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John Stempfle

Stempfle steps down

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Serving nearly two decades on the City of Grosse Pointe City Council, John Stempfle has only ever missed one meeting. Monday night, the longest-serving current council member announced his resignation as he and his wife prepare to move to Holland,

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COURTESY PHOTO

This Lakeshore seawall site, deemed most in need of repair due to vehicle safety concerns, is located just south of Pier Park.

Worst seawall sites to be repaired

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES — With \$750,000 in funding earmarked for the Lakeshore seawall project

as a line item in the state's fiscal year 2022 budget, Farms city officials are taking the lead on authorizing use of funds for 13 emergency repairs along the three-mile stretch between

Warner Road and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The repairs, intended to concentrate on areas where vehicle and pedestrian safety are compromised, along with the protection of existing

utilities, are planned to begin this summer and finish this fall.

Of the 13 priority sites set to receive temporary repair and identified via

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Plan OK'd Council expresses reservations

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Most members of the city council accepted an updated municipal master plan this month because they doubted the planning commission's ability to come up with anything better in less time than the four years in lost opportunities and \$50,000 the process cost so far.

"At some time, we need to get this master plan in place," said Councilman Max Wiener during the June 13 council meeting. "I don't see how a delay is going to fundamentally change what we've got. My inclination is to vote for this today, putting into the record my concerns with it."

Council members could only accept or reject the document, the province of the planning commission. The council lacks authority to amend it piecemeal.

"If they reject it, it goes back to the planning commission," City Attorney Jake Howlett said. "They (commissioners) go back to public comment, the public hearing phase. It has to

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Let's go fishing!

Inshore Fishing Classic 2022

Fishing coloring contest and more...
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New hire hits ground running

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — When he's not training for his next marathon or juggling a stepson and three young daughters, Tim Rowland can be found managing the city's finances behind a desk on the second floor of Farms city hall.

Stepping into the role of finance director, treasurer and controller after his predecessor Debra Peck Lichtenberg took a position as finance director of Royal Oak, Rowland's first day on the job was June 1. "I think we really are fortunate, particularly in the (harsh) climate of getting really good qualified

finance directors in Michigan," City Manager Shane Reeside said before council unanimously approved Rowland's appointment last Monday. "It's a problem for communities. It's a problem I hear from my colleagues. We are very fortunate that we were



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

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Old pipes showing their age

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Two complications with low water pressure within recent weeks are seen as things an industrial-age community must correct to meet 21st century expectations.

Both matters involve the municipal infrastructure's ability to provide enough water to douse

big fires.

The first occurred early in the fight of a three-alarm house fire June 4, on Beaconsfield above Kercheval.

The second concerns supplying sufficient flow to an industrial-sized fire suppression system designed to protect the public works headquarters and garage due to

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Grosse Pointe Park Director of Public Safety Bryan Jarrell shares with city council an example of old cast-iron pipe occluded with tuberculation.

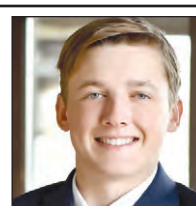
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Alex Blyth

Home: City of Grosse Pointe
Local angler finds success on the lake, links and in life.



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Valade trust takes former trustee to court

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A complaint currently is making its way through Wayne County Probate Court against a longtime trustee of The Gretchen C. Valade Irrevocable Living Trust. Gretchen Valade is the owner of the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe in Grosse Pointe Farms, as well as the granddaughter of Hamilton Carhartt. The complaint alleges David Sutherland, a Grosse Pointe Farms attorney and the former trustee, legal counsel and advisor to the trust, “embarked on a cam-

paign of diverting trust assets to his own use, treating the trust as his own personal piggy bank in clear violation of his contractual, ethical and fiduciary duties,” the filing states. Filed March 22, by current trustee Plante Moran Trust and before Judge Judy Hartsfield, the claims include Sutherland lending himself more than \$7.7 million and a business of which he was a 50 percent owner more than \$7.6 million, ultimately leading the trust to borrow money at market interest rates to lend to himself and his affiliates at below-market interest rates.



FILE PHOTO

Gretchen Valade is the owner of the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sutherland was appointed trustee of the Valade trust upon its creation in 2009. While its purpose was to provide for life insurance pro-

ceeds to be distributed to a single beneficiary — Valade’s business partner, Thomas Robinson — Sutherland acted as trustee in 2018, to make available assets beyond the net life insurance proceeds for a charitable endowment. He then continued to serve with exclusive control over the trust’s bank accounts and investments. Referred to as “the Sutherland loan” in the complaint filing, the former trustee allegedly took out a loan limited at \$5 million, but then loaned himself millions of dollars beyond the limitation at a 0.75 percent interest rate. The loan is said to have expired in September 2019, and no efforts were made to collect the interest or principal amounts while Sutherland served as trustee.

