater.

Although most sewers in the Park were separated years ago, tending odds and ends became a greater concern when two downpours triggered sewer backups into basements.

"We still have lots of alleys that still have one drain," said Randy Cousineau, a member of the TIFA board. "The pri-

mary responsibility (for alley improvements) belongs on the city. TIFA is assisting with some financing of what the city is doing on its own."

The Park has nearly 26 miles of local roads and nearly 12 miles of major streets.

"TIFA has engaged in cleanup of alleys," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "We contracted Backer Landscaping to do a one-time cleanup. With new code enforcement, as well, we're going to be focusing on those alleys for cleaning them up. In addition, we can use some of those (TIFA) monies for helping DPW with supplies and separating those alleys."

"Also, we have a touch of flexibility in our budget," TIFA Chairman John Hughes said. "If we find we're not going to allocate \$10,000 for supplies, we can push that to alley improvements."

"(Sewer) separation is going to entail tearing up existing alleys," Cousineau said. "Then, when you put it back together, that area's going to be repaved."

— Brad Lindberg

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS 2021 CONSUMER'S ANNUAL REPORT ON DRINKING WATER QUALITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that copies of the 2021 Consumer's Annual Report on Drinking Water Quality for the City of Harper Woods are available to the public free of charge at the Harper Woods City Offices and the Harper Woods Public Library. Copies of said report were previously distributed to all residents via U.S. Postal Service the week of May 23, 2022, however, additional copies are available to interested persons at the above designated locations. For more information, call the Department of Public Works between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 313-343-2570.

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## DDA:

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Nevertheless, the largest DDA outlay for the upcoming fiscal year is \$45,000 for construction of a civic campus parking lot on Jefferson between city hall and Lakepointe.

"The DDA in November 2021 approved an agreement with the Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation that there would be a parking lot

built by the Downtown Development Authority in front of the public library," said Nick Sizeland, manager of Grosse Pointe Park and DDA director.

The DDA's \$200,000 share of construction costs will be reimbursed by a donation from the foundation, according to Erica Shell, assistant city attorney.

"The \$200,000 was pledged, but we don't have that yet?" DDA Board Member Laura Ochab asked Sizeland May 3.

"Correct," he answered. "The DDA will be developing that parking lot. When the lot is complete or close to completion, that \$200,000 donation will go to the DDA helping to offset the cost. If the Downtown Development Authority wanted to use fund reserves, that is another \$88,000 that could be used."

The proposed lot is located on what had been the Ted Ewald Chevrolet dealership but is now greenspace roughly equidistant from city hall and public safety headquarters, the Ewald branch public library and Pointe Park Place Condo-

miniums on Jefferson at Lakepointe.

The lot also is one block from the privately funded \$25 million Schaap Center.

Sizeland envisions the lot doubling as a gathering space with landscaping, bioswales and electric hookups to host farmers markets, concerts and other events.

"If we're going to do this project, we need to have strong consideration for residents around the area (and) the public library," he said. "To residents of the condos, I want to be very mindful of trying to mitigate any concerns they have."

The DDA is funded by property taxes generated within the district that must be spent within the same area.

Authority boundaries zigzag among commercial and public property on both sides of Jefferson from the Detroit border to Somersett.

Enhancements to the district are to improve the entranceway, soften the appearance of the commercial area, improve vehicular and pedestrian circulation, address parking needs and complement existing

retail and office uses by expanding compatible development including civic-related programs,

according to an Aug. 27, 2021 Park resolution extending the DDA through the 2026 fiscal year.

Additional expenditures in the budget are:

- ◆ \$10,000 for "green infrastructure," namely a rain garden at city hall;

- ◆ \$15,000 in legal, planning and engineering services;

- ◆ \$28,000 for landscape maintenance, including easements along Jefferson and at the corners of Somerset and Westchester;

- ◆ \$10,300 for the time Sizeland and other administrators work on DDA matters and

- ◆ \$8,000 for wayfinding and entrance signage.

"That means (signs) as you enter a community and are trying to find your way around the community," Sizeland said. "It's important for this community and this board to consider our entrance as visitors are coming into Grosse Pointe Park or exiting (and) how can we make that more attractive on Jefferson."

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

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Harper Woods, Michigan Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed Special Land Use pursuant to Section 10-643 of the Harper Woods, Michigan Zoning Ordinance:

Proposed revision to a site plan for an existing drive-through restaurant at 19353 Vernier Road, which requires new consideration of a special land use application in the C-1, General Business zoning district.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission c/o Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk, City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

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# Farms sees slight tax decrease

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The Farms is anticipating a year of "traditional service, but in our new normal," if the theme of its fiscal year 2022-23 budget is any indication.

Going into effect July 1, residents can expect to see a slight decrease in tax rates — necessary because the city has reached its limit under the Headlee cap — going from the current 16.7912 mills to 16.7156 mills.

"We are the lowest of all the Grosse Pointes and when we incorporate some other similar-sized communities, we are still

in a very competitive place with our millage rates," Director of Finance and Operations Debra Peck Lichtenberg said, noting the city still will see a \$481,200 increase in revenue thanks to a rise in taxable values.

The Farms also is expecting another \$478,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds in October, as well as at least \$250,000 in public assistance later this summer from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for costs incurred in the June 2021 rain event.

"Even in the face of the large amount of federal grant funds that we've

gotten, taxes continue to be the largest source of revenue that we have, at 74 percent of our budget," Peck Lichtenberg said. "With over \$700,000 coming in for federal grants, that's still only 4 percent of our expected revenue."

Emphasized by administration each year, the city only receives 34 cents of every dollar collected for residents' taxes. The rest is distributed to other entities such as the library, schools and county.

Based on increases in personnel and healthcare costs, as well as expectations of inflationary increases, the anticipated expenditures for fiscal

year 2022-23 are an increase of 7.5 percent, or \$1,291,070, over the current year.

The only area of the budget set to experience a decrease in expenditures is the funding of pension and other post employment benefits, or retiree healthcare. As the city has been aggressively funding the two systems and is making great progress, Peck Lichtenberg said, the new budget requires less of a contribution than the prior year.

The Farms has gone from less than 20 percent funded in its retiree healthcare plans five years ago to currently

being funded at more than 60 percent.

"A vast majority of the jurisdictions are pay (as you) go when it comes to retiree health benefits, in terms of their general fund budget pays for their retiree healthcare," Mayor Louis Theros said during the April council meeting, "and over these past five years, our aggressive deposits and use of our budget has really safeguarded the future of retirees' healthcare first and foremost, but also our general fund budget, so we don't have to dip into it."

Incorporating \$1,269,000 of income from its road millage and \$1,150,000 from Act 51 state funding, the Farms plans to spend \$3,320,000 on road improvements in

the new fiscal year, a large focus of which is anticipated to be Fisher Road.

With an estimated unassigned fund balance of \$4,594,604, at 24.9 percent of the total budget, the city will maintain its policy of keeping a rainy-day fund between 20 and 30 percent of the budget.

"All major governmental funds are in a healthy position with fund balances where they'd like to have them," Peck Lichtenberg reported. "We have the ability to take advantage of opportunities when they come up and we are really in an enviable position."

Farms city council unanimously approved the fiscal year 2022-23 budget and tax rates during its meeting Monday, May 9.

# Safeguarding demolitions

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Most newly adopted provisions of the demolition ordinance codify existing municipal procedures favoring community safety and protecting the city from liability.

The measure applies to razing buildings 10,000 square feet or larger.

"Specific requirements for a large structure include proof of liability insurance, posting a construction bond (of at least \$1 million) as well as advance notice requirements to nearby property owners within 300 feet of the demolition site," said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager.

Additional terms concern specific standards of demolition, such as disconnecting utilities, removing foundations, backfilling and ensuring advance notice is issued five business days before work starts.

"This would be if any large structure were to come down," said Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the ordinance review committee, which drafted the terms May 3 for city council consideration Monday, May 9. "When there are larger structures, there's potential for a lot more damage to surrounding areas."

Stipulations don't go far enough to protect the legacy of large, notable

structures in the city, according to two members of the council.

"I suggest the council consider its responsibility to protect historical assets in our community," Councilwoman Christine Gallagher said. "As such, I motion to amend this ordinance to include: 'In any case where such a structure is older than 75 years, prior to any (demolition) permit approval by the building department, such permit requests shall be referred to the city council for input.'

The motion, seconded by Councilman Martin McMillan, lost on a 5-2 vote.

Yet, the ordinance as a whole eventually received unanimous support.

"Historical value is the key," McMillan said. "What Councilmember Gallagher is proposing gives us that look before something is torn down."

"I see the upside of it,

but there's going to be unintended consequences," Councilman Max Wiener said. "There's going to be legal ramifications. We need to flush this out before we make a motion to vote on that tonight."

"It sounds like there's some pretty significant pluses and minuses," Councilman Brian Brenner said. "I would like to think it through more thoroughly before making a decision on something that could be quite significant."

Gallagher said, "What we're asking is before they're given a (demolition) permit that they come to council so we can have consideration for a large building at 75 years or older so we can protect any historical reference to it or pieces to it."

"The city attorney's office and city administrators believe this ordinance puts the onus of responsibility and the governing of demolition permits in the hands of the building official with the city," Rothe said.

Mixing the council into an administrative process introduces a political element that could have legal consequences.

"We'll have to be extremely careful," City Attorney Jake Howlett said, "no matter how this council decides to move

forward, to make sure the process the council engages in is not an arbitrary, pick-the-winner kind of issue, where you've got members of the community saying, 'You let them do this but you didn't let me do this because you like these guys but you didn't like these guys."

Howlett said Gallagher's idea would be addressed better somewhere other than in demolition rules.

"(Grosse Pointe) Farms has an ordinance that covers historical committees that make those evaluations," he said. "It is not part of the Farms demo ordinance."

"I like the idea of going to what the Farms has," Caulfield said. "We can do that here. The demo ordinance is a demo ordinance."



## Lucky ducks!

When 13 ducklings were discovered nestled under a parked vehicle near McKinley and Kercheval with no mother to be found around noon Monday, May 16, Grosse Pointe Farms Officer Michael Hodor rounded up the siblings and took them to the Grosse Pointe Animal Clinic. There, they will be nursed back to health and released back into the wild when they're old enough.

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# Highland Park debt addressed

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — It was approved at a council meeting Monday, May 16, that Grosse Pointe Woods would join the stand against Highland Park's failure to pay Great Lakes Water Authority bills, resulting in other GLWA customers taking on the debt.

"Highland Park has only paid a fraction of what it owes for water and sewer services to GLWA," Frank Schulte, city administrator, said in a memo to council. "Unknown to the city

and all other GLWA member communities is that GLWA has been charging a share of Highland Park's unpaid debt to those communities in their water and sewer rates."

The Woods has paid \$309,211.08 toward Highland Park's debt altogether, with sewer charges beginning in 2008 and water in 2012.

SEMSD announced it would withhold all payments toward Highland Park's sewage debt on behalf of its constituents, something many cities across southeast Michigan also have decided. The Woods joined the fight Monday by voting to place in escrow all funds toward

the water portion of the bill, to go directly to GLWA, until the matter is resolved.

— Kate Vanderstelt

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 19617 HARPER AVENUE HARPER WOODS, MI 48225 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Harper Woods Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a request from the City Administration, to re-zone Parcel #82 42 010 07 0066 305, also known as 20655 Lennon and described as:

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from R-1B, Single Family Residential District to R-2, Two Family Residential District.

The public hearing will be held in the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, 48225. The lot being requested to be re-zoned is located south of Vernier Road and west of Interstate 94. An area map of the proposed parcel to be re-zoned is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office before June 22, 2022.

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going off over your head," Kozicki said. "This will be a safer (show), but just as nice."

Council unanimously approved the contract with American Fireworks during its April meeting. The company comes highly recommended from St. Clair Shores, which also

uses it for the annual fireworks show in the city.

Looking toward future years, Kozicki noted, the Farms may explore sponsorship opportunities for the annual show.

# History and handiwork: Modernizing a Model T

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

At University Liggett School, a group of juniors and seniors have spent the semester reworking a Ford Model T in a brand new elective course offered to upper-level students, Material Culture of the Ford Model T, co-taught by Michael Medvinsky and Adam Hellebuyck.

"We are looking at the history of our place," Medvinsky said of the overall theme of the course, "specifically because Detroit was such an integral part of putting the world on wheels. And so we're using an object, like the Model T, to help understand the history of the automation, industrialization and travel and how that connects to the narrative of the nation."

"So is Michigan's story the same as the nation's story or the world's story?" he added. "We're using this car as the object for which we dive into the history."

The class spent ample time researching and



reading primary sources while also incorporating the hands-on side of designing projects to update and restore the Model T. Projects included presenting a concept of a combustion engine and designing a hood cover, with the semester culminating in an accessory project, where students were asked to study different parts of the car for ways to modernize it while maintaining its history. Students were split into

groups based on their strengths to address projects, ranging from updating the original headlights to LED bulbs; changing out the original horn for a more industrial, air horn sound; replacing acetylene lamps for additional headlights to enhance safety; and adding a leather wrap to the steering wheel for comfort. One group was tasked with restoring one of the car doors, which was damaged on arrival.

"They're looking at



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Left, Louie Gormely and Joey Randazzo remove the wheel assembly from the car to reface the chrome and check out the tire to make sure the Model T is ready to ride. Above, Jack Jones zip ties the wire to the horn to other wires to keep it away from the engine when it gets hot.

been tasked with creating a larger accessory for the car, which they have narrowed down to either an ambulance or a crane.

As the class winds down, students are finalizing projects to ensure the car is back to driving standards. While seniors have finished, remaining juniors will assess the car in terms of the industry rather than just personal use — how hospitals, farmers, building manufacturers and others used the Model T. They have

been different," he said. "The whole project is really a unique experience," said junior Jack Jones, adding they had "great teachers" leading the way.

When offered again this fall, the Model T will remain central to the class, though projects and different specifics will vary based on pupil interests.

## North students win placements on National German Exam Honor Roll

Several students at Grosse Pointe North High School were awarded the Silber- and Bronzeurkunden — or silver and bronze medal — as well as special recognition on the National German Exam Honor Roll for outstanding performance on the 2022 National German Exam for High School Students.

They received the award for their above-average scores on the 2022 National German Exam, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German.

More than 11,900 students participated in the exam this year. The

National German Exam, now in its 62nd year, rewards students through an extensive prize program and provides a means of comparing students in all regions of the U.S.

The students are enrolled in levels 2, 3 and 4 and learn German from Susan Sipos, German teacher at North. Winning level 3 Silver Awards are Marc Mueller and Elise Torp. Winning level 3 Bronze Awards are Zoey Crossley, Peter Hoffman, Jake Sachs and Grace Vandenboogert. Earning level 2 Achievement Awards are Hayley Thompson, David Rochon, Joseph Carey and Kyleigh Egli.

### GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

#### POOL WATER HEATER REPLACEMENT PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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- Removal of existing pool water heater equipment, breeching, and piping as necessary
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- Inspect and verify pool water heater operation

Specifications and bid forms will be available to Contractors beginning **June 1, 2022** by contacting the office of the Architect, Ehresman Architects, via email at [architects@ehresmanarchitects.com](mailto:architects@ehresmanarchitects.com). The Architect will issue the requesting company(s) electronic (.pdf) files of the Contract Documents including drawings and specifications. The cost of document reproduction will be the responsibility of the requesting party.

Bid documents will also be available for examination (no purchase) at the following locations:

- Ehresman Architects
- Grosse Pointe Public School System
- Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)
- Dodge Data & Analytics
- Construction Market Data (CMD)
- Construction Data Company (CDC)

A pre-bid meeting will not be conducted for this project. It is the contractor's responsibility to review the job site, conditions, etc. prior to submitting their bid. Contact the Building Engineer, Mr. Chuck Rose @ (313) 587-5279 to arrange a visit to review the project conditions.

Sealed bids will be due **Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. (local time)** at the Central Administration of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 20601 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 48236, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

The School Board will not consider, accept, or open a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission in this advertisement for bid.

The bids shall 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 of the School District. The Board will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

The bids shall also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Iran Economic Sanctions Certification. The Board will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized certification.

Grosse Pointe Public School System's Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, or to award the contract to other than the contractor(s) submitting the best financial Bid Proposal (low bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Marc Chamberlin, Senior Architect / Partner at (248) 244-9710 (ext. 105) or email [marc@ehresmanarchitects.com](mailto:marc@ehresmanarchitects.com).

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The Grosse Pointe Public School System  
Ms. Lisa Papas, Secretary

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## Liggett Alumni Weekend hosts alumni after two-year break

After a two-year hiatus, University Liggett School welcomed back hundreds of alumni, friends, current and former faculty and staff May 13 and 14, for 2022 Alumni Weekend events. Alumni from as far as Sweden gathered at and around their alma mater to enjoy two days with dear friends.

A variety of events — some traditional, some new — marked the weekend.

◆ The weekend kicked off with Friday morning's Nena Dahling '50 CDS Memorial Flagpole Dedication. This dedication was made possible through \$400,000 in contributions to support ULS through the Dahling Family Challenge, spearheaded by Dahling's sons — William, Class of '74, Richard, Class of '77, and Peter, Class of '85 — and bolstered by the support of her many friends. Dahling was an ardent supporter of the school and beloved by many in the community.

◆ Friday morning also included the in-person meeting of fifth-grade students and their Class of 1972 pen pals. During the school year, these students and alumni exchanged old-fashioned letters via snail mail. On Friday, they finally connected at a classroom meet-and-greet and the students took the alumni on tours throughout the school.

◆ Friday afternoon, around 25 alumni attended a ULS Lunch and Learn led by Emily Kutin, project organizer of the Black Bottom Street View historical exhibit. Black Bottom Street View is a "living archive" that allows



COURTESY PHOTO

University Liggett School Head of School Bart Bronk hosted alumni celebrating 50 years or more at his home.

viewers to walk through blocks of photographs that reconstruct Black Bottom, a once-vital Detroit neighborhood that was razed to make way for the construction of I-375. The event began with Kutin sharing historical details about the neighborhood, including its high concentration of resident doctors, lawyers and other professionals who made for an essentially self-sustaining community. After the

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PHOTO BY KATE VANDERSTELT

Parcells social studies teacher Walt Charuba and choir teacher Leslie Saroli celebrate after the fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade choir performs Charuba's original song, "Light of Day," at its concert Wednesday, May 25.

## Parcells concert features original song

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

Parcells Middle School educators teamed up to create a song for the fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade choir to sing at its 2022 spring vocal concert Wednesday, May 25.

The song, written by social studies teacher Walter Charuba, is meant to embrace an uplifting spirit in the midst of COVID-19 and winter-induced dreariness.

"I wrote the song just to get out of COVID and just to give joy," Charuba said. "It was a dreary winter/spring and we just wanted to set up that joy."

That joy was set up two months ago, as inspiration struck Charuba and he shared his thoughts with choir teacher Leslie Saroli. With help from Saroli and writing partner Brian White, Charuba produced the song with the intent the choir would perform it.

The energetic song was performed charismatically to its audience Wednesday night, with smiles gracing the faces of the kids singing, Saroli conducting and Charuba, who was playing the guitar alongside the students.

"It was a pleasure to get such a great idea out," Charuba said. "It's kind of been such a down time, with the weather and everything else. It was nice. It was just a nice, different experience with the students and I enjoyed that."

The amount of energy

exuding from the students added up when Saroli explained her words to the students the day before the concert.

"I encouraged our students to put themselves in Mr. Charuba's shoes," she said via email. "'Imagine you write a piece of music and over 100 singers perform it for a live audience for the first time. Let's give Mr. Charuba the best version of his song that we can possibly give him.' ..."

"It was an honor that Walt shared his music with me several months ago," Saroli added, "and I am thankful that we were able to give him his gift of music right back on Wednesday night when our singers gave him his 'world premiere' of this beautiful tune."

The song, titled "Light of Day," is "about the hope for getting back to normal after the long years of COVID," Charuba wrote in an email. "It is about knowing the way to live life anew without the stress of the last few years."

Saroli added, "Walt's song to me is like summer. It is pure happiness and joy. ... To me, the lyrics are about looking forward to the next thing, whatever that might be, and using that as your goal. Even when times are tough, looking forward to the next thing is the drive that keeps you going."

The students singing the song derived the same message.

"'Light of Day' meant trying to find the way to

wherever you need to be, physically or mentally," sixth grader Riley Shattuck said. "Mentally as in finding your happy place and physically as in I'm lost, help."

Added fifth grader Autumn Johnson, "What 'Light of Day' meant to me is that if you (have) any problems, don't let it stop you from doing what you love and don't give up."

Lyrics of the song include: "Come on over down on the light of day / I will show the way / Say you know the way"; "Come on down to this golden day / Come on lead the way / Say you know the way"; and "Keep in mind now night for you / Sandman hide till light is thru / Sprinkle for the mind anew / For day."

Charuba has been writing music since he was in the fifth grade. He even composed a song for Brownell Elementary School some time ago and hopes to continue to pursue writing for choirs.

"I am proud of the music Mr. Charuba wrote," Parcells seventh grader Annabelle Goosen said. "... It is inspiring to sing music by a very own Parcells teacher and I really enjoyed singing the song at our concert."

# South band director wins district award

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

When Grosse Pointe South High School's Director of Bands Christopher Takis heard he was nominated for and won the district 16 Michigan School Band Orchestra Association's Band Director of the Year Award, he said he felt the experience was especially gratifying because of the challenges presented to teaching this past year.

"I remember hearing why I was being nominated and I think that made everything that my students have accomplished this past year sink in," Takis said. "I have always felt very appreciated in Grosse Pointe by the community, our families and our students. But it's another thing to really feel like you are seen by your peers, colleagues and the ones that really not just know what you go through on a daily basis, but also (experience) it, too."

The award was presented to him following a nomination by Grosse Pointe North High School's band director Tom Torrento, and a vote — affirming that he was the most worthy of the consideration among those nominated — of the district 16 chapter of the MSBOA at its spring membership meeting.



Christopher Takis

Takis said the award process is tiered and structured so some district winners will be considered for a state award as well.

"You get nominated by another teacher and then at our spring meeting, every district votes on the slate of whoever is nominated for orchestra teacher of the year and band teacher of the year," Takis said. "Then they pick three of the winners from the 16 districts and then the next fall, they get voted on for a state teacher of the year (award)."

As director of bands at Grosse Pointe South, Takis teaches several band classes at South, as well as music theory and AP music theory classes.

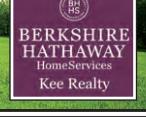
Throughout his 10 years teaching in GPPSS, he said one of the things he particularly enjoys is seeing students develop throughout the many years he works with them.

"One of my favorite things about being a band director and music teacher is that (I) get to see (some of the same) kids every year," he said. "There are students that, for example, I get in seventh grade at Pierce Middle School and then I teach them for six years in a row through their 12th-grade year at Grosse Pointe South. I don't know a whole lot of other subjects that you get to build relationships with students like that."