The filing also includes allegations of Sutherland leading the trust to lend millions of dollars in excess of another loan with a \$5 million limitation, and at a 0.96 percent interest rate, to an entity of which he was a 50 percent member. No efforts to collect the interest or principal amounts were made, according to the filing. Additional millions of dollars — said to be without any interest rate or effort to collect principal — were loaned to Temple Group Holdings, LLC. The entity is involved

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then go through and come back to the city council.” “There’s no guarantee that once it goes back to the planning commission it won’t end up in the very same place we are right now,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “And that comes at a cost, a cost of time, a cost of money and the potential of pulling us out of consideration for grant sources. The wise, pragmatic thing to do is press ahead and rely on our zoning ordinance, our capital improvement plan and our budget processes to serve as checks and balances that can give us the comfort level to address the shortcomings we’re seeing.” “It’s taking energy away from other work we can be doing,” Wiener said. “I think we fiddle around the edges and nothing’s going to come from it and it will be back in two or three months and be a waste of time.”

Planning guide

State law requires cities to review, but not necessarily revise, their master plans every five years or so. “A master plan is a guide,” Howlett said. “It is not an ordinance. It is not a law. It does not create its own independent requirements. It’s not actionable as an independent document. You can’t run afoul of the law by not conforming with the master plan.” Yet, he said master plans have a single, cru-

cial element regarding zoning. “Generally speaking, courts give great deference to city councils on how they zone, control and exercise police power over property in the community if they’re doing that in accordance with the master plan,” Howlett said. “Our zoning ordinance reiterates the point that the master plan is to be used as a future guide and has no other enforcement effect. It’s meant to be a guide for 20 years of development, with the recognition that in 20 years a lot of things can change. And that’s why the master plan is not the end-all-be-all for that process.” Midway through the Park’s updating effort starting early 2018, the previous city council, all of whom that faced election last year were voted out of office, retained MKSK planning consultants in a \$50,000 contract to assist commissioners and put the written plan in final form. The completed document reached 131 pages compared with the 24-page one it replaced. “I’m sorry to say that a lot of what was brought to us was fairly boilerplate,” Wiener said. “With all due respect, there’s no way I’m allocating more money to have MKSK work on the master plan.” “Zero,” Councilman Tom Caulfield said. The contract is over, anyway. Rather than rejecting the plan and seeking a rewrite, Councilman Brian Brenner advocated putting it in place and

acting accordingly. Some of the plan’s action items can be addressed at will, such as a recommendation to blacktop a 12-foot strip down the middle of Windmill Pointe Drive medians for bicycle riding. “We have the ultimate say in all of these things,” Brenner said. “If we don’t want a pathway down Windmill Pointe, then we just don’t vote for it when it comes before us. This is an aspirational document. Nothing here’s written in stone. It’s a good thing to look into for the community going forward.” Councilman Marty McMillan disagreed with adopting anything on the hope of future, like-minded interpretation, considering the inevitable changeover, unpredictability and whims of elected bodies. “Once you have something in writing, it should be a goal,” McMillan said. “Some of the things in here I don’t agree with. So, the council changes and all of a sudden, it’s in writing.” He supported Councilwoman Christine Gallagher’s attempt to table the vote and provide more time for council analysis. “We want the product (to) be right,” McMillan said, “not just pass something and say, ‘Well, we don’t really have to do everything in here if we don’t want to.’ What kind of plan is that?”

Mismatches

Gallagher compiled enough criticism of the plan to fill nearly one page with single-space type. “The master plan update (states it) will provide strategies necessary to preserve the quality characteristics of our community,” she said, scanning her notes. “It will provide realistic strategic recommendations and action plans to achieve the vision of the city of Grosse Pointe

Park.” Yet multiple instances of citizen outreach that supposedly thrust major proposals into the update drew from combined responses totaling less than 10 percent of the Park’s 11,595 population, Gallagher said. “It is left to this board to decide whether to accept what has been written in this document that less than 10 percent of our community has engaged in,” Gallagher said. “One thousand people is a really high number for a master plan,” said Brad Strader, MKSK principal. “Ten percent, which you say is low, that’s very high. When people in the city are generally happy, they don’t show up.” The high-end average participation in a master plan survey is 8 percent, said Anne Marie Kerby, MKSK’s project manager on the Park account. Caulfield later said he knows firsthand that not all survey responses were unique. There were no one-person, one-vote safeguards in his experience. He said he took an online survey twice from the same computer just to see if he could get away with it. Nevertheless, working with the data available, Gallagher cited examples of survey responses she said didn’t correspond with master plan priorities: ◆ “In none of this (survey) do we see bike paths as a priority. Yet in this document, we see eight pages of recommendations for bike paths.” “A bike lane is very low cost,” Kerby said. “Infrastructure changes are very high cost. You can do all the bike lanes for probably a couple blocks of infrastructure.” “But it’s not a priority of our community,” Gallagher said. ◆ “They prioritized in that survey five things that were important: parks and rec at 51 percent, sidewalk maintenance at 45 percent; stormwater management, underground infrastructure and early