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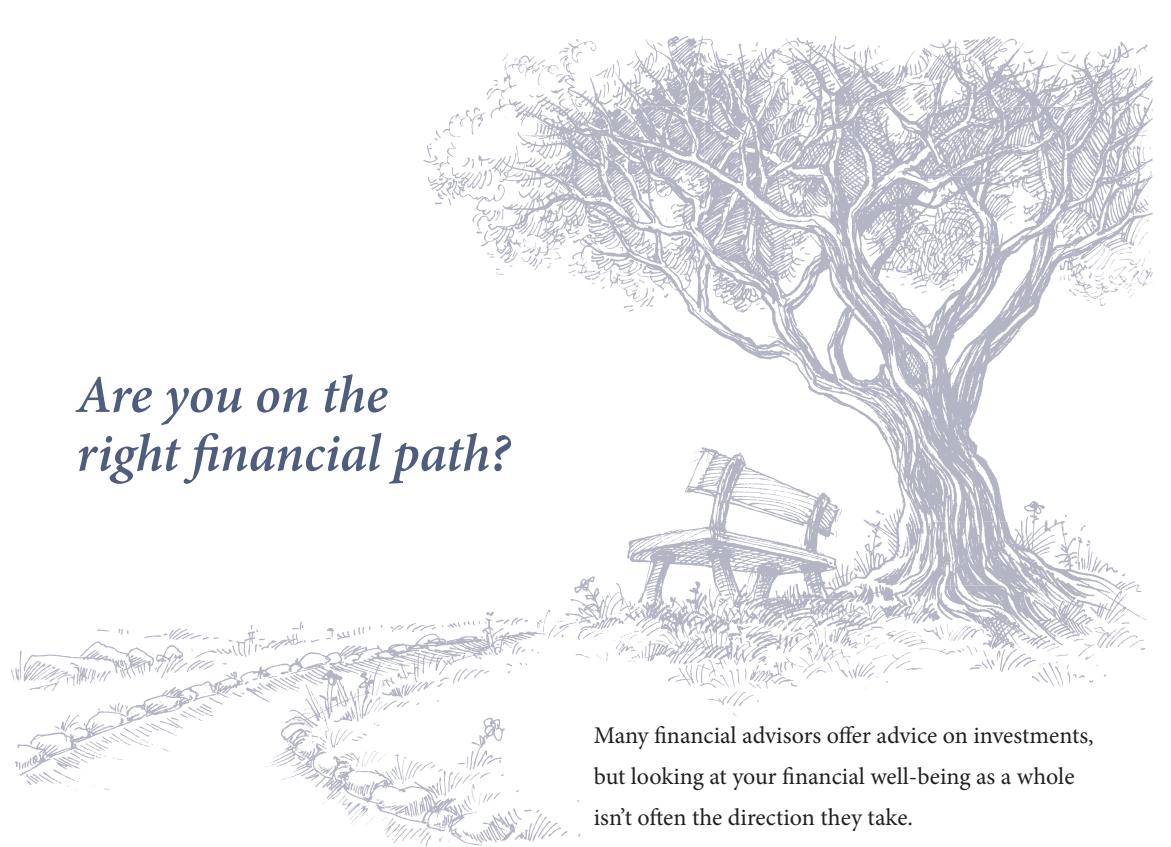


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presentation, the group headed to the Boll Campus Center lobby where the exhibit is on display for school groups until June 2.

♦ Friday evening, the "Golden Knights" — alumni celebrating class reunions of 50 years or more — gathered at Head of School Bart Bronk's home for a cocktail party. A group of approximately 50 alumni were there to reconnect and reminisce. Two attendees were celebrating their 75th class reunion.

♦ Friday evening also capped off the 50th anniversary celebration of the school's outdoor education trips to Proud Lake. Around 50 alumni, current and former faculty and staff attended a 50th anniversary Bonfire Celebration.

♦ Saturday morning set the scene for Alumni Weekend's fifth annual Detroit bus tour, which was attended by more than 25 alumni. The two-hour guided walking and bus tour featured stops at Burns Avenue in Indian Village, an urban prairie,

the riverfront and Midtown. Throughout the tour, Liggett Faculty Emeritus David Backhurst gave history lessons about each area and how each has changed over time.

♦ Reunions for classes from graduating years ending in "2" and "7," as well as the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Ceremony, took place Saturday evening. ULS's 2022 Distinguished Alumna is Lisa Black, Class of '77, who was in attendance for the honor. A supportive alumna for decades, Black joined the University Liggett School Board of Trustees in 2009, and continues to serve as a member of the Investment Committee, which she chaired from 2010-15. Black also served as board treasurer from 2012-15. She also has played pivotal roles in several large fundraising initiatives at the school.

"I was a member of a terrific class and combined with the teachers, coaches and staff, I had a wonderful six years at ULS," Black said. "ULS laid the groundwork for my success both personally and professionally."

# Hiptique brims with unique apparel, accessories

By Clare Ramsdell  
Staff Intern

Nicole Delano was having a bottle of wine with her sister and niece when Hiptique was born.

After 30 years of working at a Grosse Pointe house-cleaning company, she found out her rotator cuffs were shot. Instead of seeing it as a setback, she saw it as an opportunity to launch a new business.

"My niece was saying that she always wanted to open up a resale store and we got to talking about what kind of stuff she would carry," Delano said. "And she was really carrying some cool stuff. I just thought I wanted to show her she could do it."

Delano applied for the Motor City Match program, which helps start new, permanent businesses and expands existing businesses in Detroit by providing tailored assistance throughout the launch and growth process. Delano was the program's round 12 winner. Motor City Match provided her with business

training and funding to launch Hiptique.

"I applied for fish and I got a pole," she said. "That means I wanted to get \$10,000 to get started and they actually put me through school. So I took it because it was fun and I loved it and I'd do it again. I went through a business course and it was very cool."

Upon entering Hiptique, located at 16235 Mack in Detroit, Delano greets guests with enthusiasm and a warm smile. The vibe is both laid back and lively. Hiptique is brimming with vintage apparel for men and women, as well as accessories, shoes, candles, glassware, artwork and antique furniture.

"I do adult and when I say 'adult,' anything from 14 to 100 — everybody shops here," Delano said. "It's great. I do basically adult men's and women's accessories. I have a bar. It's a dry bar. It's a bar with glasses. There are shot glasses, wine glasses, everything. So I say, 'Come on over and hang



PHOTOS BY CLARE RAMSDELL

Nicole Delano offers a variety of apparel and accessories at her business, Hiptique.

out at my bar. We don't have anything to drink.'

"I carry some men's and women's clothing, jewelry, accessories and fun stuff. And I have small furniture furnishings. I love furniture. I love the artwork."

Delano acquires her clothing and other goods from a plethora of sources — closeouts from major retailers, neighborhood resale shops, antique stores from her travels, eBay and online resales,

just to name a few. She handpicks each item, ensuring that customers receive top-quality products. She has a high standard for everything she puts out to sell.

"If I'm looking for something specific for somebody and I need it fast," she said, "and they don't mind paying a little extra money for it, I'll go online and look for it. Like I had a gentleman from South come in and say, 'I really want a yellow medium



A sample of what Hiptique has to offer.

Polo sweater.' Well, I had to search it down. And I did and he paid extra for it."

Delano is a musician at heart, having released a few records of her own, so it's no shock she named Hiptique after a song by Tower of Power called "What is Hip?" She is invested in her community and has breathed new life into the block on Mack Avenue. She is continually setting up events to bring her local customers and community together.

"We used to have something called the resale jam," Delano said. "We would have bands out

here because we have a huge space because this is where antique row is and that's where they used to take all of their items and all their wares and put them out. ... We also host sip n' shops. I just had a great denim event. I have fashion shows. I had a sweater event. We do it all outside. We have had vinyl spins. I brought in my 1967 vinyl console and people would just bring their records and we do that."

Delano hopes to expand her business in the near future and purchase her own building.

## Market changes owners, maintains legacy

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

Community-goers in love with their local natural grocery store can take a deep breath: New Sprout House owners Lisa Brancato and Ann Delisi have assured customers they will maintain the recipes that made them fall in love with the place all those years ago, like the Southwest avocado sandwich, Thai peanut soup and Sprout House cookie.

"We assured (previous owners Blake and Marie Maconochie) that our intention was not to come in here and change everything, but just to build on the legacy that they had already built," Delisi said, adding the staff will stay on with the new ownership. "And then we're going to have some fun of our own."

Fun certainly will be had by the dynamic duo, who worked together for years at WDET-FM hosting many talk shows.

"This is just maybe our biggest collaboration yet," Delisi said of taking on the Sprout House together.

"... We work really, really well together. We have fun together and I couldn't



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Lisa Brancato, left, and Ann Delisi have taken over ownership of Sprout House as of May 21. The duo plans to maintain the store's legacy, keeping iconic recipes on the menu while bringing in some new vendors to add to the shelves.

have imagined doing this with anybody else."

Though the pair has never owned a market, they've gotten close to the food industry in their show, "Essential Cooking," where the radio hosts networked with the most talented chefs in the metro Detroit area, something that drew on Delisi's passions.

"I love to cook and (the Sprout House) is sort of an extension of me cooking for people I love," Delisi said, "and now I get to do

it for a lot more people."

With Delisi in the kitchen, Brancato said she will man front-of-house operations. Her background in event production and marketing will help the pair achieve one of their goals in taking over ownership: being involved in the community.

"One thing that I said when we started talking to Marie and Blake was that we recognize that this is a business that is very much a part of the fabric of the

community," Brancato said.

While the team is just starting to get into the flow of things after officially opening Saturday, May 21, Brancato said they plan to be involved in After 6 on Kercheval events and hope to find other ways to immerse the business in the community.

"We're just going to be looking for every opportunity we can to be a part of that," she said.

Brancato added atop making it a priority to be out in the community, they hope to bring in local Detroit vendors to fill their shelves in addition to old favorites that will remain. She said they also would love to feature products from other women-owned businesses.

Sprout House, located at 15233 Kercheval, is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. It is closed Sunday.

Customers are invited to watch for the debut of @sprout\_house on Instagram to stay up to date with all Brancato and Delisi are planning.



Pictured during a Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Chamber Chairman Jody Ingle, Charles Schwab client service specialist Jackie Piper, Charles Schwab independent branch leader and financial consultant Kyle Hecht, Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Frank Schulte and Chamber Director of Membership Carolyn Stolarski.

## Charles Schwab opens its doors

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

Now available with a storefront in Grosse Pointe Woods, Charles Schwab offers clients assistance in reaching their financial goals.

Franchise owner Kyle Hecht, a Chesterfield resident, is looking forward to embracing the Pointes with its community-heavy culture. Growing up just outside Frankenmuth, he said he understands the small-town feeling.

"It kind of reminds me of Grosse Pointe," Hecht said of Reese, his hometown. "You're just in your own little (bubble)."

Bringing Charles Schwab to Grosse Pointe, Hecht said he's excited to bridge the gap between the big-name corporation and local business.

"What's great about it is (we will have) that small-town feel, that personalized relationship," he said, "but (while) also having the entire breadth of the Charles Schwab offerings."

The branch, located at 20879 Mack, opened its doors Friday, April 29, and celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday, May 19.

One of 81 franchisees across the country, Hecht will act as the mouthpiece for Grosse Pointe

clients, making it easy for Schwab members to walk into the business and talk through any services that also may be available through their online account.

"OK, tell me what you're looking for, because Schwab's a huge place," Hecht said, describing how a client-consultant conversation might begin. "And then I listen ... to what someone's trying to accomplish."

Then, Hecht comes up with an action plan.

"You're working with a local mouthpiece," he said. "We call ourselves kind of the quarterback."

And for Schwab clients, these services come at no additional cost.

"If you're a Charles Schwab client, you're a client of ours," Hecht said. "We are an individual franchise; you're not working with a big-box retailer. You get the benefit of both worlds."

In addition to everyday business, Hecht hopes to host three to five educational events a year, free to the public. Potential topics include retirement planning, income planning in retirement and estate planning.

The branch is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information on Charles Schwab or the branch, visit schwab.com.



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# GRADUATION

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## College grads make Grosse Pointers proud

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Hundreds of alumni from Grosse Pointe North, South and University Liggett became official Class of 2022 college graduates this spring. While each school's colors and mascots are different, these new college alum all share something in common – each earned a valuable degree after four fun, challenging years of higher education.

The Grosse Pointe News asked proud grads and their families to capture this special moment and send in their best photos. As expected, everyone managed to ace this assignment. From Jefferson to Mack, around the lake and back, all of you make the Pointers very proud!



The Allor family of Grosse Pointe Woods have twice the reason to smile: at top, from left, mom Tina, son Jeffrey and dad Jeff mark Jeffrey's graduation from MSU, while above, daughter Sydnie earned her master's degree in public administration from Oakland University.

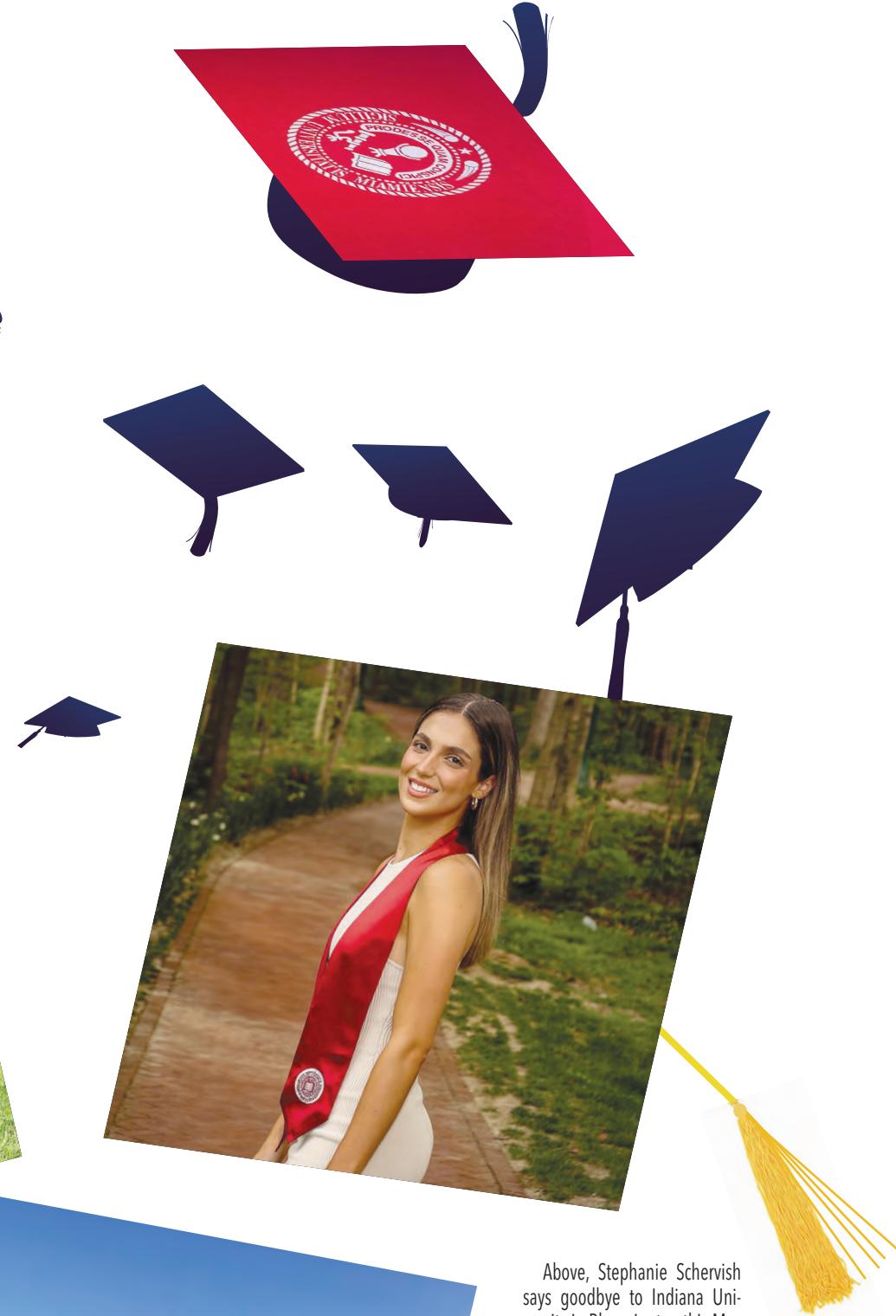




Above, high school buddies at Grosse Pointe South and now college grads from Butler University, Colin Mulcahy, left, and Logan MacLean celebrate another academic milestone together, while Colin's twin sister Keegan, below, proudly graduates from Curry College in Massachusetts..



These four Grosse Pointe South class of 2018 grads and new Michigan State University alums are ready for the world, including from left, Amelia Walker, Cailey Paul, Ava Boutrous and Kate Henry. These friends and roommates graduated May 7.



Above, Stephanie Schervish says goodbye to Indiana University in Bloomington this May with a Bachelor of Science degree in neuroscience.

Opposite page left, new Baylor alum Katie Jeup, from the City of Grosse Pointe, shows her brilliant smile in front of historic Pat Neff Hall on the Waco campus. Jeup graduated May 14.

David Koelzer, middle, waited two years to celebrate his 2020 graduation from the University of Michigan, after it was canceled in the thick of the pandemic. His dad, Dan, and mom, Karen, joined him in Ann Arbor May 7, to finally mark the moment in an event the school coined its "Comeback Commencement" for the Class of 2020.

# CLASS OF 2022, YOUR TIME HAS JUST BEGUN...



Allison L. Blaine, a 2018 Grosse Pointe North alum, graduated from Western Michigan University this spring with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She heads to Phoenix this month to work for Honeywell Corporation in its Future Finance Leaders Program.



Standing in front of famed Upham Arch, Kathryn Leonard says goodbye to Miami University on May 14, earning her degree in psychology. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Robert Frost once famously declared the college's grounds "the most beautiful campus that ever there was."



Andrew T. Manardo, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is a 2005 Grosse Pointe South alum, but he, too, became a 2022 grad by earning a Master of Science degree in communicative sciences and disorders from New York University this spring. He will begin his fellowship as a speech language pathologist in the fall.



The Chown family had double the celebration at two college graduations this spring. Above, left, Kevin, Melinda and Renee Chown celebrate Melinda's recent graduation from Michigan State University, while Renee, Erica and Kevin, above right, celebrate daughter Erica's graduation from Grand Valley State University.



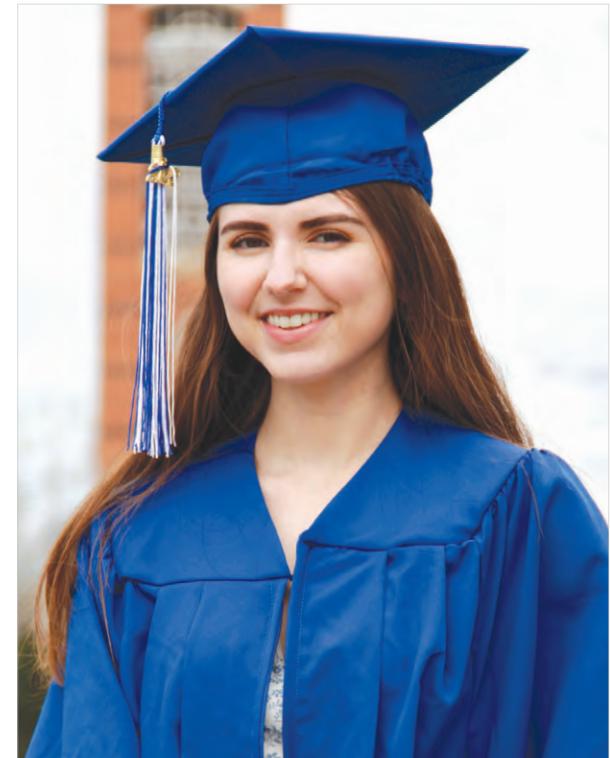
Sing it from the rooftops! Grosse Pointe North alum Andrew Hallam graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance.



Big Blue Nation welcomes Emma Tompkins, a 2018 Grosse Pointe North grad, into its alumni fold at the University of Kentucky graduation ceremonies May 7.



Noah Hauswirth graduated from the Farmer School of Business at Miami University. He will begin his career at Raymond James Financial in Grosse Pointe Farms later this month.



Madison Parthum, of Grosse Pointe Park, graduated from Grand Valley State University April 29, with a dual Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and criminal justice.

# THE FUTURE BELONGS TO YOU, MAKE US PROUD!



University Liggett School's Lauren Meredith became a new Spartan alum May 7, graduating from Michigan State University's Broad College of Business.



Grosse Pointe South's Liam Walsh graduated from the University of Michigan's honors program this spring.



Later, Gator! Caroline Fredrickson of Grosse Pointe Park celebrates her May graduation from the University of Florida in the school's famed football stadium.



Proud grandpa Alex McNeill, left, celebrates grandson Colin Gudenu's graduation from Albion College May 7. Go Brits!



From left, the Lawson family of Grosse Pointe Shores, including Noah, Bella, Barbara and David, celebrate Bella's big day at Grand Valley State University's graduation April 30.



Jonathan Stander graduated cum laude with honors from Albion College this spring, earning a degree in psychology and a minor in German. Prost, Jonathan!



Caroline Mancus of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated cum laude from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.



Grosse Pointe North class of 2018 alum, Caitlin Bush, graduated from Grand Valley State University April 30 with a degree in health information management.

# SO MANY ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOALS REALIZED...



Grosse Pointe South high school and college sweethearts Abbey Guevara, left, and Garrett Bollenbacher don the green and white in front of Spartan Stadium before their graduation at Michigan State. Guevara is graduating a year early and heading to medical school at MSU this month, while Bollenbacher earned a degree in advertising management and entrepreneurship and innovation.



Top, Ray Hasanaj, left, and his stepfather, Terry Hoerman, of Grosse Pointe Farms, enjoy all the festivities of Hasanaj's graduation from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan on April 30.

Everyone loves a keepsake, like the 2022 commencement program books from the U of M ceremonies in Ann Arbor, above, and Miami University, at left.

At right, new Spartan alum Rachel Harris will enjoy the accomplishment of completing her undergraduate studies in East Lansing only for the summer, before she hits the books again this fall when she begins her graduate program in clinical social work at MSU.



Grosse Pointe North alum Lindsey Ramsdell joins an illustrious list of grads from Harvard University, earning her Bachelor of Science degree in neuroscience cum laude and with high honors. She has accepted a position in Boston with Putnam and Associates, a life sciences consulting firm, and is currently applying for her MBA.

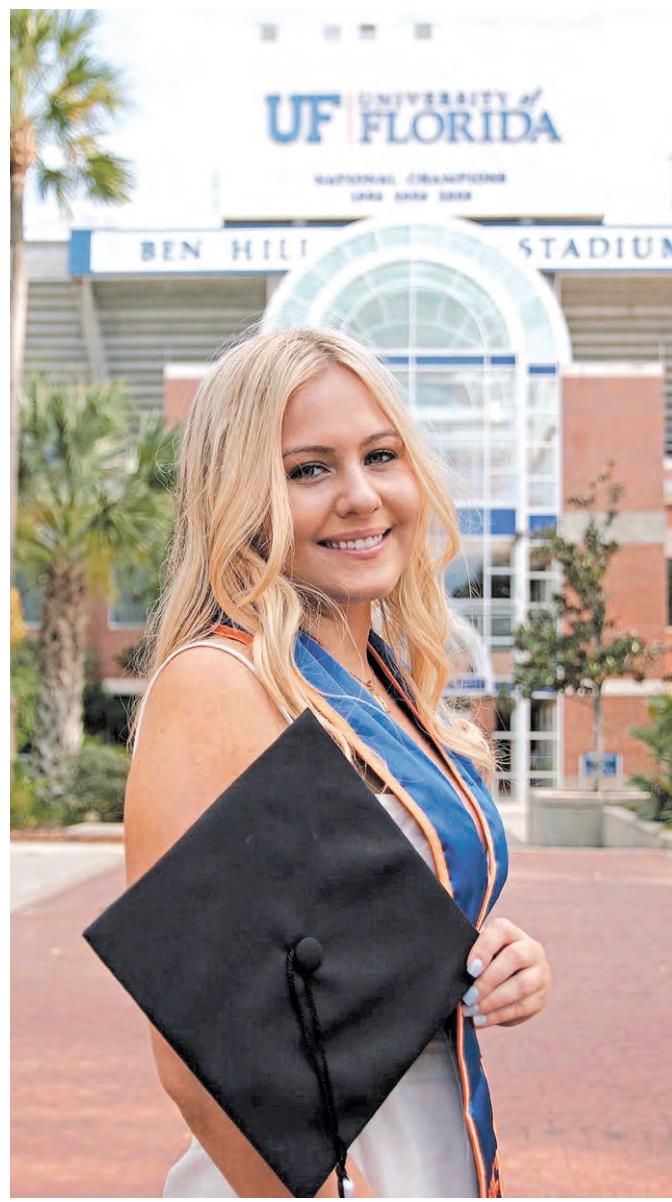


Max Stricker, of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated May 14 from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Sic 'em, Max!



Alex McEnroe, center, and his sisters, Nicole, left, and Elle, donned the maize and blue to mark Alex's graduation from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. The new grad heads to New York this month to embark on an investment banking career.

# WE CELEBRATE YOU AND THE GREAT TIMES AHEAD



From Grosse Pointe South to Gainesville, Annie McKee graduated summa cum laude from the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications this May with a degree in advertising.



New grads from the University of Michigan head into the campus's iconic Law Quad grounds on their way to graduation ceremonies at the Big House on April 30.



Above, U.S. Naval Academy graduates toss their caps in the air at commencement ceremonies over Memorial Day weekend.

New U.S. Naval Academy graduate Colin McMann, at left, of Grosse Pointe Shores, earned a degree in naval architecture. The Midshipman has been commissioned to Charleston, South Carolina to study nuclear engineering, in preparation for his work on naval submarines.

Thank you for your service, Colin!



Hannah Lemanski wears the green and gold of Baylor University, where she earned her degree in elementary education.



University Liggett School's Anthony Adam George shows his Panther pride as a 2022 University of Pittsburgh business school graduate.

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## Fallen officer finally gets his due

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

In the 97 years since Grosse Pointe Park motorcycle Patrolman John Selock, 23, died trying to stop a speeding motorist, his name became a misplaced memory.

"He kind of fell through the cracks," Park Chief Bryan Jarrell said.

Selock's relatives who knew him passed away. The house in which he lived at 1056 Lakepointe was replaced about 15 years ago by condominiums. He's buried back home in small town Pennsylvania and is a second-hand recollection of an aging nephew who hadn't been born at the time Selock died.

Yet, due to the efforts of police officers dedicated to recovering the legacies of the unheralded, Selock's name was among six inscribed last month on the memorial wall at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"It's a wonderful feeling seeing their names on the wall and knowing you helped a hero find his way home," said Chris Powell, a St. Clair Shores policeman and president of the Officer Collin Rose Memorial Foundation. "We have a project with the foundation called the Unheralded Heroes Project. We find officers not on the memorial wall and fix that record. It's one of the more honorable things I've hitched my wagon to."

Jarrell attended the



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Honoring fallen officers during Police Week in Washington D.C. are Grosse Pointe Park Chief Bryan Jarrell, Sgt. Stephen Thiel and Deputy Chief James Bostock.

inscription ceremony with Deputy Chief James Bostock and Sgt. Stephen Thiel as part of Police Week, established in 1962 by joint resolution of Congress.

The memorial grew this year by the addition of 619 fallen officers, Jarrell said.

"The vast majority died from COVID — over 400," he said. "COVID was designated as a line-of-duty death.

Most caught it because we still responded to calls for service."

Selock, the son of Polish immigrants from Kulpmont, Pa., was patrolling the Park on a motorcycle Oct. 4, 1924, when he chased a speeder into Detroit. The bike got caught in a

rut on Philip Selock hit a parked car. He sustained head injuries and died two days later in Henry Ford Hospital, according to contemporary news accounts and a Wayne County death certificate.

Powell and Jarrell tracked down Selock's only living relative they could find, a nephew living on Long Island, N.Y.

"He wasn't born when his uncle died, but he remembered seeing pictures of him," Jarrell said. "He remembers that his grandmother, who would have been Officer Selock's mother, was really hit hard by it and carried that grief with her for a long time."

No known photos of Selock exist.

Five Park officers have died in the line of duty.

◆ Patrolmen Claude Lanstra, 24, and Erhardt Meyer, 26, were shot

June 1, 1930, purportedly by rumrunners, on Jefferson one block from Park headquarters.

◆ Sgt. Frank Snay, a 45-year-old, 22-year veteran, died Dec. 13, 1946, in a car wreck.

◆ Patrolman Steven Molitor, 41, died Dec. 12, 1985, of a heart attack and fractured skull after he and a shift partner arrested two intoxicated and combative youths on Mack.

Selock served in the days when someone walked into the chief's

office looking for a job, was hired, given a badge, gun and told to go to work.

"There were no training academies back then," Jarrell said.

Powell's research with the Collin Rose Foundation has resulted in 12 names being added to the memorial.

Their biographies appear on the foundation website, collinrose-memorial.org, under "Unheralded Heroes."

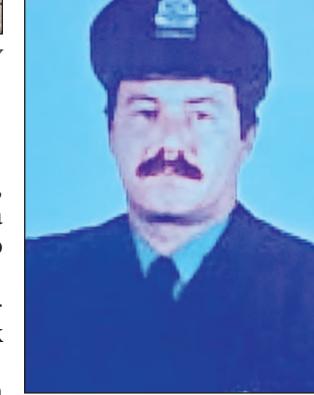
Powell, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, served with Rose, a member of the Wayne State University K-9 division, at the time of his murder Nov. 13, 2016, by an indigent man still judged incompetent to stand trial.



Claude Lanstra, 24, died 1930.



Erhardt Meyer, 26, died 1930.



Steven Molitor, 41, died 1985.



Frank Snay, 45, died 1946.



"Prudy, I know that look," Laney Corrado said. "When her baby tongue comes out, she's happy."

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

## Dog circulates with library

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Prudence the library dog spends most of the day sleeping under a corner desk in a back office of the circulation department, waking to accept a cookie or carrot treat, lick a friendly hand or yawn.

Laid back, not lazy, Prudence is a big black, gray and brown mass of long, thick hair with shaggy white paws and Brooke Shields eyebrows. She likes watching others work at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch, but has duties of her own.

"Her official title is Stress Relief Associate," said her rescuer, Laney Corrado, head of circulation. "She was going to be one of our reader dogs. They had enough in the program and

then it went into lockdown due to COVID."

So, Prudence, more often called Prudy and named after the Beatles song, "Dear Prudence" — so she would have a quality theme song," Corrado said — pretty much does what she wants, which isn't much in terms of action, except help make people happy.

"I've trained her not to bark," Corrado said.

Central Branch closed this week for construction. Staff started shifting operations to a temporary location, called the annex, at 120 Kercheval on The Hill.

"We hope to open (the annex) within a couple of weeks," Corrado said. Prudence is part of the move.

Central is being expanded by a 7,500-square-foot, two-story addition for a want."

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# 10th annual Community Luncheon is celebration of service

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Recognizing the tireless efforts of various community leaders was the focus of this year's Community Luncheon, organized by Alicia Carlisle, director of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's SERVE program, and parent volunteer Helen Srebernak.

In its 10th year, the May 25 luncheon, hosted at Ferry Elementary School, rounded up scores of community leaders, from public safety chiefs and mayors to the heads of various nonprofits, to thank them for contributing to the community.

The afternoon opened with networking, followed by a welcome from Ferry Principal Jodie Randazzo and an address from Superintendent Jon Dean, who also requested a moment of silence for the 21 lives lost during a school shooting in Texas the day before.

Dean addressed the school system's 100th anniversary, noting its



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Above, Rebecca Fannon and Alicia Carlisle speak about community members in appreciation. Right, Ferry Elementary Principal Jodie Randazzo.



past excellence as well as what makes it great today, including multiple national merit finalists, a presidential scholar, top-ranked athletes, talented musicians and artists, award-winning clubs and other notable achievements.

Looking to the future, he noted the district's strategic plan, the vision of which is "to become

one inclusive community learning together," by inspiring students, fostering curiosity, creating a culture of unity, being leaders and creating equity, "making sure every kid gets what they need," he said.

While proud of the district's accomplishments, Dean said he's focused on the future.

"We're celebrating 100 years, but also looking at how to make this the

next best 100 years in our community," he said.

Following lunch, which was sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News and owner/publisher Sean Cotton, GPPSS Community Relations Specialist Rebecca Fannon joined Carlisle in recognizing several of the community representatives in attendance. Among them were institutions such as the Grosse Pointe Public

Library, The War Memorial and The Helm, as well as private and parochial schools and area churches. From Ford House to the Family Center, Grosse Pointe Theatre to the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, and dozens of other organizations in between, each of them was recognized for the work they do in the community.

"We felt it was important at this time to thank you," Fannon said.

Among the efforts acknowledged was the Exploring Global Issues program at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools.

North senior Farrah

Fasse, editor-in-chief of the school's North Pointe newspaper, spoke to the uniqueness of the EGI program, which encourages students to discuss global issues on a local level.

During her time in the class, Fasse took part in a social media campaign for The Family Center that focused on mental health. She noted the program's engaging instruction and civil discussions about global issues and how to solve them.

"It's a unique course with the different types of learning and opportunities it offers," Fasse said, noting it taught her, "I can always have an impact on the world, no matter how big or small."

The presentation was followed by a performance by the Ferry choir and student-led tours of the school building.



Above, Exploring Global Issues student Farrah Fasse addresses the audience about her time in the class. Right, the Ferry choir performed for guests.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Ford House

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

◆ "The Birds of Gaukler Pointe" photog-

raphy exhibition, through June 12, in the Teague Gallery.

◆ Storytime: How the Stars Came to Be, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays during June.

◆ Yoga at Ford House, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, to June 28.

◆ Tai Chi for Health, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2.

◆ Game Night: Meadow Games, 6 p.m. Fridays, June 3 to Aug. 5.

◆ Eleanor's Birthday Tea and Tour, noon Sunday, June 5. Tickets

are \$55 for members, \$70 for nonmembers.

◆ Concerts on the Lake: "Straight Ahead," 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9. Tickets are \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, \$10 for ages 12 and younger.

◆ Maker Studio: Weaving, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Tickets are \$50 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

◆ Walking Meditation, 3 p.m. Sunday, June 12. Admission is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

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

### Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation presents its 2022 Legacy on the Lake event Thursday, June 23, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. This year's honoree is Fred M. Alger. Tickets are \$300 per person and reservations are required by Friday, June 3. Visit

[grossepoinchamber.com/legacy-tickets/](http://grossepoinchamber.com/legacy-tickets/)

### The Helm

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

◆ The movie "Respect" is shown from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 3. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Stained Glass Suncatchers, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, with Michelle Boggess-Nunley of On the Gogh Studio. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

◆ Managing Someone Else's Money, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, presented by the Wayne State University Speakers' Bureau.

◆ Rosa's Fitness Combo Class, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Rosa Hunter. The class includes tai chi, yoga,

ball exercises, cardio and balance, as well as brain exercises, sign and foreign language, affirmations and more.

◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. the second Thursday of each month. The facilitator is Jessica Malfa of David Gilboe & Associates.

◆ Games on the Lawn, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Games are free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

### Library

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

◆ Dance! West Coast Swing, Latin Rhythms, Tango and Detroit's Ballroom — Oh My!, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

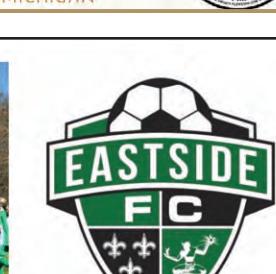
◆ Savvy Seniors Computer Classes: Get Social, 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Drop-In: I Will Assist, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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# Neighborhood Club preschoolers earn national award

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The preschool classroom at the Neighborhood Club may have new teachers and some new students this year, but it has the same artistic prowess as seen in previous years.

The afternoon class of 4- and 5-year-olds once again have claimed a national title for their artwork in the Daughters of the American Revolution Junior American Citizens banner contest.

"They had fun making it," said Jen Cotzias, preschool director. "I'm glad we were given the opportunity. They worked on it together. Watching it come together was exciting."

Cotzias and preschool instructor Jessica Smihal directed the students through the project. This year's theme was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Students created a banner featuring the words that appear on the tomb, as well as a wreath, on an American flag backdrop.

Students used shaving



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Daughters of the American Revolution Louisa St. Clair chapter chaplain Jane Turnbull, left, presents the national award to Neighborhood Club preschool instructor Jessica Smihal and preschool director Jen Cotzias and their students.

cream and watercolor paint to create a marble effect on which the words, "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God," were written. They painted the flag stripes with a roller and the stars with

sponges, and created the wreath with their green-painted handprints. Tissue paper flowers topped it off.

"They have really done fantastic," said Jane Turnbull, chaplain of the Louisa St. Clair chapter of DAR. "The fact that

we have youngsters this early talking about this is wonderful."

It's also the focus of DAR, educating children about the United States, she said.

"That's what DAR is about," she added. "Our main focus is education,

as well as preservation and patriotism."

The banner first was

judged at the chapter level, then earned topped billing in the state and division before heading to the national competition. It's the fourth time the Neighborhood Club's

preschoolers have placed first in the nation.

"This all goes back to the kids in the class and our teachers," said Stu Alderman, executive director of the Neighborhood Club. "It's something they do as a group, a class project, and they have fun doing it. Winning the award is great, but four years in a row — local, state, regional and national — is unprecedented. We're proud of them."

DAR was formed in 1890 as a lineage-based community service organization, Turnbull said.

The banner contest was part of the Junior American Citizens contest, which is for students in preschool through high school. Different ages are asked to participate in different formats, from art projects to community service projects, all of which have the same impetus: "To educate children and make them more aware of our country," Turnbull said.

Along with a plaque from DAR's national organization, the classroom earned a medal for its win.

## DAR announces 2022 award winners

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently announced its 2022 American History Teacher of the Year, as well as its essay contest and youth citizenship award winners.

The DAR Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest honors a notable full-time teacher of history in any public or private school from grades 5-12. These teachers have demonstrated excellence in:

- ◆ Readily sharing an incisive knowledge of American history;

- ◆ Being committed to their students;

- ◆ Fostering a spirit of patriotism and loyal support of the country; and

- ◆ Relating history to modern life and events.

This year, the Louisa St. Clair Chapter winner is Alexis Lecznar, a history teacher at Parcells Middle School. She also will be recognized as the Michigan Outstanding Teacher of American History at the State Awards Day in Lansing. Lecznar received glowing recommendations from her fellow colleagues and former students and was commended for her enthusiasm and excitement for American history.

The DAR also conducted two essay contests this year: Patriots of the American Revolution and American History. The Patriots of the American



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The Youth Citizenship award winners.

Revolution essay contest is open to students in grades 9 through 12. This year's topic directed students to select a figure from the era of the American Revolution and discuss how that individual influenced the course

of the American Revolution, who he or she was and his or her contribution to the founding of a new nation. The 2022 winners are all 10th graders at University Liggett School:

**1st Place** — Ella Henness

**2nd Place** — Anna Keyorkgy

**3rd Place** — Isabella Haladjian

Henness also will be recognized as the Michigan winner at the State Awards Day.

The American History essay contest is open to middle school students enrolled in sixth and eighth grades. The topic for 2021-22 involved the

100th anniversary of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Nov. 11, 2021. Students were asked to imagine they had a brother who lost his life on the battlefields of France during World War I, and they and their family attended the 1921 dedication at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Then they were asked to describe what it meant to them and why it is important to remember those who gave their lives to serve our nation. The Louisa St. Clair Chapter winners for this year are all students at Brownell Middle School:

**Sixth Grade**

**1st Place** — Isabella Chaptini

**2nd Place** — Simone Dennis

**3rd Place** — Samuel Xia

**Eighth Grade**

**1st Place** — Lauren Euper

**2nd Place** — Lorelie Carr

**3rd Place** — Emilia Koper

Louisa St. Clair Chapter members also celebrated youth citizenship by awarding medals to

deserving students selected in their respective schools.

The DAR Youth Citizenship award, made annually to middle school students in fifth

through eighth grades, recognizes talented young individuals who exhibit traits of honor, service, courage, kind-

ness, leadership and patriotism. The 2022 winners were as follows:

### Brownell

Lilian Novack, fifth grade

Ashlyn McClelland, sixth grade

Oscar DeLuca, seventh grade

Zachary Neme, eighth grade

### Parcells

Ava VanBecelaere, fifth grade

Jesse Awdish, sixth grade

Maria Melhem, seventh grade

Lauren Loper, eighth grade

### Pierce

Nora Brumbaugh, fifth grade

Caroline Bryan, sixth grade

Peter Howlett, seventh grade

Liam O'Mara, eighth grade

Louisa St. Clair Committee Chair Ellisse Thompson encourages any students interested in

history to keep this contest in mind for next year.

DAR is a service organization open to women who are lineal descendants of patriots who sacrificed their lives and fortunes supporting the American Revolutionary War.

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## SENIOR LIVING

# Just another Sunday Funday



Some folks just know how to squeeze more fun into life. In this case those people are Mopsi and Kate Gowman, a Grosse Pointe mother and daughter who have created a way to share the gift of spreading happiness with their weekly "Sunday Funday" adventures.

A recent full day of family fun began with a winding ride westward on Jefferson, past the Ambassador Bridge, and all the way to Grosse Ile, where the Gibraltar Bay Alpaca Farm checked off one of Mopsi's bucket list wishes. The farm is located at 8545 Groh Rd. in Grosse Ile.

Mopsi has always loved alpacas, as Kate well knew — and was more than happy to make her mom's wish a reality with this surprise visit to the farm. There, they chatted with the owners, learned about the boarded animals and got lots of alpaca hugs.

After loading up on alpaca facts (and discovering that one of the owners had also been a female Indy car driver), they moved on to enjoy the gift shop, full of alpaca-themed treasures. The farm stopover more than fulfilled Mopsi's dream.

And yet, another surprise still awaited. Unknown to Mopsi, her niece Colette, now living in Denver, was in town for a wedding. The Gowmans hadn't seen her for a couple of years, so were delivered another big surprise when Colette shared that she had just become engaged.

The Gowmans celebrated the good news with Colette and fiance Ryan at hot new SuperGeil restaurant on Michigan Avenue in Corktown, enjoying a meal inspired by the traditional dishes of Berlin, Germany. The foursome dined on generous herbed crepes with smoked salmon and cheese, tender lamb and Beef Doner.

Mopsi particularly enjoyed the lively atmosphere and decor of the restaurant and was delighted by the fun, interesting staff and menu. SuperGeil is located at 2442 Michigan Ave. in Detroit. For information, visit [supergeildetroit.com](http://supergeildetroit.com).

This mom and daughter certainly have a great thing going. We can't wait to see what they'll be up to next!



**Mom-and-daughter duo explore, find adventure in togetherness**



From top, counterclockwise, Kate Gowman shares a hug with an alpaca at the Gibraltar Bay Alpaca Farm in Grosse Ile, as mom Mopsi Gowman looks on. Mopsi Gowman gets her own alpaca hug. Mopsi shares a tender moment with niece Colette. SuperGeil restaurant in Corktown features indoor and patio seating along with German-inspired dishes.

PHOTOS BY KATE GOWMAN

## Day trippin': Exploring Ann Arbor on your day away

By Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writer

With gas prices likely to soar throughout the summer, finding things to do a bit closer to home seems like a great idea. There are many locations to explore just outside of the metro area, so day-trippers are in luck.

If you haven't been to Ann Arbor lately, you'll discover it's easy to spend a very full (and fun) day there and feel like you've traveled much farther.

Breakfast starts at 8 a.m. at Afternoon Delight at 251 E. Liberty Street, where you can treat yourself to smoked Nova salmon eggs benedict, a veggie or meat boule (bread bowl) or giant omelette for tasty energy to last throughout your adventure. They're open Tuesday to Saturday until 3 p.m. and Sun. 8:30 - 3 p.m. Breakfast is served until 11:30 on weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Next, it's off to The University of Michigan Museum of Art, the No. 1-ranked public university art museums in the United States, according to [michigan.org](http://michigan.org). The museum is home to several strong collections, including

19th century European Renaissance art, a long history of Chinese and Japanese art, as well as African art from the 19th and 20th centuries. Their robust collection of American art from the 19th century to the present includes works by Picasso and Whistler. There are gallery exhibits to see. The museum is located on the campus of U of M at 525 State St. Hours are Tuesday to Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The galleries and cafe are open until 5 p.m. Admission is always free. For information, visit [umma.umich.edu](http://umma.umich.edu).

If you prefer to enjoy your art outside, the Ann Arbor Art Fair will be running July 21-23 this year. It's the largest juried art fair in the nation, featuring nearly 1,000 artists over 30 city blocks downtown. For more details and parking information, visit the [annarborartfai.com](http://annarborartfai.com).

For paleontology and archaeology buffs, there's the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History. It's a fantastic place if you plan on bringing along a grandchild or two, with hands-on exhibits and plenty for all ages to enjoy and learn from. The planetarium and dome theater offers a look at the night sky. Films on subjects like sea

monsters and natural selection are on the calendar. The museum is located at 1105 N. University Ave. Hours are Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free but donations are welcome. For additional information, visit [lsa.umich.edu/ummnih](http://lsa.umich.edu/ummnih).