childcare at 38 percent. Yet, I don’t see this represented clearly as a function of those priorities.” ◆ “Our city attorney has mentioned that the most important part is zoning. Yet, this document has not been presented to the zoning committee for review, which I think would be a natural process for approval of something that could impact zoning. It is important we make sure this document is representative of what our community really would like to see.” Gallagher, who is the city’s liaison to the public school system regarding the future of the Trombly Elementary School property, also cited a discrepancy between the plan’s current zoning and future land use maps. The former lists Trombly as zoned for residential use, the latter as a business district. “We can update that and it will just be considered a correction,” Kerby said. **Crossed wires** Consultants serve those who pay them, and MKSK’s Strader mistakenly thought the state was partially funding the Park’s master planning process. He mentioned it when answering questions by some council members about why some of the plan’s goals don’t seem to mesh with community preferences. “Some things the public said they wanted are outside the purview of the master plan, so we tried to focus on priorities,” Strader said. “Infrastructure is resounding No. 1. The MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corp.) had criteria of what needs to be in the master plan. They were one of the funders. It was funded by the state and they have requirements of ...” “That’s not true,” Gallagher interrupted. “The key thing is infrastructure elements, but that’s in the capital improvements plan,”

Strader said. “One of the things the MEDC requires is a capital improvements plan. One of the reasons infrastructure was in there is for the capital improvements plan to get eligibility from MEDC funds in the future.” “Right now, our focus is on infrastructure, parks and amenities,” Caulfield said. “My priorities are going to be the sewer regardless of recommendations,” Wiener said. **So long nobody knows** Everyone seems to have different criteria for how long the planning commission worked on the update. The process included monthly public meetings, an interactive website, an open house presentation, two internet surveys and dividing commissioners into three subcommittees to parcel work into smaller bites. Commission minutes mention the review starting April 2018, more than four years ago. “We have been without a master plan for three years,” Wiener said. “At some point, it is encumbering our ability to function. It’s restricting our ability to get grant money, particularly with infrastructure.” “The master plan review has taken three years to complete,” Gallagher said. Councilman Vikas Relan, who motioned to adopt the plan, stuck up for Planning Chair Michele Lindsay, a member of the commission since 2019. “We all got the email today from Chairman — Chairperson — Lindsay explaining that some of the facts are inaccurate,” said Relan, referring to accounts of the review taking years. “We started it in 2020. We had a brand-new planning commission roll over. I think it’s been about a 17-month process.” “We’ve been at this for a very long time,” Hodges said.

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For more information, go to the GPSHS Class of 1982-40th Reunion Facebook page, or visit www.brewwith82.com or contact Karla Standish at 312-343-0046 or Lydia Barry Kelley at 312-403-0437 for more information and get purchase details.

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Fishing prowess makes local teen a 'reel' legend

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

As an avid fisherman, Alex Blyth is living proof that good things come to those who bait.

Blyth, a recent Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, has made fishing both a pastime and a passion. He catches impressive bass, perch, salmon, muskie and wall-eye so regularly, usually just off the Neff Park pier, one might think Lake St. Clair is artificially stocked.

If only fishing was as easy as this angler makes it look.

"I am just determined to go out there and get the reps in," Blyth said, who began fishing around age 5, but became more serious about it by the time he turned 10. "I am out there five days a week. ... You just gotta be patient."

Patience is what brought Blyth two extraordinary catches this spring: The first came in April in the form of a 20-inch coho salmon. "A very special fish," he said. He believes he was successful because he caught the salmon moving through Lake St. Clair's cold, early spring waters after the winter's ice melt.

His other best catch also came this spring with a 27.5-inch tiger muskie, caught off of Neff Park on May 30.

"They call it the fish of a thousand casts," he said of his rare catch. "I probably won't catch another (tiger muskie) again in my lifetime."

Despite his well-earned, local fish fame, Blyth remains low-key about his big gets.

"I fish so much, I just got super lucky. (Odds are) I should eventually get something good."

Blyth also has been schooling the competition in this year's Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Contest. In Week 1, he snagged first prize in the largest fish overall in his age group (13-19), with a 31.25-inch pike. He also caught the second-largest fish that week, a muskie that was 27.5 inches long.

He followed his streak



Even wearing a Detroit Lions hat did not change Alex Blyth's luck in catching a 36-inch, 11-pound northern pike on a chilly April evening at Neff Park.