If all that walking has renewed your appetite, don't miss Ann Arbor icon Zingerman's Deli on 422 Detroit St. where you can feast on larger-than-life Reuben sandwiches, pastrami creations, housemade matzo ball soup krepelach (a chicken broth with a brisket-filled dumpling) or classic latkes (potato pancakes). With a grocery of to-go items, you can also take home a selection of unique salads and sides, pot-pies, knishes and more — for later. Zingerman's recommends you pre-order your meal before arriving at (734) 663-3354 or online at [zingermans-deli.com](http://zingermans-deli.com).

If you still have some steam left, walking the shops is a great way to end the day. There are plenty of one-of-a-kind places to investigate, along with dozens of galleries and 30 independent bookstores, per [michigan.org](http://michigan.org).

Whether you can fit all of this in, or just one or two items on our list, you're sure to have a day to remember.

## CENTENARIANS

## Freeman celebrates 101



By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

Zollie Freeman Sr., a resident of Sunrise on Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods, celebrated his 101st birthday May 27, surrounded by family.

Born in 1921, Freeman was proud to say he was raised and inspired by his mother to lead the life he did. In his windowsill at Sunrise sits a photograph of his mother, with another picture of Freeman and his wife nearby.

"(My mother) must've done a good job," he said. "(She) brought me this far — her and the good Lord."

Freeman raised seven children with his wife, Mabel, who passed away some years ago. Though one child has moved away, many still are in the area, keeping Freeman company. They enjoy his sense of humor to this day.

"He's always finding a reason to laugh," Deborah Hamlett said of her father, "and he likes to tell jokes. ... (It) is probably what's kept him here so long."

An accomplishment in which Freeman takes pride is his custodial career with the state of Michigan, a position he held around 25 years.

"He really enjoyed his job," Hamlett said. "We had to literally make him retire."

Since retiring in his 70s, Freeman has had time to reflect on life and hit some new accomplishments, like making it a century on Earth. An independent man, he lives by the motto, "To each his own. Don't judge a book by its cover. You gotta read it. Find out where it's been, what it's seen and everything."

Of his longevity, Freeman attributes his 101 years to the lesson: "Live and let other people live. I mind my own business. ... And be true to your fellow man," he added.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## "Irish Jim" turns 100

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

"Irish" James Danaher was surrounded by family and friends as he celebrated his 100th birthday May 26. The activities room at The Rivers was swirling with activity as guests chatted and were photographed with the man of the hour.

Danaher has spent nearly a lifetime in Grosse Pointe, moving to the Shores at age 8, and living in the City, Farms and Woods on his way to 100. He's left his mark along the way.

The father of five, grandfather of three and great-grandfather of two started his career in marketing at Ford Motor Co., before opening his own real estate office with Skip Baer. He was a partner with Danaher, Baer, Wilson and Stroh Real Estate for several years before joining the team at Higbie Maxon Realty.

In 1968, Danaher helped co-found The Grosse Pointe Academy's Action Auction, which has since become an annual event that helps supplement programming, arts and athletics, as well as professional development.

"That was my idea," he said. "I was the co-chair."

The oldest-living active member of the Country Club of Detroit, Danaher enjoyed

playing golf and tennis at the club, where he's been a member 78 years. He also is a loyal fan of the Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers.

A snowbird, he spent winters in Vero Beach, Fla., for 42 years; however, his heart belongs in Grosse Pointe.

"(It has) wonderful people, nice people, good people," he said of his hometown.

As for his longevity, Danaher gives all the credit to those around him.

"The good Lord, good doctors, good nurses, good caretakers and a wonderful family," he said. "I got 'em all."



At top, "Irish" James Danaher poses with his five children, from left, Lee Traum, Thomas Danaher, Steven Danaher, Kathleen Rybicki and Jim Danaher Jr. Above, a sign for the celebration.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## D'Agostino's a jolly good fellow

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council during its May 16 meeting celebrated the 100th birthday of Philip D'Agostino with a proclamation. D'Agostino was born April 17, 1922. He and his wife, Colleen Tunney, have lived in their Grosse Pointe Woods home since 1971.

"I enjoyed it," he told council of his 100 years, "and we'd like to do it again! And I'd like to bring you along!"

**Philip D'Agostino**, front, and his wife, Colleen, were surrounded and supported by family and their Stanhope neighbors, who came to the council meeting where D'Agostino received a proclamation in honor of his 100th birthday.

## Give yourself credit

The benefits of maintaining good credit include looking more reliable in the eyes of prospective employers and securing lower mortgage interest rates when buying a home. Those rewards can benefit anyone, but they're especially enticing to young people. But what about seniors? Do individuals stand to benefit significantly from maintaining good credit into their golden years?

According to the credit reporting agency Experian, senior citizens tend to have the best credit scores of any consumer demographic. That could be a byproduct of years of financial discipline, and there are many benefits to maintaining that discipline into retirement.

- Home buying and borrowing: Buying a home is often considered a big financial step forward for young people, but that doesn't mean aging men and women are completely out of the real estate market. In its 2020 "State of the Nation's Housing" report, the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University

reported that the share of homeowners age 65 and over with housing debt doubled to 42 percent between 1989 and 2019. In addition, 27 percent of homeowners age 80 and over were carrying mortgage debt in 2019. Maintaining strong credit after retirement can help homeowners who still have mortgage debt get better terms if they choose to refinance their mortgages. Even seniors who have paid off their mortgages can benefit from maintaining good credit if they decide to downsize to a smaller home but cannot afford to simply buy the new home outright.

- Rewards: Retirement is often associated with travel, recreation and leisure. Such pursuits can be more affordable when seniors utilize rewards-based credit cards that help them finance vacations, weekend getaways and other expenses associated with traveling. Seniors who maintain strong credit ratings into their golden years may have more access to the best travel-based rewards cards than those



whose credit scores dip in retirement.

- Unforeseen expenses: No one knows what's around the corner, but savvy seniors recognize the importance of planning for the unknown. The COVID-19 pandemic seemingly came out of nowhere, and among its many ripple effects was the sudden job loss experienced by seniors. The JCHS report found that 21 percent of homeowners age 65 and over

had reported loss of employment income related to the pandemic.

Medical expenses also can compromise seniors' financial freedom. Maintaining a strong credit rating into older adulthood can help seniors navigate such financial uncertainty more smoothly. Such a strategy can help seniors secure low-interest loans or credit cards that can help them pay down sudden, unforeseen expenses without getting into significant debt.

# 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.

## Anthony J. Malcoun, D.O.

Anthony J. Malcoun, D.O., 84, passed away Sunday, May 22, of respiratory complications related to post-polio syndrome.

Dr. Malcoun, a native Detroiter, graduated from the University of Detroit in 1960. He earned a medical degree from Midwestern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Chicago. After an internship and internal medicine residency at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital, he became a fellow in nephrology at Wayne County General Hospital. In 1969, he joined Detroit Clinical Specialists as head of the section of nephrology. Subsequently, he was instrumental in founding Hypertension Nephrology Associates, becoming president of the group. He remained in this practice until retiring in 2014.

He was a clinical professor of medicine at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and taught transiently at West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He retained his position as program director of nephrology at St. John Macomb Hospital until his retirement.

His leadership positions included membership on the executive committee of the Scientific Advisory Board of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. There, he also was an integral member of the Drug Bank, Hypertension, Public and Professional Education and Research and Fellowship committees. In 1999, he was given the Champion of Hope Award by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. He was a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and its president from 1987-88. He was made a Master Fellow of the ACOI, an honor bestowed on less than 2 percent of board-certified members, and awarded Internist of the Year in 2014.

Dr. Malcoun was the medical director of many outpatient hemodialysis units. In addition, one of the first few outpatient hemodialysis units in the Detroit area was created at DOH with his participation. His attending and consulting nephrology posi-

tions were at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, as well as Beaumont-Botsford, Henry Ford Macomb-Warren and Garden City hospitals.

His primary priority above all was patient care. He will be remembered by his colleagues, patients and their families as a warm, kind, compassionate and knowledgeable physician who willingly gave his time and expertise to all. His consummate teaching skills have contributed to untold numbers of younger internists and nephrologists, who owe him their intellectual heritage.

Dr. Malcoun lived in Detroit and Troy before settling in Grosse Pointe Shores. He wintered in Bonita Springs, Fla.

His friends remember Tony's interests in gardening — competing in growing the largest tomatoes and cucumbers — reading, fishing and as an avid basketball fan. He excelled at shooting hoops. Above all, he loved being with his wife, children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Elaine (nee Latoff) Malcoun; children, Anthony Malcoun (Carie), Joan Eve Swain (Harry), Emily Malcoun (Kevin) and Joseph Malcoun (Caitlin); grandchildren, Lucy, Harry, Marlene, Vivian, Harry IV, Joseph, Mayer, Eva, Lawrence and Evan; siblings, Yvonne Jurewicz (Marion), Angelle Kerwin (Michael), Raymond Malcoun (Penny) and Michele Malcoun (Leslie); and a large extended family of nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Eva (nee Habib) Malcoun; sister, Teresa Malcoun; grandson, Eddie Malcoun; and nephew, John Jurewicz.

A funeral takes place Thursday, June 2, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. He will lie in state from 11:30 a.m. until Mass at noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dr. Anthony Malcoun's name may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 4930 Conner, Detroit, MI 48215; or the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 1169 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Diane Claudia Bousquette

Diane Claudia Bousquette (nee Bickle) died Monday, May 23, 2022, at her home in Jupiter, Fla.

She is survived by her husband of 65 extraordinary years, William "Bill" Bousquette; children, Kevin Bousquette, Matt Bousquette, Janine Mayville, Greg Bousquette and Will Bousquette; 11 grandchildren and many loving in-laws, nephews, nieces and friends.

Diane was born and raised in Grosse Pointe by her parents, Melvin and MaryAnn. She attended St. Paul High School and the University of Michigan and was an avid supporter of Michigan sports her entire life.

Through the years, she lived in — and left her mark on — the Detroit area, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Fort Worth, Purchase, N.Y., and Jupiter, Fla. Diane was a force in life, changing everyone and everything she touched with her love, commitment and energy.

Hers was a lifetime of family, travel, arts, sports and contributions to her community. She served as a board member of the Detroit Symphony League, League of Women Voters, Volunteer Service Council of St. Louis, Fort Worth Ballet, Fort Worth Symphony, Fort Worth Opera and the Van Cliburn Foundation. She also served as a docent for many years at the St. Louis Art Museum, Kimball Art Museum and the Guggenheim in New York. Her tours inevitably attracted large crowds of people laughing and learning from her unique delivery and insights.

Diane was a fierce competitor — captain of her high school's championship basketball team, avid tennis player, bowler, skier, golfer and trivia champion. She also worked to bring beauty into the world as a tireless gardener, talented photographer, painter, sculptor, pianist and acclaimed Charleston dancer.

She loved giving gifts and her family often was surprised by presents unrelated to any special occasion, sent instead because she was thinking about them. The greatest gift she left her family was her intense passion for living and drive to experience everything that could be experienced. She will be profoundly missed by those who knew her.



Anthony J. Malcoun, D.O.



Diane C. Bousquette



Anna Mae Reinhard



Salvatore Ciaramitaro



Thomas W. Cusack

Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 3, at A.J. Desmond and Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-0500. A funeral Mass takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 4, at St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. Rite of Committal will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Sign tribute wall at ajdesmond.com.

## Anna Mae Reinhard

Anna Mae Reinhard of Grosse Pointe Woods passed away peacefully Thursday, May 26, 2022. She was 85.

Anna Mae was born Feb. 17, 1937, in Detroit, to Joseph and Anna Mae Feist, both now deceased. She attended St. Clair Catholic Elementary School, graduated in 1955 from Dominican High School and in 1959 from

the University of Detroit.

She was a kindergarten teacher in East Detroit for one year.

Anna Mae was a faithful member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church for more than 60 years. She greatly enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially with her children and grandchildren — she was their superhero. A super fan of Detroit sports, including the Lions, Tigers and Red Wings, she hosted football parties every Sunday. She also enjoyed reading and crossword puzzles, and was a Wordle expert, a "Days of our Lives" fan and an excellent party planner.

Anna Mae was predeceased by her husband, Robert Andrew Reinhard; and her sister, Mary Anne Mahfet. She is survived by her daughters, Kathleen Reinhard (Robert), Nancy French (Rick), Patricia Reinhard (Steve) and Lynn Maksym (Roy); sons, Paul Reinhard (Rachelle), Robert Reinhard (Anne) and Thomas Reinhard; grandchildren, David, Steven, Sabrina, Megan (Joe), Lauren, Matthew, Michael, Daniel, Lilly, Jack and Chase; and brother-in-law, Daniel Mahfet.

A funeral Mass takes place at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 2, at St. Joan of Arc

Catholic Church, 22410 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. She will be interred at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Contributions in Anna's memory may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org.

## Salvatore M. Ciaramitaro

Salvatore M. "Sam" Ciaramitaro, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at age 73.

He was the dear husband of Kathleen (nee Twomey) for 50 years; loving father of Colleen Giuliani (Phil), Sharon Ciaramitaro and the late Michael J. Ciaramitaro; adored son of Ninfa Ciaramitaro Lisy and the late Charles J. Ciaramitaro; proud and loving "Nonno" of Salvatore, Maria, Nina, Emma, Kate and Anna; dear brother of Stella Brooks (Dan), Jane Solomon (John), Marilyn Kuenster (Rick), Charlotte Solito (Jim), Paul Ciaramitaro (Pam), Chuck Ciaramitaro (Sylvia), Luke Ciaramitaro (Rene) and Joe Ciaramitaro (Elaine); loving son-in-law of the late Dolores and the late Joe Twomey; dear brother-in-law of Margie Gatlift (Tony), the late Tom Twomey, the late John Twomey and the late Joe Twomey; adored uncle and mentor to his many nieces and nephews; and cherished cousin and lifelong friend to many.

Sam was a proud graduate of Austin Catholic Preparatory School and the University of Detroit. He practiced as a CPA for 50 years until recently. His life revolved around his family.

He was a proud father and his children were devoted to him. Some of his greatest blessings

were his namesake and his five angels.

Sam and Kathy loved to travel, attend concerts and various sporting events. He also loved to golf and play cards with his brothers and friends.

Sam had deep faith and was a pillar of the St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church community more than 40 years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Meli-Ciaramitaro Scholarship at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Arrangements were entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home, ahpeters.com.

## Thomas W. Cusack

Thomas W. Cusack, 78, of Limerick, Pa., formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, the husband of Nadine L. (nee Adams) Cusack, passed away Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, at his home.

Born in Detroit, he was the son of Thomas P. and Anne B. (nee Walsh) Cusack, both now deceased.

Thomas was the owner of a manufacturing company in Mount Clemens. He later became a house parent at the Milton Hershey School for five years. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his son, Thomas Cusack; daughter, Cameron De Felice (Jamie); sister, Anne Walsh (Robert); and grandchildren, Sydney, Teagan and Gabriel.

He was predeceased by his parents and nephew, Patrick Walsh.

Services and interment are private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made at a later date. Contact the family for details.

## EVENTS:

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◆ Senior Hustle Dance Classes, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Dance! West Coast Swing, Latin Rhythms, Tango and Detroit's Ballroom — Oh My!, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

### Blood drives

The American Red

Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, Recreational Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### GPAAs

The Grosse Pointe

Artists Association, located at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the class "Drawing Foundations with Donald

Cronkhite," from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, June 11 and 18. Cost is \$205 for members, \$225 for nonmembers before

Monday, June 6; or \$225 for members and \$245 for nonmembers after.

Register online at grosse-

pointearthcenter.org.

### Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a variety of summer programs and activities.

◆ Tai Chi for Health from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays, June 7 to

28. Cost is free for members, \$10 per class for nonmembers. Call (313) 885-4600.

◆ Kids Club takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, June 20 to Aug. 12. Activities include games, crafts, field trips and more. Cost is \$200 per week for members, \$250 per week for nonmembers. Call (313) 885-4600, Ext. 51.

◆ Summer Tennis, for ages 4 to adult, at the Elworthy tennis courts. Session 1 is June 4 to 25; Session 2 is July 10 to 31. Cost is \$64 for members, \$80 for nonmembers.

Register at neighborhoodclub.org.

### Tuesday Musicale

Tuesday Musicale's Artists of the Year Concert, featuring The Ventoso Trio, takes place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra principal clarinetist Ralph Skiano, DSO principal cellist Wei Yu and acclaimed pianist Keun-A Lee perform. Tickets are \$25. Call (313) 520-8663 or visit tuesday-musicaleofdetroit.org.

### Jardinieres

La Societe des

# St. Michael's celebrates milestones

As part of its 75th anniversary celebration and in honor of the 60th anniversary of The Little Thrift Shop, St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods recently hosted a luncheon and fashion show.

The May 24 celebration was a callback to the 1940s and '50s, and featured classic cars, classic music and classic looks from the era. Guests were invited to wear their hats, gloves and pearls to the luncheon, which featured Maurice salads and chocolate bumpy cupcakes. Rosie the Riveter made an appearance as well.

The noon lunch was followed by a fashion show, featuring items available in The Little Thrift Shop. Guests were invited to shop the consignment store after the fashion show.

For 60 years, The Little Thrift Shop has donated proceeds to a variety of charitable organizations, including Alternatives for Girls, Cass Community Social Services, Coalition on Temporary Shelter, Crossroads of Michigan, Detroit Rescue Mission, Episcopal Relief and Development, Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan,



Mariners Inn, Sanctum House and Turning Point Inc., among others.

The luncheon event also included a gift card

drawing, the proceeds from which were directed to Ukrainian Relief via Episcopal Relief and Development.

The event was chaired by Rosemary Berger and moderated by Stacey Fischer-Lewis. Other organizers included

Clockwise from top left, Karen McCarthy wears beige capris, a rectangular scarf with white and navy accents as a belt, a J.Jill pima cotton T-shirt, Vionic fitness sandals, a tropical-print nylon tote and a new straw hat; Judy Sheehy wears a black top, cream jeans and a white sweater with black polka dots while holding up black drop earrings and carrying a black "The Sak" purse; and Margaret Poynter, dressed as Rosie the Riveter, the most iconic symbol of women working during World War II, stands next to a 1942 Hudson Commodore Six.

Barbara Malley, Nancy Bierley, Mary Scrace, Karen McCarthy, Elly Garzel and Genny Davenport.

Special thanks were given to Kasey Malley of

Small Favors, Dianne Pegg of Grosse Pointe Theatre and Kenneth and Margrite Poynter, owners of the classic Hudson cars that were displayed.

—Jody McVeigh

## Pointer to perform on piano



Wes Fishwick

Well-known Michigan pianist Wes Fishwick, a longtime Grosse Pointe resident, presents a live-streamed piano recital from his home at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, to benefit Christ Lutheran Church's organ fund.

Fishwick will be joined by cellist David Levine and vocalist William Fishwick. The program will include the Ukrainian national anthem, "Clair de Lune" by Debussy, a selection of popular piano works by Chopin and an original composition by Fishwick for cello and piano, along with other pieces.

Visit [bit.ly/3wRSMoi](http://bit.ly/3wRSMoi) to join the recital event.

A small contribution to the church's organ fund is required to gain

entrance. The first 10 music lovers who wish to contribute \$50 will be invited to attend the recital live at Fishwick's home, where he will perform on a Shigeru grand piano.

Fishwick has taken first prize in the Grinnell Piano Competition and

"Summer Journey."

Fishwick has master's degrees in piano performance and education. He was an elementary classroom teacher in the Chippewa Valley Schools district and currently is the director of music at Christ Lutheran Church, Warren.

## Sail into summer with concerts on the lake at Ford House

Guests are invited to soak in the sounds of jazz, yacht rock and classical favorites at the historic Ford House estate this summer as music on the lakeside lawn returns.

Thursday, June 9, Detroit's own acclaimed group Straight Ahead reunites to bring concertgoers a night of eclectic and soulful jazz. Their sound ranges from mainstream and contemporary to Latin and jazzy hip-hop.

Tuesday, July 14, break out the boat shoes and mellow out to the smooth sounds of yacht rock on the shores of Lake St. Clair with The Docksiders, featuring covers of some of the



best light rock from the '70s and '80s.

And Saturday, Aug. 13, the Michigan Philharmonic will bring the dynamic professional orchestra to Ford House for an evening of classical favorites inspired by Hollywood. The award-winning orchestra is led by conductor Nan Washburn.

"There's nothing quite like listening to great music with the beautiful house and lake as a backdrop," said Mary Ann Bauman, Ford House event coordinator. "We are thrilled to continue this rite of summer with

a variety of musical styles in such a perfect, idyllic setting."

Tickets to the concerts are available online at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org). General admission lawn seating costs \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers and \$10 for ages 12 and younger. Premium seating, which includes a chair in a reserved seating area, costs \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members.

Grounds open at 5 p.m. and the concerts start at 7 p.m.

Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

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## Dancing dynamos

Kids on the Go and the Full Circle Foundation collaborated on a Cinco de Mayo dance party last month, hosted by The Family Center and The War Memorial. DJ Dazzle Do Time spun tunes for the teens and young adults, who also played games and had snacks.

Left, a group of participants pose in front of the fiesta sign with Cinco de Mayo props.



Maritsa Skowraek and Sophia Puzzoli get the dancing started when DJ Dazzle Do Time starts the music.



Clockwise from above left, the kids dance to the Cha-Cha Slide; Patty DiVirgil dances with Yarnell Waller; and participants play a game of "hot sombrero," which is like musical chairs. When the music stopped, whomever was left holding the sombrero was out until only one person remained.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



The conga line began and wrapped around the room a couple times.

## Nearly \$2 million in grants awarded from Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation recently announced nearly \$2 million in grants to 80 organizations through the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds. Since the inception of the funds in 2016, more than 385 grants totaling nearly \$9.5 million have been awarded.

Several Grosse Pointe-centric organizations were among this year's awardees, including the following:

◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods — To address the teen mental health crisis.

◆ Full Circle Foundation — For TEAM 26, a program that teaches job skills and independent living skills to individuals with special needs who have exited formal education.

◆ Grosse Pointe Artists Association — To update the classroom and gallery.

◆ Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education — For recess play equipment for elementary and middle school classrooms to support students' social-emotional health.

◆ Grosse Pointe North

Band and Orchestra Booster Club — For relaunching the marching band by helping fund purchase of initial set of official uniforms.

◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Society — To diversify concert programs by purchasing more compositions by underrepresented composers for performance.

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre — To develop and implement theater productions that welcome individuals with sensory needs, including people on the autism spectrum.

◆ The Helm at the Boll Life Center — For a new sound and video system for the organization's large meeting spaces.

◆ Eastside Community Network — To create a Corridor Improvement Authority to formalize the historic partnership built between Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms for sustainable economic development on Mack Avenue.

◆ Kids on the Go — For a sports program for youth with a wide range of physical and/or developmental disabilities.

Endowed funds at the

Community Foundation are designed to grow over time and provide funding in perpetuity for charitable causes according to a donor's wishes.

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation established endowment funds at the Community Foundation to support issues that were important to the late Ralph C. Wilson Jr., a Detroit native and the founder and longtime owner of the Buffalo Bills football team. Those areas of support are caregiving, design and access, youth sports and the Grosse Pointe community.

"The Community Foundation is honored to collaborate with the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation on this important work," said Ric DeVore, president of the Community Foundation. "The Wilson Legacy Funds provide generous support to organizations that significantly impact neighborhoods, cities and communities throughout southeast Michigan. Interest continues to grow in design and access and youth sports grants, emphasizing the power of public spaces and ensuring our youth are active."



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## Pointe artists featured in multi-site LGBTQ+ art exhibition throughout June

By Meg Leonard

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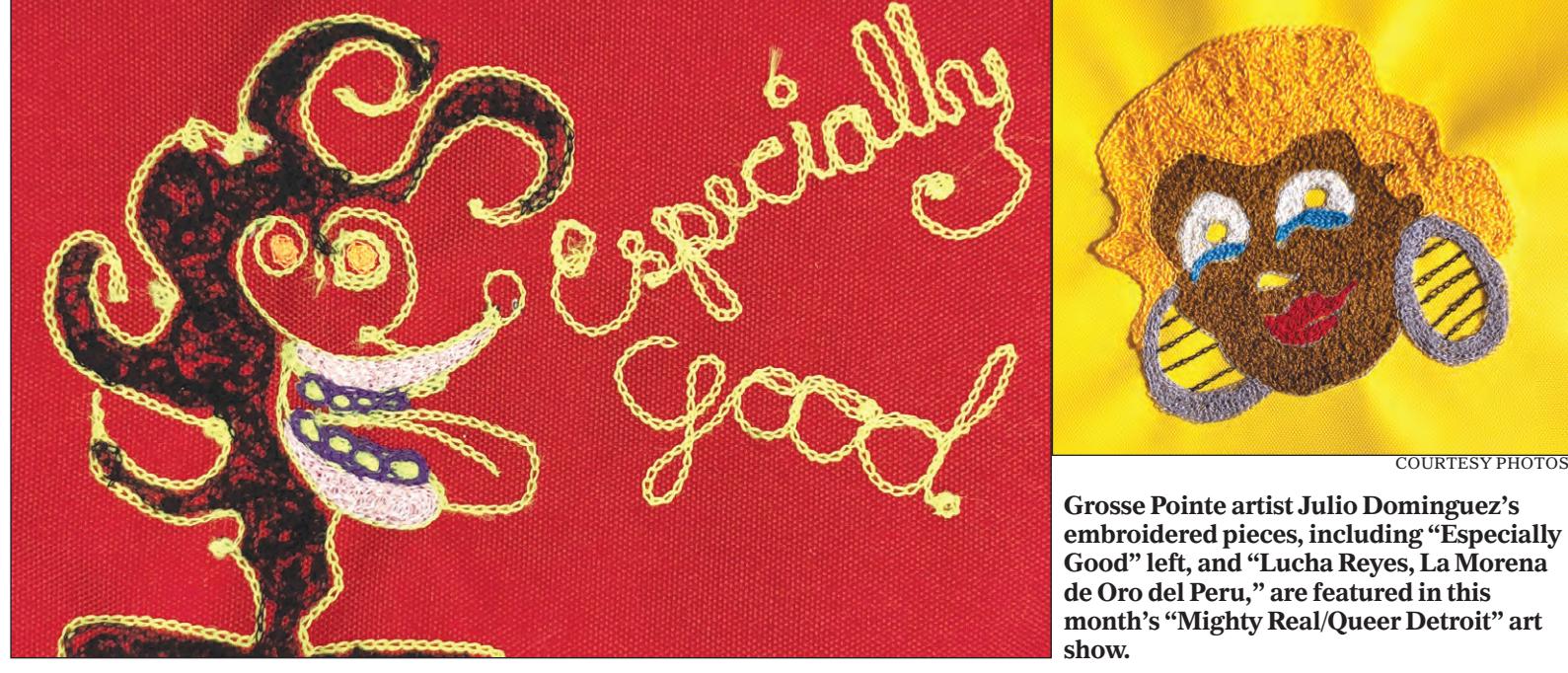
An interactive, multi-site exhibit featuring more than 700 works of art opens throughout metro Detroit this month, including the artwork of Grosse Pointe artists Carl Demeulenaere and Julio Dominguez.

From June 3 to 30, seven of Demeulenaere's miniature-scale drawings in colored pencil will be on display at the Detroit Artists Market as part of "Mighty Real/Queer Detroit" (MR/QD). Dominguez's embroidery pieces, "Especially Good" and "Lucha Reyes, La Morena de Oro del Peru" also will be in the exhibit.

Taking place simultaneously across 17 galleries, the grand-scale art event offers attendees the chance to experience the range and depth of art created by Detroit's gay community.

The exhibition's goal is to inspire reflection and discussion as it highlights the diversity of metro Detroit's LGBTQ+ community and its long-time allies. The month-long historical examination will feature established and emerging Detroit artists, as well as artists whose careers were shortened by HIV/AIDS.

"Mighty Real/Queer Detroit" opens Friday,



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Grosse Pointe artist Julio Dominguez's embroidered pieces, including "Especially Good" left, and "Lucha Reyes, La Morena de Oro del Peru," are featured in this month's "Mighty Real/Queer Detroit" art show.



June 3, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Detroit Pride march, which first took place downtown in 1972.

In addition to art pieces, the event also will include evenings of music, film, spoken word and performance work hosted by the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Beyond the exhibition, MR/QD will host an

online gallery and publish a future catalog with essays by noted writers and historians that will document the exhibited artwork.

Other confirmed galleries participating in the exhibit include:

- ◆ 333 Midland
- ◆ Anton Art Center
- ◆ Cass Cafe
- ◆ Collected Detroit
- ◆ David Klein Gallery

"Los Penitentes Diptych," a 2001 work from Grosse Pointe artist Carl Demeulenaere, will be featured in the MR/QD art exhibition this month. The piece, made with colored pencil, velvet, brass and Avonite, is on loan to the exhibit from Ross and Barbara Bunting.

◆ Detroit Artists Market

- ◆ Galerie Camille
- ◆ Hatch Art
- ◆ M Contemporary Art

◆ Metropolitan Museum of Design QD creative director Detroit Patrick Burton.

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The timing of the exhibition with Detroit Pride's anniversary helps commemorate the advances of the gay community and honors the past, according to MR/QD creative director Patrick Burton.

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For more information about MR/QD, the exhibit's schedule and details, follow it on Instagram at @mightyrealqueerde-troit, on Facebook at f a c e b o o k . c o m / MRQD2022 or go to the organization's website at mrqd.org.

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**ASK THE EXPERTS** By Sara Martin

## Language development during the pandemic

**Q: I'm worried about the effect of two years of the pandemic on my preschooler's language development. What can I do to help them?**

**A:** Your concerns are natural in any environment, but especially important as the pandemic drags on. The best thing you can give your child is your time — and you'll both get a lot more out of it if you make it fun. My recommendation: Throw out the flashcards and high-tech devices, then get out the toys, books and games and start playing.

Research shows that children's narrative language skills — storytelling ability — in kindergarten are more predictive of a child's long-term academic success than their ability to memorize "academic" information (think of those flashcards).

Your child's ability to successfully tell another person about their vacation, weekend or trip to the zoo is far more supportive of academic success. Storytelling is a language-rich activity that helps the following skills grow and develop:

- ◆ executive functions like memory, attention and inhibition;
- ◆ social reciprocity such as answering questions of others, turn-taking and clarifying;
- ◆ language, vocabulary and communication; and
- ◆ problem-solving and collaboration.

Use of real toys and playing board, card and people games (think tag, peek-a-boo, etc.) also help those same

skills grow and develop. These skills are the building blocks to academics or rather, to setting up a child to be able to learn successfully.

Storytelling is a skill developed over time and begins when children are babies. Parents who chit-chat with their babies even before they are "talking" are beginning the process. Children begin learning about conversational turn-taking and social reciprocity during this time.

The pandemic has limited children's exposure, but reading together is a great way to get children thinking and talking about their observations and feelings about things beyond their home experience. Sharing stories about yourself, your day or your childhood also are great models to teach children narrative language skills.

With continued interaction language skills will evolve, becoming more and more detailed. Similar to flowers needing water and sun to bloom, children's language development needs storytelling models and conversational interaction to grow.

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

*The Pulse Of The Pointes*

## Please, won't you be... my neighbor

**Dear Gabby:** I just moved here. Any advice on how to break the ice with my neighbors?

Some of them came by to say hi but I feel like there isn't a lot of friendliness on my block.

— Not welcomed in Grosse Pointe Farms!

**Dear Not Welcomed, Gabby:** I have vivid memories of my mom, who moved here from Canada, saying that Grosse Pointe can be a tough nut to crack.

Most everyone is friendly, but many have

had lifelong friends — and with a busy life to begin with they just don't seem to need new ones. She has since made wonderful friends, I'm happy to report, but the fact is it's not always easy.

My advice would be to step out of your comfort zone and make an extra effort. If you go buy a flowers this spring, maybe you can get a little extra one and hand-deliver to each of your neighbors.

Or how about a nice hand-written note with a cookie from Morning



Glory introducing yourself? A little goes a long way, and sometimes people mean to reach

out but just never seem to find the time.

Reading your question and writing this advice has

inspired me to do something nice for MY neighbors — we could all use a lesson in manners from time to time and this is a great reminder.

**Seven-year-old Boy:** I would pretend that my cat was lost so I could go in their house and check it out and say hi.

**Nora Nanny:** People are friendlier than you think. Find people you have things in common with.

If you have kids, invite the other kids on the block

over so you can meet their parents.

Host a small housewarming party with the people on your block.

Always remember to smile and say hi when you're outside, that goes a long way. Or ask your neighbor to borrow something and use that as an excuse to strike up a conversation.

We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to [advice@grossepointenews.com](mailto:advice@grossepointenews.com).

## Classic Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** I got a kick out of the reader who thought the "W" in women's sizes meant "Wide Butt." My letter is for every designer of women's clothing in the Western Hemisphere. I pray they will see it and pay attention.

I am 30 years old, wear size 18-20, and I have a question. Why don't designers realize that fat women have fat arms, too?

When I find something I like, the sleeves are too short and too tight. The majority of the selections in my size are loud prints, as if people won't see me coming, anyway.

Thanks for letting me air my gripe in your column, Ann. Maybe someone will see it and make some changes. — Unfit in Kansas

**Dear Kansas:** You have raised some valid questions, and I, too, hope the designers and dress manufacturers will pay attention.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Please tell me if I'm wrong. My wife's parents called last week and asked if they could stay in our extra bedroom for the night. They live in the suburbs. We get along well, so naturally, I said yes.

My wife and I had been planning an evening out, and my in-laws offered to watch our daughter so we wouldn't have to hire a sitter. It seemed like a very convenient arrangement.

Here's the problem. My in-laws smoke. They know we do not tolerate smoking in our home, especially now that we have a young child.

When my wife and I returned from our evening out, it was obvious that my in-laws had been puffing up a storm. Also, there were ashes on the sofa where they had been sitting.

I was furious. When we asked them about it, they became angry and started yelling that our anti-smoking crusaders, rules were ridiculous,

and that they should be allowed to smoke in our home if they want to. Then, they left in a snit and have threatened to cut all ties with us.

friends or family members smoke, but we don't want them doing it in our house.

I don't believe we are unreasonable, but apparently, they do.



My wife and I are not started yelling that our anti-smoking crusaders, rules were ridiculous,

My wife loves her parents, and other than this issue, we get along just

fine. I certainly don't want our daughter to grow up without her grandparents, but I am concerned about my child's health and do not want her around all that secondhand smoke.

How can we repair this rupture and have a good relationship again without caving in on the smoking issue? — The Son-in-Law

**Dear Son-in-Law:** You have every right to tell your in-laws they cannot smoke in your home, and they should respect your wishes.

To maintain cordial relations, I suggest you offer to take them out for dinner at an upscale restaurant, and try to find one that allows smoking. (Many don't.) That should do it.

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## Children aren't told that great-grandpa passed away

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter-in-law, "Brooke," lost her grandfather five weeks ago. She has chosen not to tell her 4 and 10-year-old kids about it.

She has ordered my husband, me and our son not to mention it. The kids see her grandmother at least once a week, and SHE is not supposed to tell them either.

I didn't know the kids hadn't been told and I started to say something at a family dinner. The 10-year-old heard me, and I got shushed. I'm mad at the whole situation.

Brooke refuses to tell them "until she's ready,"

and I couldn't disagree more. I understand her grief. I have lost grandparents and parents.

The services won't be for several weeks. I understand she can't deal with the loss yet, but denying her kids the truth only delays her grieving process and also doesn't allow them their time to grieve and process.

Now Brooke is mad and screaming and crying about it. I'm trying to back off, but I'm angry that her needs are being put first and at being told I made a horrible mistake by offering the love and caring I thought they needed.

How can I repair the perceived mistake I have made? — VEXED IN VERMONT

**DEAR VEXED:** If you were unaware that your DIL was trying to shield her kids from the reality of their great-grandfather's death when you spoke out, you did nothing wrong. However, you should have offered an apology to her privately.

Back off and lie low until the funeral. Your DIL is not herself right now. She needs time to cool off and regain some perspective.

It would be interest-

ing to know how your son feels about the way she's handling this. With luck, he can smooth things over.

**DEAR ABBY:** When my husband leaves town for a work trip or a vacation, or if I'm out of town for any period of time, we are suddenly in love again! We miss each other like crazy and send loving texts and exchange mushy phone calls like we're still newlyweds.

When he's home and we're living life with jobs, kids, bills and responsibilities, we are disconnected and distant. We interact more as

partners and friends than romantic lovers.

We've been married for 21 years, and it's always been this way. Does absence truly make the heart grow fonder, or can we stand each other only when we're not together? — PERPLEXED IN TEXAS

**DEAR PERPLEXED:** Absence doesn't always make the heart grow fonder, nor does it necessarily drive a wedge between a couple whose marriage has a strong foundation. That when you are apart you and your husband feel the need for the romantic connection that brought you together tells me your marriage is strong in spite of the responsibilities of your daily lives.

Have you considered treating yourselves to an occasional date night, just the two of you, away from the distractions of the children? If you haven't, I'll bet you would both enjoy it.

**DEAR ABBY:** Our 24-year-old daughter is dating a 28-year-old divorced man who has two kids. Her father is very upset about it and refuses to meet him.

The reason is the children. We both think they will be a burden to our

daughter and she will eventually have problems with his ex-wife.

How can we tell her we don't accept him without pushing her away or making her break up with him? She doesn't live with us. — SAD IN FLORIDA

**DEAR SAD:** At 24, your daughter is an adult. At this point, she should have achieved enough independence to decide — without coercion — with whom she wants to be romantically involved.

I do not advise refusing to meet the man she cares about because it may be counterproductive.

Children from prior relationships do not necessarily cause problems, and not all ex-spouses fly around on brooms causing trouble.

You and your husband should make an effort to get to know him and, if you see red flags afterward, point them out then.

**Dear Abby** is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



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# A fresh and easy pasta dinner

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

A few years back I went on a clean food diet. It cut out everything delicious and I was so frustrated for the first couple days. There were just too many salads.

I came up with this recipe because I missed and loved a hot lunch. Of course I cheated and used extra oil and parmesan and I didn't feel guilty at all.

I bought a spiralizer from Amazon at the time and I truly love it. It's inexpensive and gives you fresh vegetable noodles every time.

My favorite way to use this device is to make zucchini noodles. They take no time to make and are honestly filling enough to give me great energy the rest of the day.

This is also a wonderful and fast weeknight meal. Everything is fresh, quick and simple. A bit of chili flakes gives

a minimal heat that just bites the tongue.

I chose shrimp for the protein because it cooks in almost a minute. That makes the dish cook time, from start to finish, in under 20 minutes.

Fresh Farms Market, Village Food and Trader Joe's also carry pre-cut zucchini noodles as well.

You don't need to go buy a spiralizer because we do have so many options out there. But if you feel the need to get a new, fresh hobby, get one. They're easy to clean and dishwasher safe.

Picture a tuscan pasta without the guilt. Then drown it with cheese and soak up the sauce with a hearty bread.

### One Pan Zucchini Noodles with Shrimp

10 peeled and deveined shrimp

2 zucchini, spiralized

or 1 lb of zucchini noodles

1 cup halved cherry tomatoes

6 spears of asparagus

2 cloves minced garlic

½ tsp chili flakes

3 tbsp olive oil

Zest and juice of half a lemon

2 tbsp chopped basil

Salt and pepper

Start by patting dry your shrimp with paper towels. Sprinkle some salt and pepper over shrimp. Add to a skillet over medium to high heat with 2 tbsp of olive oil. Cook on each side for 30 seconds.

Remove shrimp and add the halved tomatoes to the same skillet. Cook for 5 minutes. Chop the



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washed asparagus into 1 inch pieces. Add the garlic, pepper flakes and asparagus. Cook for another 3 minutes then add in the zucchini noodles, continuing to cook for another 5 minutes.

Toss everything together so the noodles

cook evenly. At the last minute, add the chopped basil and lemon juice, zest and a bit of extra salt and pepper. Serve

shrimp placed on top.

Shave some good parmesan cheese over for a bit of an indulgence. It's fresh, bright, a bit spicy and totally satisfying.

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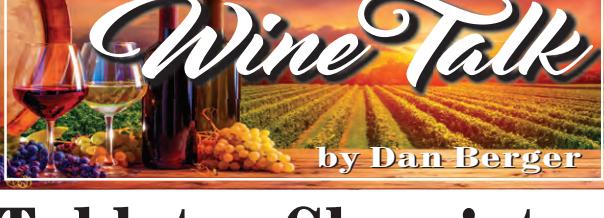
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## Tabletop Chemistry

You're browsing the wine aisle in your local supermarket or wine shop and see a bottle that looks interesting. And the back label carries purple prose about how superb the wine's fruit is.

than to make it fruitier. A word of caution: take care when using tap water, which may contain chlorine that will change wine negatively. The same with ice cubes, a strategy that works especially well on hot days.

Putting chocolate sauce into your cabernet is a bit radical, to be sure, but adding a little water isn't very invasive.

Decades ago, I knew a woman who added a little sugar to her bone-dry white wine from France and she was happy with the result. And there are other tabletop chemistry ideas here as well.

For the last 60 years or so, a drink from France called Kir has been a popular aperitif, especially when a white wine is too tart. The wine gets a tiny dose (emphasis on the word "tiny") of either creme de cassis or blackberry liqueur, or occasionally some other fruit-flavored brandy.

The problem was that it was a little high in alcohol, so it burned the mouth and throat and was slightly sweet from an alcohol level that tasted like it was close to 16 percent. (The label said 14.5 percent.)

So, I added about a tablespoon of spring water to our glasses. Voila! both problems faded.

Purists might be aghast at the notion of doctoring our wine, but we weren't about to drink it the way it was. This solved two problems. It didn't alter the wine's aroma, other

it's easy to determine if a wine is right for our palates: just take a sip. If the wine seems flabby, another trick we often use is to add a tiny bit of citric acid to our glasses, to help wines that lack the proper acidity.

Citric acid may be bought from canning suppliers. A quarter teaspoon of citric acid stirred into a four-ounce glass won't change the aroma or taste of a wine, but will make it a bit crisper, allowing it to work better with food.

Also, some restaurants serve red wines far too warm, so we often ask for an ice bucket. The idea is not to chill the wine, just to get it closer to the "cellar temperature" that's more appropriate for proper enjoyment.

I've often been chided by waiters, who think I'm a heathen for wanting my red wine "chilled," but it's they who are wrong to tell me what I should do with the wine I'm buying, usually at their inflated prices.

A final tip: a wine-maker friend once told me that when he encounters a sauvignon blanc with no particular aroma, he adds "a drop of Tabasco," he said. "But not two. That's usually too much."

Wine of the Week: 2020 Terzini Pecorino, Abruzzo (\$15) — This delightful light, crisp dry white wine from Italy is made from a grape variety that sounds very much like the cheese that's

spelled the same way. Instead, it's a grape that offers beautiful hints of white peach and minerals and has elegance and charm with only 13.5 percent alcohol and no oak contact. It is crisp enough to work with seafood, in particular shellfish.

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# Remembering those who sacrificed for others

The War Memorial hosted an outdoor Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 30, for the first time since the start of the pandemic. The event included a welcome from Charles Burke, president and CEO of The War Memorial, a keynote address from Brig. Gen. Rolf Mammen, the presentation of the Gold Star Honor Roll and the reading of the names of local men and women who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice.



Mary Beth Nicholson plays Amazing Grace on bagpipes as the ceremony ends.



Meredith Hanoian sings the National Anthem.



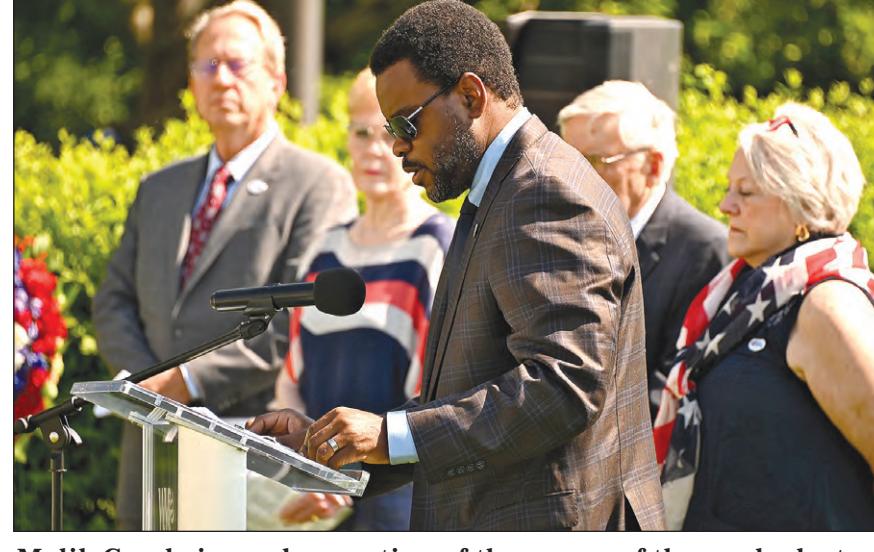
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Brig. Gen. Rolf Mammen, Commander, 127th Wing, Selfridge ANGB, Michigan and GPWMA Board of Directors gives the Keynote address.



Jean Gilbert, a WWII veteran, gets flowers and a signed hard hat from The War Memorial staff for her upcoming birthday. Gilbert turned 104 on June 1.



Lt. Col. Special Forces, Ranger Colby Broadwater listens to his daughter Hazel as she points out something during the ceremony.



Malik Goodwin reads a portion of the names of those who lost their lives in service during WWII.



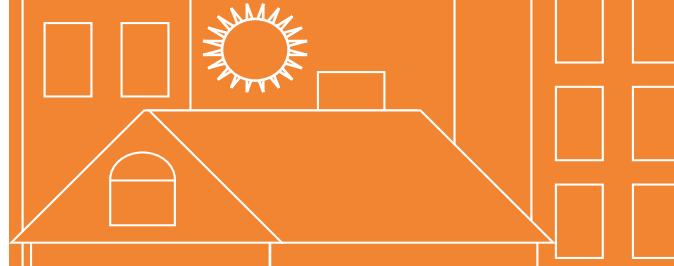
Two members of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club members, John DeLora, U.S. Navy veteran and Clara Kammann, U.S. Air Force veteran, place the wreath in the Veterans Garden.



Henry Heatley, a U.S. Army veteran, salutes as Taps is played.



The Tolling of the 21-Bell Salute. Jon Lackner with Boy Scout Troop 96 rings the bell after the names are read.



## EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

### THURSDAY, JUNE 2

- » Detroit Tigers vs. Minnesota Twins  
Comerica Park,  
2100 Woodward Ave.

- » Freestyle Love Supreme  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.

- » Immersive Van Gogh  
311 East Grand River Avenue, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

- » Maraj Virtuoso & Better Things  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

- » Senior Hustle Dance Classes  
Ewald Branch, 1-2 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

### FRIDAY, JUNE 3

- » Chris Codish Trio  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

- » Detroit Symphony Orchestra  
Orchestra Hall, 10:45 a.m.  
3711 Woodward Avenue.

### Freestyle Love Supreme

- Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 4

#### Immersive Van Gogh

- 311 East Grand River Avenue, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

#### Miranda Lambert and Little Big Town

#### Detroit City FC Womens vs. Kings Hammer FC Womens

#### Colin Jost

#### Detroit Symphony Orchestra

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# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

I recently visited a great med spa in town for some services. Let's just say they help you retain your youth and leave it at that. Anyway, upon checking out I noticed some lip balm that was touted as a cult favorite and had a \$25 price tag. What the heck?!

Now even chapstick has gone high end? The brand is Image Skincare and the "sheer pink lip enhancement complex" is called ORMEDIC. I inquired about it and the receptionist at the business swore it was the best thing ever, so by now you know what I'm about to say: I had to try it.

When I got home, I immediately unboxed it and ripped off the plastic. I wanted to know what the fuss is about ASAP. It's not a cylinder like most lip balms. It's a sort of soft tube with a slanted applicator.

I can't believe I'm saying this, but it is the best, most soothing lip balm I've ever used. I was instantly hooked.

It says it's an enhancement, but it doesn't claim to plump your lips. It just has such good coverage and the absolute perfect consistency.

It sort of just maximizes the look of your

natural lips. Also it smells delightful and has the tiniest amount of sheer pink tint.



So imperceptible that my three sons wear it and don't have a clue or even notice. Even if they did, they might still wear it because they all love it too.

I had to hide it, for fear my \$25 tube would be gone within days.

According to the website, "This sheer pink, ultra-hydrating, polypeptide formula improves the visual volume of lip contours. Instantly replenishes and hydrates

to make the lips look naturally full." I can't say enough about this lip balm. It just makes me happy. Kind of like a natural manicure for the lips, if you will.

If it was less expensive, I would give it 6 alligators — it's off-the-charts great. However, because of the price only, I'll give it 4.8 out of 5 alligators.

The good news is you only use a tiny bit, so it should last quite awhile.

It's available at Pure Beauty & Wellness Center,

23000 Greater Mack, Ste. 100, St. Clair Shores.

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

4.8 Out Of 5



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From left, Kevin Bacon as Tom Stark and Marcia Gay Harden as Megan Stark in the 2007 Movie "Rails & Ties" directed by Alison Eastwood.

## MOVIE REVIEW "Rails & Ties" 2007 - PG-13 1 hr 41min

"Rails & Ties" is Alison Eastwood's directorial debut, and what an impressive first film it is. It doesn't hurt that she started with a well-written script and engaged the services of veteran actors Kevin Bacon, Marcia Gay Harden, and the young but promising Miles Heizer. In case you're wondering, yes, she's the daughter of Clint Eastwood. Ms. Eastwood is better known as an actor and her film credits include "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" and "The Mule."

This film deals with tragedy, forgiveness, and the intersection of random lives. At the beginning of the film we meet Megan Stark (Harden). She's a nurse who's just quit her job after receiving the devastating news that her breast cancer has returned and she's out of treatment options.

She's married to Tom (Bacon), who's a dedicated and hard-working train engineer. He's been a train buff since childhood and absolutely throws himself into his work, to the detriment of

his marriage. His job has become a refuge to help him avoid dealing with his wife's illness.

We then meet Davey Danner (Heizer) who's living with his mentally disturbed mother.



After some self-medicating, she packs her young son into the car and they go for a fatal drive. She stops her car on the railroad tracks as a train is headed for them.

Davey tries in vain to wrestle his mother out of the car, and jumps out just in time to save his own life. As luck would have it, Tom is the engineer on the train, making his daily run from Simi Valley to Seattle.

He has to make a decision in an instant—hit the brakes which may derail the train and injure the passengers on board, or slow the train

down as much as possible and hit the car. He opts for the latter and ends up killing Davey's mother.

This is where the story gets interesting. Tom is given some time off while officials review his case. After hearing her news, Megan decides to pack her bags and leave home to do the things she's always wanted to do, but Tom avoided doing because his devotion to his job. Meanwhile Davey is given to a foster mom temporarily.

The mom, Margo Martindale (Judy Neasy) is a disciplinarian, and Davey rebels and runs away. He seeks out and confronts Tom about killing his mother. After a gut-wrenching scene, the

young boy calms down, only one other film, 2017's "Battlecreek" (no, that's not a typo). It's another powerful drama worth checking out, especially if you enjoyed "Rails & Ties." I'm just surprised that, with her talent, she hasn't directed more films. I'll be the first in line for whatever movie she directs next.

The film could have easily descended into a Hallmark style, tearjerker, but due to the hands-off directorial

style of Ms. Eastwood, it doesn't. She appears to be from the school where you take a step back and let the actors do what they do best. In the case of Kevin Bacon and Marcia Gay Harden, the story telling is in very capable hands.

You can sense that Bacon's character is in love with his wife, but has spent years bottling up his emotions. And Harden just seethes a quiet, end-of-life desperation.

It's a treat to watch these two amazing actors at work.

Ultimately it's a very touching and emotional ride. You just might

want to have some tissues on hand while viewing this one.

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one other film, 2017's "Battlecreek" (no, that's not a typo). It's another powerful drama worth checking out, especially if you enjoyed "Rails & Ties." I'm just surprised that, with her talent, she hasn't directed more films. I'll be the first in line for whatever movie she directs next.

Note to parents: The film is rated PG-13, but I don't recall anything objectionable except the car crash.

★★★★★

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 ser-

vices like Netflix,

Hoopla, and Kanopy.

I'll also review notewor-

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releases as well.

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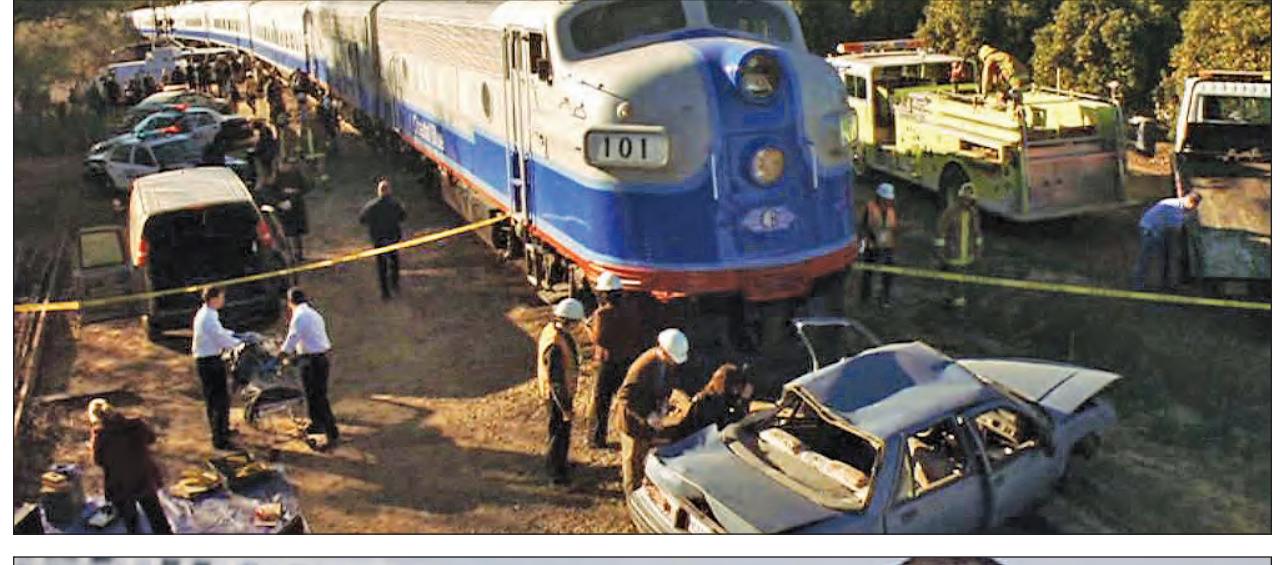
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recommendations, be

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blog: moviejunkiemark.

blogspot.com.



Miles Heizer as Davey Danner.



# GO FISH!

## Contest for longest catch means great cash prizes

By Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writer

Calling all anglers throughout the Pointes! The Grosse Pointe News' fishing tournament is in full swing until Thursday, June 23 at 9 p.m. Weekly winners in all divisions will be announced right here in the Grosse Pointe News.

All you need to do is catch a fish, measure the fish on an official Grosse Pointe News ruler — they're posted at the local parks — or with the ruler provided in each week's newspaper now through June. Then take a photo of your fish on the ruler and submit your entry (or entries) at [grossepoincenews.com/fishingclassic](http://grossepoincenews.com/fishingclassic). The complete rules can be viewed on the website also.

There are prizes for the longest fish, but this year there are more chances to win, as there will be an

award for each eligible species of fish, including largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, pike and muskie.

The winner in each fish category and age division will win cash prizes, but everyone who submits a fish of any size will have a chance to win great prizes from our sponsors.

Enter online or by email at: [fish@grossepoincenews.com](mailto:fish@grossepoincenews.com). Include the following in your email:

- Name
- Subscriber name
- Fish type
- Length in inches
- Date caught
- Photo of fish on ruler

Eligibility is for land fishers only — not from boats, and there must be an adult subscriber to the Grosse Pointe News in the household to enter the contest.

So get out there and show us your best effort while you enjoy the great outdoors.

Then watch for winner announcements each week in the newspaper.

We think you are 'reel-y' going to enjoy it!

**Age divisions:** 12 years and under; 13-19 years; 20 years and older.

**Fish types:** Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, pike, walleye and muskie.

**Prizes:** \$50 per fish category, for divisions 0-12 and 13-19, per week; \$100 for the overall winner each week; \$25 per fish category for the 20 and older division; \$50 for overall winner each week in the 20 and older division.



COURTESY PHOTOS



Some of the great catches from this week's entrants: Henry L., top, reeled in a 16" smallmouth bass; Allan M., above, got a 28" pike; Megan Zocharski caught a largemouth bass, above right; and Tom Kolojeski nabbed a 16" largemouth bass, at right.



### Lakeside Fishing Shop FISHING REPORT

Perch near Selfridge and Metro Beach.  
Pike and bass being reported daily at the Grosse Pointe Parks and St. Clair Shores canals.  
Walleye really strong in clean water for the jiggers.

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## Reasons we love to fish

By Anne Gryzenia  
*Special Writer*

Fishing can seem intimidating — with all the gear and times and species and types of bait. But if you talk to most fishermen, none of that stuff matters much. Get an old rod, some worms and a few basic tools and you are good to go.

Fishing is for everyone! Whether you're young, old, athletic or not, ANYONE can fish. That's why we love hosting the fishing contest. It's a great way to get some fresh air and have some good clean fun!

There are so many reasons why fishing is a fantastic hobby, but here are our top 10.

10. Fishing is a proven stress reliever. These days, who doesn't need that?

9. Fishing gets you outside and into nature. Take a break from the screens and get into the strike zone!

8. Fishing is a great way for social bonding. If you've ever been at one of the parks, the fishermen ALWAYS help one another out when someone needs a hand.



7. Fishing helps to teach patience. In today's world of "right now," fishing is the opposite. You might be waiting all day to land a fish — and it may never happen. And that's OK! As they say, it's called fishing, not catching.

6. The thrill of a catch! Most people talk for years about some of their best catches. Landing a great fish is one of the most joyous feelings ever.

5. Fishing helps teach the importance of conservation and respect for the environment and others.

4. Fishing is the perfect activity for family bonding. Whether you are fighting fish or fighting with a sibling, it promotes togetherness and teamwork.

3. There's no end to learning new things in fishing, but when you start to become somewhat skilled, there's nothing like passing it along to someone younger or more inexperienced.

2. Fishing is rewarding. If you've ever seen a child catch a fish and then have it feed the family dinner, you have seen true pride.

1. It's just plain fun!

We can't wait to see all the amazing catches made in this year's contest!





# On your mark, get set... **FISH!**

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• THREE Divisions to enter

DIVISION A - Ages 12 & under

DIVISION B - Ages 13 - 19

DIVISION C - Ages 20 & older

• FIVE fish type Divisions to enter  
Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, pike, walleye and muskie

• Inshore catch-and-release fishing only  
*No fish caught from boats can be used for this promotion*

• Submit photo of your catch next to an official ruler

• Contest is for length of fish only

• Enter as many days/fish as you wish!

• Must have an adult subscriber in the household to enter  
(subscribe at [grossepoincenews.com](http://grossepoincenews.com) or (313) 882-6900)

SEE COMPLETE RULES ONLINE AT:

[www.grossepoincenews.com/fishingclassic](http://www.grossepoincenews.com/fishingclassic)

Be sure to enter, no matter the size of your fish...

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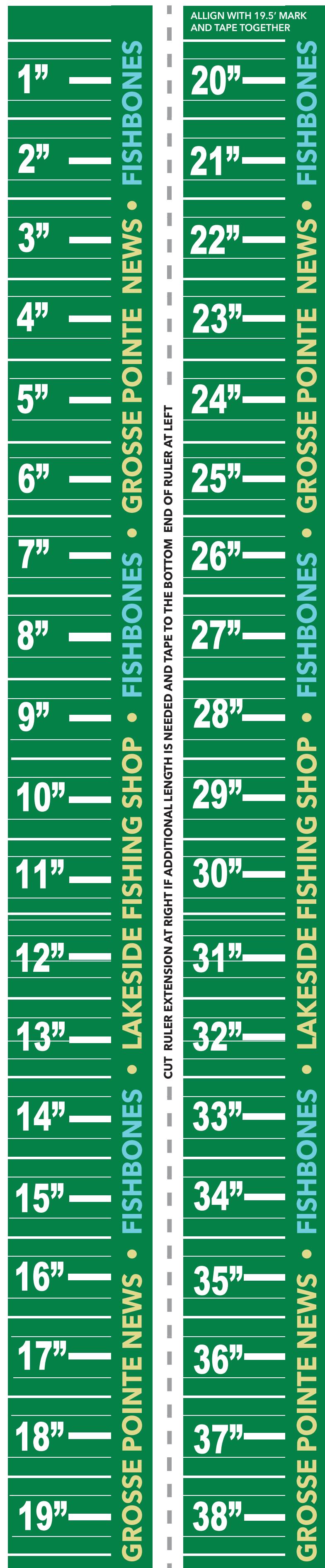
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# Ford joins First Movers Coalition Announces commitment to help commercialize zero-carbon technologies

**DEARBORN, Mich.** — Ford Motor Company announced it will join the First Movers Coalition, a global initiative to harness purchasing power and supply chains to create early markets for innovative clean energy technologies.

Ford manufactures more vehicles in the U.S. and employs more hourly workers in America than any other automaker.

"Ford has a strong track record of firsts in automotive sustainability, from being the only full-line American automaker to stand with California in support of stronger vehicle emissions standards to being the first automaker to join the Department of Energy's Better Climate Challenge and commit to reducing our manufacturing emissions earlier this year."

And now as part of the First Movers Coalition, we're targeting the environmental impact of our supply chain by investing in green steel and aluminum," said Ford Chief Government Affairs Officer Chris Smith. "Together this coalition has the potential to build the future of zero-emissions transportation that is good for people and the planet, and good for business."

More than 50 companies with a collective market value of about \$8.5 trillion across five continents now make up the coalition to help commercialize zero-carbon technologies. For its part, Ford is committing to purchase at least 10% near-zero carbon steel and aluminum by 2030. The company is working to achieve car-

bon neutrality globally across its vehicles, operations and supply chain no later than 2050 and to reach science-based interim targets by 2035.

"Reducing emissions to carbon neutral by 2050 is possible if we invest in the right technologies and bring them to scale within the next decade," said Ford Director of Supply Chain Sustainability Sue Slaughter. "By joining the First Movers Coalition, Ford is signaling to the market that we want to work with our suppliers to achieve commercially viable green steel and aluminum."

The intent and significance of our commitment today has the potential to help build the net-zero economy."

To compete and win in a new era of electric and connected vehicles, Ford plans to invest more than \$50 billion globally from 2022 through 2026 to develop electric vehicles and the batteries that power them.

These investments will create new jobs and grow a supply chain that upholds Ford's commitments to sustainability and human rights.

Ford already recycles up to 20 million pounds of aluminum each month at its Dearborn Stamping, Kentucky Truck and Buffalo Stamping facilities. Making recycled aluminum only takes around 5% of the energy needed to make new aluminum, according to the Aluminum Association.

Led by the World Economic Forum and the US Government, the First Movers Coalition targets sectors including alumi-

num, aviation, chemicals, concrete, shipping, steel, and trucking, which are responsible for 30% of global emissions — a proportion expected to rise to over 50% by mid-century without urgent progress on clean technology innovation. According to the World Economic Forum, aluminum represents 2% of global emissions.

• Ford, the largest vehicle manufacturer in the U.S., will put its purchasing power behind emerging clean technologies as part of the First Movers Coalition.

• As a founding member of the coalition's new aluminum sector, Ford is committing that at least 10% of its primary aluminum purchases will have near-zero carbon emissions by 2030.

• Ford is working to reach carbon neutrality globally no later than 2050, and growing a supply chain for green steel and aluminum that upholds the company's commitments to sustainability and human rights.

At the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Ford joined RouteZero, a global coalition to curb global warming by working toward making sales of all new cars and vans zero-emissions by 2040 globally and no later than 2035 in leading markets.

For Europe, the company announced this March that it is targeting zero emissions for all vehicle sales in the region and carbon neutrality across Ford's European footprint of facilities, logistics and suppliers by 2035.



The manufacturing technology in the Rouge Electric Vehicle Center is just as innovative as the F-150 Lightning. It is the first Ford plant without traditional in-floor conveyor lines and instead uses robotic Autonomous Guided Vehicles to move F-150 Lightning trucks from workstation to station in the plant. Due to high demand, the current model year is no longer available for retail order. Contact your dealer for more information.

## Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Cancer.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 2, 2022:

You are sensitive, creative and ambitious. You care what others think about you. You are caring and kind, but you like to be in control. This year holds exciting changes and a chance to achieve more personal freedom. Trust your intuition and be open to new friends that come into your world.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Family conversations along with your routine at home will be a bit unpredictable today. Someone might do or say something you least expect. Something unusual might occur. This could be enlivening for you or irritating. Remember: Patience is a virtue. Tonight: Be friendly.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

New ideas, new places, new people and new situations will make today a fascinating day for you. Stay on your toes so you can keep up with what's happening. Write down your clever ideas for future reference. Pay attention to everything you say and do to avoid accidents. Tonight: Check your money.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Keep an eye on your money and your belongings today, because something untoward or unexpected could impact them. For example, you might find money or you might lose money. Be smart and protect your belongings against loss, theft or damage. Ka-ching! Tonight: You're in charge.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today you're ready for action. You want some adventure! Actually, you might encounter surprises due to the fact that travel plans are canceled or delayed. University and college sched-

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Today you feel impulsive and perhaps a bit reckless because the Moon is in your sign dancing with wild, wacky Uranus. (Zing!) This can introduce an electric energy around you. It will give you a pleasant feeling of restlessness and a desire for excitement. "Wazzup?" Tonight: Hide.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today you feel vaguely restless. You might attract someone to you who shakes things up a little because you want some kind of change to take place today, on one level or another. You've decided that either you're going to bring this change about or you're going to watch it from the sidelines. Tonight: Be friendly.

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### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A friend or a member of a group might surprise you today. Perhaps they will suggest something you didn't expect to hear. Or you might be surprised that the group itself is embracing a different direction. You might meet a real character today. Tonight: You look good!

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Someone in a position of authority might surprise you today. This could be anyone from your parent to a boss to a VIP. Yes, it also could be the police. Be aware of the fact that this is possible in case you have to do some damage control. Be smart. Tonight: Travel plans?

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today you're ready for action. You want some adventure! Actually, you might encounter surprises due to the fact that travel plans are canceled or delayed. University and college sched-

ules are also dicey and unpredictable. Stay tuned to know what's happening. Tonight: Tie up loose ends.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Double-check details related to banking, taxes, debt and shared property, because something unexpected could impact these areas. If so, you don't want to be caught off guard. Stay on top of your scene to prevent slipups that might cost money. Tonight: Cooperate.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You might meet someone new and exciting today. Or possibly a friend or a partner will throw you a curveball. (Get ready.) Of course, you might do something to provoke an argument or stir the pot because you want to shake things up a little. (Naughty you.) Tonight: Work.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Because your work routine or something to do with your job might be interrupted today, give yourself extra time to deal with the unexpected. Staff shortages, delayed deliveries, broken equipment and power outages are some possibilities. Stay cool and be prepared. Tonight: Play!

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Parents should be extra vigilant today, because this is an accident-prone day for their kids. Meanwhile, social plans might suddenly change. Events could be canceled, including sports. (Guard against sports accidents.) Or possibly you will be surprised by a fun invitation to go somewhere. If so, act quickly. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

### BORN TODAY

Actress Morena Baccarin (1979), actor Zachary Quinto (1977), actor Dennis Haysbert (1954).

## Contract Bridge

### THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

#### NORTH

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

#### WEST

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

#### EAST

♠ Q 10 7 6 4 3  
♥ 7 2  
♦ A J 10 9  
♣ 6

#### SOUTH

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

The bidding:

East      South      West      North

Pass      Pass      Pass      2 ♦

Pass      3 ♥      Pass      4 ♥

Opening lead — five of spades.

The Flannery convention, used mostly in tournaments, was devised for those hands where the opening bidder has specifically five hearts and four spades and usually less than 16 points in high cards — a hand that is difficult to describe in standard bidding methods. Those who play Flannery open such a hand with an artificial bid of two diamonds. Partner then makes whatever response is

appropriate for his high-card values and distribution.

This deal occurred some years ago in the Blue Ribbon Pairs. At most tables, North got to four hearts and made four after East led a club to West's ace and ruffed the club return.

But our story concerns itself with the table where South, playing Flannery, got to be declarer at four hearts and West led his singleton spade. South played dummy's eight, which held the trick. Then, unaware of the catastrophe about to befall him, declarer led dummy's queen of diamonds, at which point the roof caved in.

East took the diamond with the ace and returned a low spade, ruffed by West. West then led the ace and another club, ruffed by East. East played another spade, ruffed by South with the nine and overruffed by West with the ten.

The debacle continued when West led another club, ruffed by East, and East then returned a fourth round of spades. Declarer ruffed with the four, overruffed by West with the six, and South's agony was finally over.

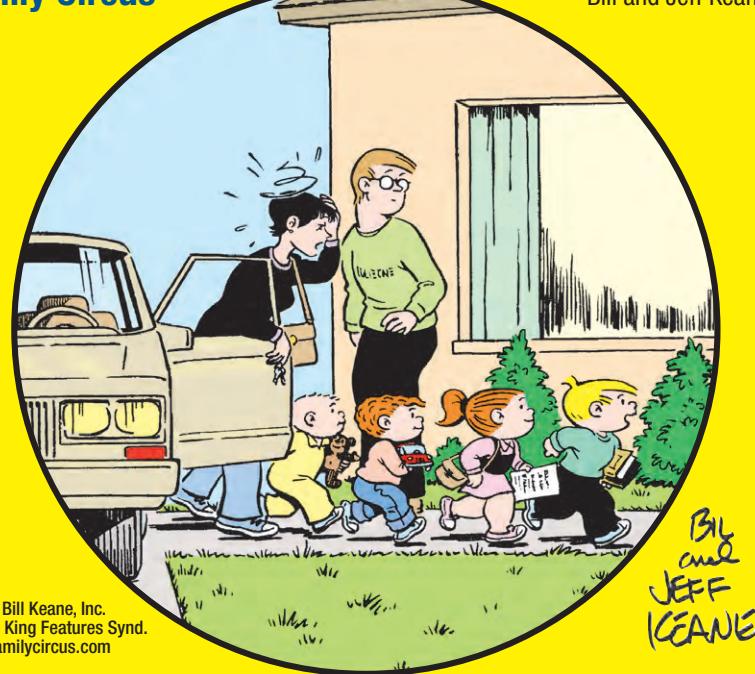
It is true that declarer could have made the contract by simply drawing the opposing trumps at the start of play. But instead, he went down four — 400 points — all because of his seemingly innocuous play of the queen of diamonds at trick two!

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by Steve Becker

# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

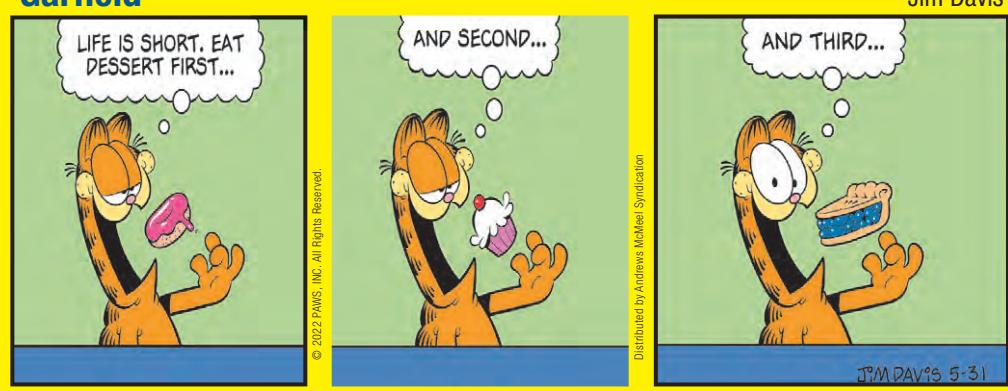


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**"I'd never last as a school bus driver."**

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## Garfield



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## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

8	5	9	3	7	2							
2	9		8	5								
	1	3		6		9						
9				3	6	8						
5	2	7		6	4		1					
	4	6	1				9					
3		2		1	7							
		7	9		4	3						
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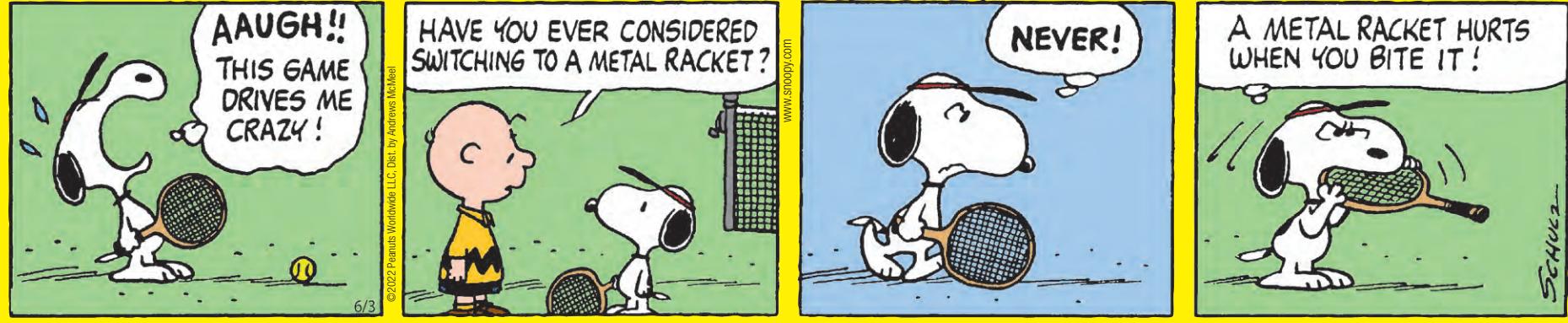
5/26 Solution

Previous puzzle solution

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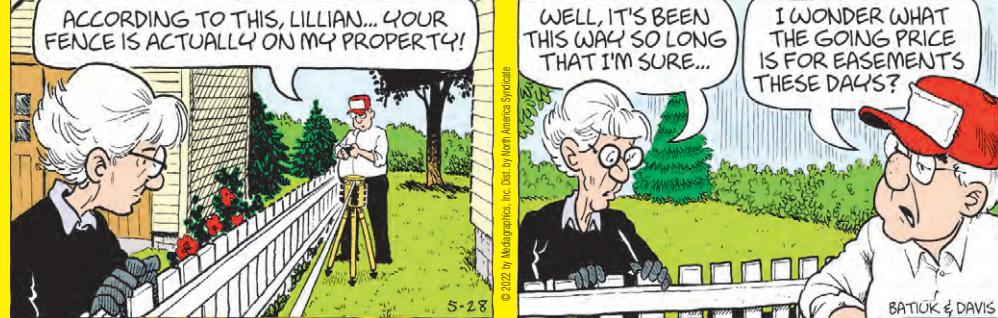
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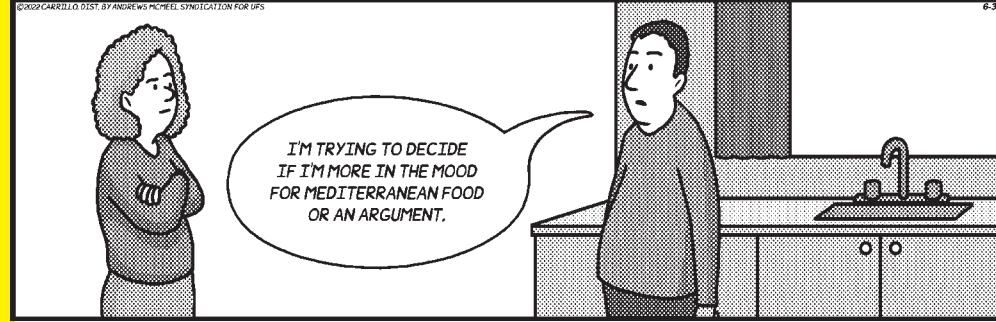

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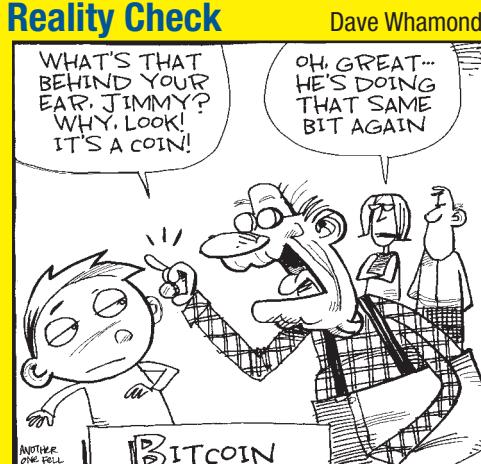

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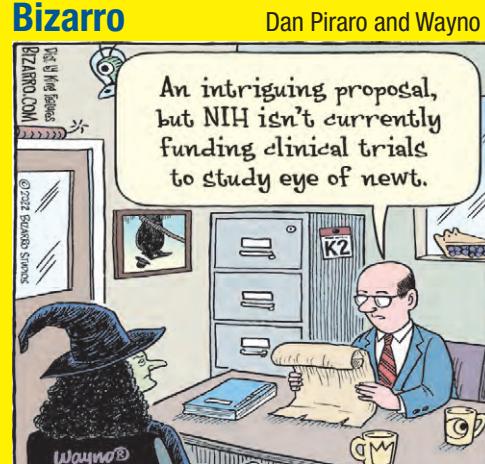

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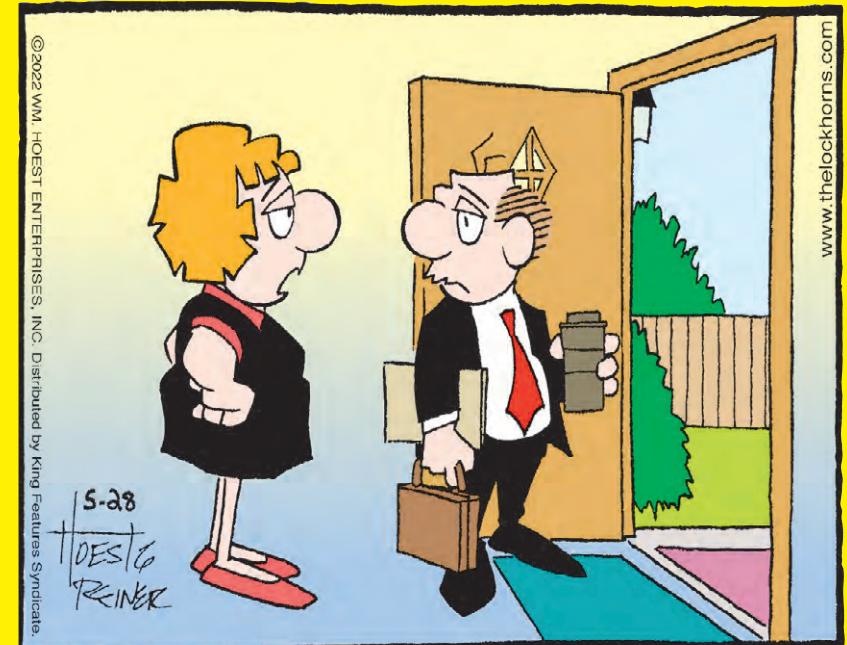

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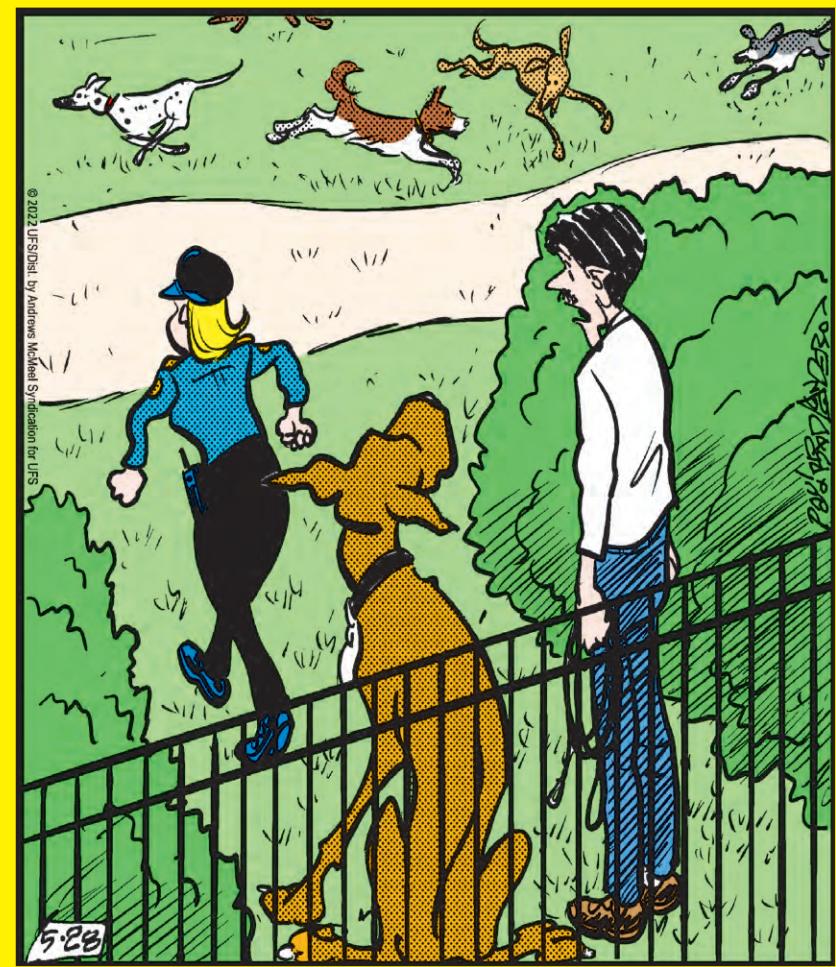
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## South golfers win MAC Red tournament

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The MAC Red Division's five boys golf teams met at the Katke Golf Course at Ferris State University last Wednesday to decide who would be crowned this spring's tournament

champs. Both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South were among the teams competing for division supremacy, but South would end up atop the leaderboard at tournament's end.

The Blue Devils also captured the MAC Red

regular season crown by finishing at 8-0.

Leading the way for South on the day was Tommy Ciccone. The senior was the Blue Devils low scorer for the tournament shooting an 80 while helping his team to a MAC Red title. Junior Evan Brown,

along with seniors Alex Blyth and Ryan Bernard, all finished at 83. A pair of juniors in William Jordan and Corbin Ifkovits rounded out South's team with respective scores of 84 and 86.

The Norsemen finished third out of five teams at the tournament. Senior Niko Karoutsos led the way for North shooting 81. James Streberger was the Norsemen's next lowest score at 93 while Nicholas Fleming was one behind at 94. Three seniors completed the field for North with Evan Burney shooting a 98, Michael Paluzzi at 103 and Gino Cavaliere at 119.

After battling in the MAC Red Tournament, both North and South will see each other again in MHSAA regionals.



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The Grosse Pointe South boys golf team triumphed over the rest of the division to take first place in this year's MAC Red Tournament last Wednesday.

The regional tournament is scheduled for Thursday at the Orchards Golf Club in Washington.

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

There are many who do it here in the Pointes and around the country, but it never fails to be impressive when a high school athlete can accomplish so much both on and off the field while playing three different sports. Sophia Borowski, a junior at Grosse Pointe North, is one of those athletes striving for greatness in sports and in the classroom.

Borowski is currently in her second season with the Norsemen's varsity softball team. She spends the fall season as part of North's field hockey team and is a starter for the varsity girls basketball team in the winter. While doing all this, Borowski also manages a school schedule that includes multiple honors and AP classes and maintains a GPA over a 4.0. However, she believes that success in the classroom might not be possible without

what she has learned from sports.

"It's taught me to always work my hardest," Borowski said. "I know it might sound generic, but I feel like I've worked super hard. Especially in field hockey where I came in never having played before and being able to accomplish so much, it shows that hard work and it carries over into other things like the classroom."

Field hockey only became part of

Borowski's athletic resume after getting to high school. Softball and basketball have been in her life for much longer and became the games that fueled her love for sports from a young age.

"It started with softball because I played tee ball with my brother and I was the only girl on the team," Borowski said. "I started travel around third grade and that was how softball started. For basketball, I played at the YMCA when I was five or six and again was the only girl on the team."

Whether it was being the only girl on a team, playing a new position or any sort of challenge, Borowski's ability to adapt and succeed is part of what has made her a great athlete. Versatility, especially in softball, has been the name of the game for Borowski since beginning her high school career.

In her two seasons at North, Borowski has made her home at first base on the softball diamond. She has always had the ability to play any position really, and first base only became her main position by coincidence. Like always, Borowski has made the best of the situation.

"I've been all over the infield for a long time but maybe because of my height I started at first base," she said. "Coming into the season last year, I didn't have a freshman season because of COVID then I missed the start of the season

because I had COVID. So in my first game back, I sort of got thrown into first base and I did pretty well from there...I have a lot of control and responsibility and I like that."

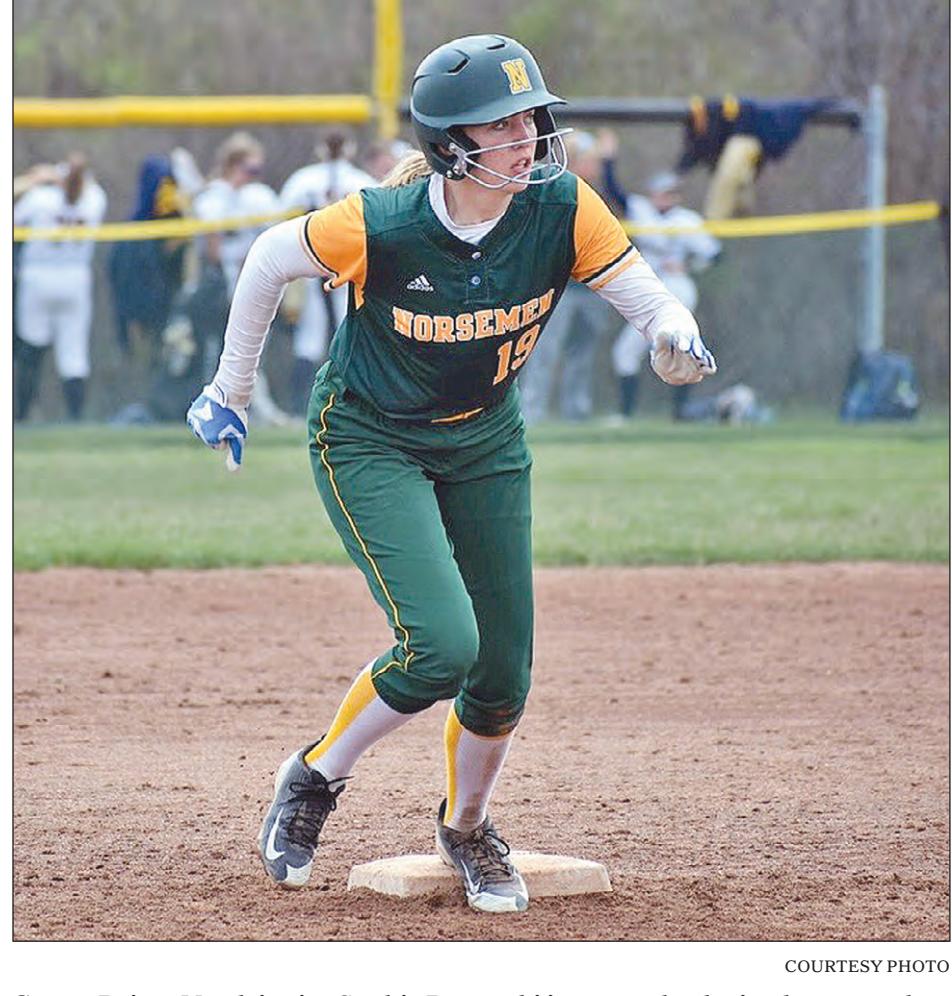
While Borowski has adapted well to the challenge of playing first base, she has done it with the support of her teammates. Many of Borowski's Norsemen softball teammates are

girls she has known and played with since before their high school days. That long established bond and chemistry has gone a long way in helping Borowski and the rest of her team excel and help each other both on and off the field.

"I'd consider them all my best friends," said Borowski. "It's nice to know you always have people to support you and who are going to have your back if you make a mistake. We're always cheering each other on and we can talk about other things, it's not just all softball all the time."

"It was intimidating going in because we played some of those teams last year and they seemed really tough," Borowski said. "But I

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Grosse Pointe North junior Sophia Borowski is currently playing her second season with the Norsemen's varsity softball team. She spends the fall season playing field hockey and winters as a starter on North's girls basketball team.

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# North dominates South to open playoffs

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The anticipation had been high for the MHSAA Pre-District round ever since the draw put Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South against each other to open the postseason. Weather issues last Thursday and Friday let the excitement build even further as the game was pushed to Saturday afternoon, when the Norsemen finally got to host crosstown rivals South in win-or-go-home action.

Despite the game being hosted at North, the Blue Devils were slated as the home team and jumped out to an early 2-0 lead. Fortunes quickly changed and the Norsemen rallied for a 9-2 victory to advance in the district tournament.

"We have a very experienced team who had a postseason run last year, and I think that showed," North coach

Kevin Shubnell said after the victory. "We weren't rattled and that's a big key for us."

South's two early runs both came on walks with the bases loaded. It was at that point when Shubnell and the North coaching staff decided to pull starting pitcher senior Jake Tedesco. Jordan Arsenau came in relief, shutting down the Blue Devils from that point on with seven scoreless innings and allowing just two hits.

North got one run back in the top of the second inning on an RBI single from Parker O'Neill. The Norsemen cemented the win with a five-run fourth inning, which included three runs knocked in by Jake Tedesco as the result of a fielding error. Arsenau brought in a run in the sixth, and a two-run home run by Drew Hill in the seventh brought the score to 9-2, shutting the door on South's hopes of a comeback.

"North deserved it that day and we didn't,"



PHOTO BY ANNE GRYZENIA

Fans packed the stands at Grosse Pointe North on Saturday afternoon to watch the Norsemen and Blue Devils face off in the Pre-District round of the MHSAA baseball playoffs.

South coach Dan Griesbaum Sr. said. "That's what the state tournament is all about, who plays well on a certain day."

South's playoff run ends early, but there is still plenty for the Blue Devils to hang their hats on this spring, including winning the program's

first outright MAC Red Division title. The MAC Red champs played one last home game to celebrate the senior class Wednesday against Lutheran North.

Lutheran North moves on to the district semifinals where it will host St. Clair Shores Lakeview on Saturday.

# Knights finish regular season with pair of wins

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The holiday weekend meant the end of the

regular season for the University Liggett Knights baseball team.

The Knights hosted the Glynn Conley

Invitational, which included just two games on Saturday after Friday's scheduled matchup with Grosse

Pointe South was canceled due to playoff scheduling conflicts. Although a crosstown rivalry game did not happen, Liggett still made the most of the weekend and closed out the regular season on a high note with two wins Saturday.

In Game 1 against Livonia Churchill, Liggett's offense was solid, but freshman Blake Ilitch's pitching performance stood out the most in the team's first win of the day. Ilitch took the mound for a complete game, striking out eight Chargers batters and allowing two hits through seven shutout innings in the Knights' 5-0 win. Jarren Purify, Joey Randazzo and Ryan Jones had an RBI each for Liggett.

Liggett then took on Northville, a team currently ranked as the No. 3 team in the state for Division 1, according to the MHSBCA. Although the Knights did not manage another shutout, they did pick up a huge win in what would be their final game before the playoffs by taking a 4-2 victory over the Mustangs.

This time, senior ace Kurt Barr tossed a complete game for Liggett. Through seven innings, Barr allowed just two runs on four hits with seven strikeouts. Matthew Greene was the only Knight to record an RBI in the win, finishing with two while going 2-for-3 at the plate.

After closing the regular season with a pair of victories, it is now time for the Knights to look to the postseason and try to defend the Division 3 state title. Playoffs begin for Liggett this Saturday, June 4, when the Knights will host Detroit Edison in the district semifinals.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Jarren Purify had an RBI for Liggett during Saturday's 5-0 win over Livonia Churchill.

## Grosse Pointe News High School SPORTS HOME GAMES

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

**Saturday, June 4**  
12 pm Girls Varsity Softball districts vs. Cass Tech  
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**Monday, June 6**  
6:30 pm Girls Varsity Field Hockey Alumni Game

**Wednesday, June 8**  
4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball Regional Semifinal

### GROSSE POINTE NORTH

**Saturday, June 4**  
10 am Girls Varsity Softball Districts @GP South  
10 am, 12 pm & 3 pm Boys Varsity Baseball MHSAA District Games

### UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

**Saturday, June 4**  
10 am Girls Varsity Softball vs. Osborn  
11:30 am Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Detroit Edison

Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North Record (17-7)		
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)	Result
4/12	@ Lake Orion	7-0 L
4/16	@ Grosse Pointe South (DH)	4-2 W, 12-0 W
4/20	@ L'Anse Creuse North	3-2 W
4/21	L'Anse Creuse North (DH)	3-2 L, 15-11 L
4/23	@ Avondale	12-0 W
4/26	@ Chippewa Valley	12-2 W
4/28	Chippewa Valley (DH)	13-2 W, 9-3 W
5/2	Anchor Bay	10-0 W
5/5	@ Anchor Bay (DH)	6-0 W, 9-8 W
5/6	Eisenhower (@ Comerica Park)	6-5 W
5/9	@ St. Clair	2-1 W
5/10	St. Clair	7-0 W
5/12	@ St. Clair	6-1 L
5/16	@ Utica	13-0 W
5/17	Utica	15-0 W
5/19	@ Utica	13-2 W
5/21	Grosse Pointe South	6-4 L
5/21	Portage Northern	5-2 L
5/24	Rochester Adams	19-11 L
5/28	Grosse Pointe South (MHSAA Pre-Districts)	9-2 W
6/4	Lakeview (MHSAA Districts)	

Grosse Pointe South Record (22-13)		
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	9-0 L
4/11	@ Detroit Country Day	15-0 L
4/12	Detroit Edison	4-2 W
4/16	Grosse Pointe North (DH)	4-2 L, 12-0 L
4/20	Henry Ford II	13-6 W
4/21	@ Henry Ford II (DH)	14-11 W, 11-6 L
4/22	L'Anse Creuse North (DH)	7-4 W, 8-5 W
4/27	@ Stevenson	2-0 W
4/28	Stevenson	6-1 W
4/29	Stevenson	14-6 W
4/30	Allen Park (@ Comerica Park)	8-6 W
5/2	@ Romeo	2-1 L
5/4	Romeo	6-0 W
5/5	@ Romeo	5-4 L
5/7	L'Anse Creuse	6-5 W
5/7	Detroit Western	9-0 L
5/9	Dakota	6-5 W
5/11	@ Dakota	8-6 W
5/12	Dakota	6-2 W
5/16	@ Eisenhower	12-0 W
5/18	Eisenhower	7-4 W
5/19	@ Eisenhower	5-2 L
5/21	Grosse Pointe North	6-4 W
5/21	Portage Northern	10-9 W
5/28	@ Grosse Pointe North (MHSAA Pre-Districts)	9-2 L
6/2	Lutheran North	

University Liggett Record (18-10)		
Date	Opponent	Result
4/2	@ Brother Rice (DH)	14-0 W, 2-0 L
4/16	@ Richmond (DH)	4-3 W, 7-0 W
4/19	Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	7-2 L, 8-5 L
4/22	UD Jesuit (DH)	3-0 W, 5-1 W
4/25	Plymouth Christian (DH)	15-4 W
4/28	@ Detroit Catholic Central (DH)	9-1 W, 6-3 W
4/30	Brother Rice (DH)	5-1 W, 2-1 L
5/4	@ De La Salle (DH)	5-1 W, 3-2 L
5/7	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	13-2 L, 7-4 L
5/9	De La Salle (DH)	5-0 W, 10-2 W
5/12	@ UD Jesuit (DH)	8-5 W, 5-0 L
5/14	Detroit Catholic Central (DH)	11-7 W, 7-4 L
5/16	Lutheran Westland	15-0 W
5/20	Brother Rice (CHSL Playoffs @ Comerica)	5-1 L
5/23	Cardinal Mooney	3-2 W
5/28	Livonia Churchill	5-0 W
6/4	Detroit Edison (MHSAA Districts)	4-2 W

# Local rowers cruise to national championships

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

A group of rowers from the Pointes have earned the right to showcase their talents on the national stage and compete for a championship later this month.

Students from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett Schools who race for the Detroit Boat Club Crew punched their tickets to the U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships after big performances at the Midwest Junior Championships in late May.

The Women's Varsity 4+ boat made up of Grosse Pointers Olivia Bachert, Carly Brown, Alexandra Rollins, Ava Sjogren and Stephanie Hampton qualified for nationals after their performance at the Midwest Junior Championships, which

in Cincinnati. Brady Shanle of Grosse Pointe Farms and Henry Skupien from Grosse Pointe Park are also headed to the national championships after qualifying in the Men's Varsity 2x.

The final group of Grosse Pointers to be headed to the national stage are Samuel Beleshi, Anthony Pilutti, Brennan Supino and Frank Hecker who, along with Detroit native Ethan Kent, will compete for a national title in the Men's U15/U16 4+.

"This group we have is unprecedented," Detroit Boat Club Crew coach Mike Gentile said. "These kids have worked really hard and every year, that regional qualifier has been our target date and it's great to do well there and cruise to the nationals."

In addition to qualifying for the national championships, which

begin June 9 in Sarasota, Fla., several rowers also earned invitations to be a part of the U.S. Rowing Junior National Team system. Brown earned an invitation to participate in the national team's selection camp in California this summer. Bachert, Hampton, Rollins and Sjogren along with teammates Chloe Baloh of Detroit and Ryleigh O'Donoghue of Grosse Pointe were invited to U.S. Rowing National Team High Performance camps.

As the current rowers get ready for the national competition, prospective future rowers can hone their skills this summer at the Detroit Boat Club Crew's Learn to Row program this summer. Youth rowers in grades 6-12 can learn more about the program and register at [detroitboatclubcrew.com](http://detroitboatclubcrew.com).



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Top, from left, Ava Sjogren, Carly Brown, Olivia Bachert, Alex Rollins, Stephanie Hampton and DBCC Head coach Mike Gentile pose following the medal ceremony for the Women's Varsity 4+.

Above, DBCC Men's U15/U16 4+ row to the starting line for their race where they secured a spot in the national championships. From left, Ethan Kent, Samuel Beleshi, Brennan Supino, Anthony Pilutti and Frank Hecker.

Varsity Softball		Record (14-10-1)
Date	Opponent	
4/12	Chippewa Valley	1-0 L
4/14	Dakota	15-1 L
4/16	DeWitt (@ Lake Orion)	5-4 L
4/16	Utica (@ Lake Orion)	4-1 W
4/16	@ Lake Orion	3-3 T
4/19	@ Romeo	9-6 W
4/21	Anchor Bay	8-6 L
4/26	Cousino	12-4 W
4/28	Henry Ford II	6-0 W
4/30	Clarkston	7-6 W
4/30	Shepherd	11-10 L
4/30	Trenton	3-2 L
5/1	Gaylord	5-4 W
5/1	Brandon	2-1 W
5/4	@ Eisenhower	8-1 W
5/5	@ Chippewa Valley	5-2 W
5/10	@ Dakota	5-0 L
5/12	Romeo	2-0 W
5/13	@ Algonac	12-2 L
5/14	Marysville	8-5 W
5/14	Utica	5-4 W
5/17	@ Anchor Bay	6-1 L
5/20	Stevenson	4-1 L
5/23	Utica	12-4 W
5/24	@ Henry Ford II	8-3 W
6/1	Eisenhower	
6/4	Detroit Western (MHSAA Districts)	
Grosse Pointe South		Record (18-10)
Date	Opponent	
4/12	@ Marine City	14-5 L
4/14	Fraser	18-0 L
4/16	Rochester (GPS Round Robin)	16-1 W
4/16	Woods-Tower (GPS Round Robin)	10-3 W
4/20	@ Berkley (DH)	6-5 W, 12-11 L
4/21	Port Huron	8-4 W
4/23	Dearborn	10-0 W
4/23	Detroit Western	20-5 W
4/23	Grosse Ile	8-2 L
4/28	@ Port Huron Northern	6-5 W
4/30	@ Holland	15-13 W
4/30	Loy Norrix	13-8 W
5/4	Cousino	11-6 W
5/5	Marine City	10-2 L
5/7	New Haven (GPS Round Robin)	5-3 W
5/7	Parkway Christian (GPS Round Robin)	18-2 W
5/7	Avondale (GPS Round Robin)	20-0 W
5/9	@ L'Anse Creuse	12-2 L
5/10	@ Fraser	9-5 L
5/11	Lakeview	9-1 L
5/12	@ Regina	6-2 L
5/20	L'Anse Creuse	13-3 L
5/21	Bishop Foley (GPS Round Robin)	9-2 W
5/21	Roseville (GPS Round Robin)	9-2 W
5/21	Roseville (GPS Round Robin)	5-3 W
5/24	Port Huron Northern	12-7 W
5/25	@ Port Huron	16-5 W
5/31	@ Cousino	
6/1	Centerline	
6/4	Cass Tech (MHSAA Districts)	
University Liggett		Record (6-14)
Date	Opponent	
4/11	@ Cabrini (DH)	7-5 L, 10-4 L
4/22	Lutheran North (DH)	15-0 L, 17-2 L
4/26	Our Lady of the Lakes (DH)	7-5 W, 16-5 W
4/29	St. Catherine of Siena (DH)	9-6 L, 11-3 L
4/30	@ Our Lady of the Lakes (DH)	12-2 L, 18-2 L
5/6	Cabrini (DH)	9-7 L, 8-4 W
5/9	Bishop Foley (DH)	15-5 W, 16-5 L
5/10	@ Bishop Foley (DH)	9-5 W, 10-9 W
5/12	@ Lutheran North (DH)	9-5 L, 12-2 L
5/17	Orchard Lake St. Mary's	9-3 L
5/23	Fraser	20-2 L
6/2	Lake Shore	
6/4	Osborn (MHSAA Districts)	

## Norsemen, Blue Devils get division wins with big bats

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

With the regular season winding down, the softball teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South did not see much action last week before the holiday weekend. However, in their respective games, both sides picked up wins by creating fireworks at the plate.

For the Norsemen, the MAC Red season continued last Tuesday with a game on the road against Utica Ford. Being on the road did not seem to bother North, as the offense exploded for 12 hits in an 8-3 win.

North's big day at the plate started with a four-run second inning, jump started by a two-run home run from Maraina Smith. Smith finished the game with three RBIs, and Katelyn Barr had two as well in the win. Barr also got the win on the bump for the Norsemen, striking out nine Falcons hitters while pitching a complete seven inning game.

Just a day later, the Blue Devils got a big win of their own last Wednesday. South hit the road, taking on MAC Blue Division opponent Port Huron. The bats for the Blue Devils put together 12 hits and exploded for 16 runs in a blowout 16-5 win.

Avery Harris had four RBIs for South in the big win while Katie Steiner had three. Lily Stidham got the start on the mound and allowed five runs on just one hit in four innings, while Emily Peacock took over to toss one inning of shutout relief.



Junior Leah Salisbury takes a swing for Grosse Pointe North, who earned a MAC Red Division win over Utica Ford 8-2 last week.

South hosts this coming weekend's district tournament, where both teams will begin playoff action on Saturday. The Blue Devils face Cass Tech in the opening round while North takes on Detroit Western.

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# South season ends in regional semis

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

One week after eliminating crosstown rivals University Liggett in the first round of regional playoff action, the Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse team looked to punch its ticket to the regional finals last Friday night.

The Blue Devils took on De La Salle Collegiate in the regional semifinal round and put up a tough fight in the first half. Ultimately, South was unable to keep up with the Pilots on the scoreboard down the stretch and saw its season end with a 14-6 loss.

De La Salle jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the game's opening quarter. It was not until over six minutes into the game before the Blue Devils finally made their

way onto the board as a goal by senior midfielder Sutton Wright brought the score to 3-1, where it would stay through the end of the first quarter.

Harrison Wright struck first in the second quarter for South as the junior reduced the deficit to just one goal. The Pilots would score again to go back up by two as the teams began trading goals. Blue Devils junior William Rauh made it a one-goal game again before De La Salle answered back. South's final goal of the first half came from Harrison Wright to make it a 5-4 game, but the Pilots added one more to go up by two at halftime.

Coming out of the halftime break, De La Salle dominated the third quarter. The Pilots opened the second half with a pair of unan-

swered goals before South's Griffin Adams scored the team's only goal of the quarter. At the end of the third quarter, the scoreboard read 10-5 in favor of De La Salle with the Blue Devils needing to mount a large comeback in order to keep their season alive.

The comeback would never materialize as the Pilots continued to pile on. South's only goal of the final quarter was scored by Harrison Wright and was not nearly enough to stop De La Salle's run to a 14-6 win.

Last Friday's playoff loss brings the Blue Devils' season to an end with a final record of 10-9. South finished the regular season second in the MAC Red Division just one game behind division champs Dakota.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Griffin Adams looks to make a move around a De La Salle defender during last Friday's MHSAA regional semifinal playoff game.

# Norsemen, Knights eliminated; South advances in postseason



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's girls lacrosse team defeated Chippewa Valley in the opening round of the MHSAA regional playoffs and earned a victory over Royal Oak in the quarterfinals last Thursday. The Blue Devils punched their ticket to the semifinals, where they faced Eisenhower on Wednesday, June 1.



Despite a disappointing regular season, the North girls lacrosse team showed up when it mattered most and earned a crucial 15-14 win over Cass Tech in last week's opening round of regional playoff action. The Norsemen were unable to keep the momentum going in the regional quarterfinals as they were eliminated by Bloomfield Hills 21-2.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., on **Tuesday, June 21, 2022** before the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, Council Chambers at 795 Lake Shore Rd.

- The petitioner at 67 Putnam Road is requesting a six-foot side-yard fence. The ordinance dictates four-foot fences on side-yards.

At the May 24, 2022 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended to approve the petitioner's request for a six-foot side-yard fence based on the Building Department and Community Planner's approval of the final details.

Plans of the proposed project are available for your viewing at the Office of the City Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road, during normal business hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk  
Village of Grosse Pointe Shores,  
A Michigan City

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#### GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Multipurpose Room, Brownell Middle School, Grosse Pointe Public School System, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, the Board of Education will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2022-2023 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2022-2023 budget until after a public hearing. A physical copy of the proposed 2022-2023 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 20601 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Lisa Papas  
Secretary, Board of Education

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The University Liggett Knights girls lacrosse team opened the postseason with a dominant 15-3 win over Avondale in the first round of regional playoffs. The Knights continued playoff action last Wednesday in the quarterfinals against Stoney Creek, falling 15-5 and bringing an end to the Knights' season.

# Liggett's Jacob signs with Lawrence Tech



University Liggett School

Crosse Pointe Woods, MI

PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

**University Liggett School senior Ava Jacob signed her college letter to play women's hockey at Lawrence Tech University. Jacob tallied 18 goals and 11 assists this winter as a member of Liggett's girls hockey team while helping the Knights to an undefeated season and a second consecutive state championship.**



**Sophia Borowski focuses at the free throw line for the Norsemen during the winter season as a member of North's girls basketball team.**

## ATHLETE:

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think we were all ready for it...we all knew that we could make that step up. We were a little nervous at the start and I think we adjusted well after our first game."

Borowski and North have played tough through their first regular season in the MAC Red and are now on the cusp of attempting to make a run in the state playoffs. While always being a strong teammate, Borowski has lived up to her standards this year by improving her own performance to benefit the team.

Becoming more consistent and growing her abilities as a hitter has made Borowski more confident that she can step up when her team needs her to in the moments that matter the most.

"One of my goals this year was definitely to do

better at the plate," she said. "This year, I've really come through a lot at the plate and I moved up in the order. I feel more confident and our team is feeling more con-

fident that we can make it far."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointrnews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointrnews.com/athlete-of-the-week).

### VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY 795 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236 313-881-6565

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at **7 p.m., on Tuesday, June 21, 2022** before the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, Council Chambers at 795 Lake Shore Rd.

- The petitioner at 888 Lake Shore Rd. is requesting a secondary accessory structure 14 feet by 20 feet with a height of 14 feet. The ordinance dictates one accessory structure 10 feet by 12 feet with a height of 10 feet tall.

At the May 24, 2022 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended to deny the petitioner's request for a secondary structure based on the Building Department and Community Planner's approval of the final details.

Plans of the proposed project are available for your viewing at the Office of the City Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road, during normal business hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**Bruce R. Nichols**

City Clerk

Village of Grosse Pointe Shores,

A Michigan City

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# Blue Devils advance in soccer districts

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

Girls soccer postseason action began last week as the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils traveled to Dearborn for the opening round of the district playoff tournament. South took on Dearborn Fordson last Wednesday night and ensured its chances at getting to play at least one more game this season with a 3-0 victory.

The Blue Devils struck first in the game after over 20 minutes of scoreless play to begin with. Olivia Dimuzio added one more goal for South in the second half and goalkeeper Elsa Bachert secured the clean sheet as the team closed out the 3-0 win.

Ebenhoeh struck again for the Blue Devils, scoring another goal with just two minutes remaining before halftime to help South take a 2-0 lead into the break and take a firm hold of the game's momentum.

Defense and goalkeeping remained stout for the Blue Devils in the second half of Wednesday night's game. South was able to continue holding the Tractors off the scoreboard while denying them many quality chances on goal to begin with. Olivia Dimuzio added one more goal for South in the second half and goalkeeper Elsa Bachert secured the clean sheet as the team closed out the 3-0 win.

"The girls have been working towards districts all season, fighting through injuries and whatnot," Blue Devils coach Chris Bolio said after the win. "I felt as if they dominated every aspect of the game from start to finish...they're pushing for a district title."

The win sends the Blue Devils, who finished the regular season 7-9-2 and fifth in the MAC White Division, to the district semifinal round. South was set to face Dearborn Heights Crestwood on Tuesday, May 31 after press time in the semifinals. The district championship will be held on Friday night at Dearborn High School.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**Elizabeth Ebenhoeh from South had two goals in the Blue Devils' win over Dearborn Fordson last week in the opening round of district playoffs.**

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 16, 2022

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present EXCEPT Mayor Valerie Kindle

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 2, 2022 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on March 17, 2022.
- To approve the appointment of Mr. George Lapastora as the Harper Woods representative to the Grosse Pointe Library Board for a term ending in June of 2026.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

#### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 124513 through 124595 in the amount of \$416,787.81 as submitted by the acting City Manager and acting Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- (2) approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$5,713.50 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
- (3) approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$15,400.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2021 audit.
- (4) approve payment in the amount of \$6,700.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with water main break repairs at two residential locations.
- (5) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,190.96 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of May and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of two logmein tools.
- (6) approve payment to SAFFebuilt LLC in the amount of \$44,235.50 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of April 2022.
- (7) approve the request from the Recreation Director to retain Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC to remove the old and install a new, larger concrete pad under the shelter at Johnston Park in the amount of \$16,259.00 with funds to come from the Wayne County Recreation Grant.
- (8) to approve payment to BMS Cat LLC/Jarvis Property Restoration in the amount of \$8,714.08 for the storage units needed for the lower level library's materials following the flood event.
- (9) to adopt the attached Resolution accepting the State of Michigan's Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships (FDCVT) grant in the amount of \$205,970.00 toward the City Hall Generator Installation and further to authorize the Acting City Manager to sign all of the necessary documents required by the State of Michigan.
- (10) to approve payment to M. L. Chartier, Inc., in the amount of \$41,490.00 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the Water Service Material Investigation Program, #180-265.
- (11) to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Progress Payment No. 3 (Final) on the 2020 Storm Sewer Open Cut Repair Project, #180-229.
- (12) to approve payment to Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund in the amount of \$70,400.00 for workers' compensation insurance from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and further in that this is self insurance pooled funds, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- (13) to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with L. Anthony Construction of Shelby Township for the 2022 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-283.
- (14) to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC of Waterford for the 2022 Storm Sewer Repair Program #180-282.

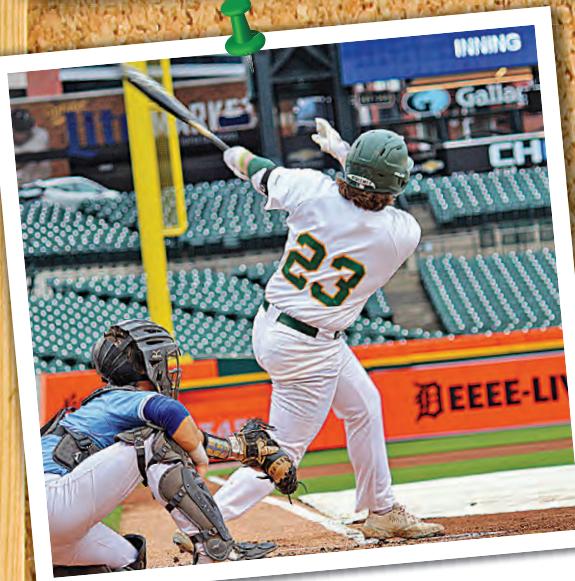
**Valerie Kindle, Mayor**

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**Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk**

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