COURTESY PHOTOS

This 27.5-inch tiger muskie found its way onto Alex Blyth's hook off the shores of Lake St. Clair May 30.

weather, the time of day and analyzes why the fish may not be biting and tries to find another solution."

According to Alex, the Blyth family including his mom, Jen, dad, Matt, and older sister, Abby, are big supporters of his piscatory passion and have gotten used to having him fish off of their boat deck when they take it out for leisurely Sunday cruises.

They also have made the game of golf a family affair and enjoy friendly competition with each other.

"There are not too many sports that an entire family can do together," his mom said. "We really enjoy family ski trips and time on the golf course."

When the kids were younger, the Blyths played annually in the Candy Cup, a nine-hole junior golf event at the Country Club of Detroit. Blyth and his father have won the event a few times and also have played in other parent-child tournaments together, including winning the Golf Association of Michigan's Parent-Child Tournament in 2016

and 2017.

Jen Blyth even caddied for Alex when he was younger, "until he was old enough to realize that I really wasn't all that great of a caddie," she joked.

"I love watching him play in tournaments and will miss that. He has amazing focus, a calm demeanor and good sportsmanship, even in the worst of rounds."

Blyth has managed to apply those essential skills as a golfer and parlayed them as a golf instructor, teaching young kids the game since 2018, through the TGA junior golf program.

"I love building connections with the kids," he said. "It's fun introducing them to this sport and offering them the life lessons you can learn."

"The kids are just fun to be around and we have a lot of laughs."

He also said the same focus he has while fishing helps him with his golf game, work ethic, school and teaching kids how to play golf.

"Fishing teaches me to never give up, to be deter-

Get hooked

Alex Blyth, a prolific amateur fisherman from the City of Grosse Pointe, offers some pointers to successfully snag a fish instead of a pile of seaweed:

Make sure your drag is set correctly. Found inside of a fishing reel, the drag is a pair of friction plates that help overcome tension when a fish pulls hard on the line. The reel rotates backward, letting the line out and preventing it from breaking.

Check your line strength. Blyth recommends using a 10- to 15-pound braid.

To keep your line down in the water, make sure the rod tip is always pointing down.

Make consistent adjustments to keep your line tight at all times. A loose line can affect the angle of your hook.

mined and push through tough times."

His mom said she sees that determination in her son, whom she described as "focused, bright and kind," adding he also is a pretty adept bowler.

"Sometimes we joke that he is 18 going on 80 since his hobbies are fishing, golf and bowling," she said. "He is actually really good — often breaking 200 — and most winter weekends you can find him at the lanes."

After enjoying his summer, Blyth is preparing for his next chapter — college life at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

Saying he "never really considered going anywhere other than in Michigan," Blyth said he is eager for the new experiences that await.

"I'm excited to learn more about the U.P. and the great outdoors," he said, adding that the opportunity to ice fish in Marquette will offer a fun challenge.

But in the short term, Blyth gets to enjoy the excitement of what is likely to be his next greatest catch. For any novice who might be interested in testing out the fishing waters, Blyth offered some simple encouragement.

"Find a fishing rod, buy a tube and don't give up," he said. "Go a few times a week and you should catch something."

Editor's note: The Grosse Pointe News Annual Inshore Fishing Contest runs until 9 p.m. Thursday, June 23. Head to grossepointenews.com or pages 8-11C for more information.



Alex Blyth is a three-time varsity letter winner on Grosse Pointe South's golf team, contributing to three MAC Red team championships and being named all-conference along the way.

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with a hotel development at 640 Temple Avenue, Detroit, and is owned in part by Temple Group Management, LLC, of which Sutherland is a manager.

"The trust is a guarantor of certain loans associated with 'Temple,'" the filing notes, "but does not have an equity interest or profits interest in Temple."

Along with Sutherland, additional defendants in the complaint are the Law Offices of David P. Sutherland, P.L.C.; Tuscola Energy, Inc., of which Sutherland is said to have served as chairman; BP Pizzas, LLC, of which Sutherland is said to be an authorized agent and member; DTS Pizza Napoli, LLC, of which Sutherland is said to be its

registered agent and a partner; and Palms Land Co., LLC, of which Sutherland is said to be its registered agent, manager and member.

Wakefield, Sutherland & Lubera, P.L.C. also is a defendant entity.

In total, the complaint alleges the loans, labeled as stealing, embezzlement and/or conversion of property belonging to the trust, "resulted in tens of millions of dollars of trust assets being used for the personal benefit of Sutherland and/or his affiliates."

"The trust did not have sufficient cash to make any of these various loans, so Sutherland caused the trust to borrow the funds he lent out," it also reads. "... The trust lent the funds to Sutherland and his entities at no or extremely low interest rates while paying sub-

stantially higher interest rates on the funds he caused it to borrow."

Sutherland was removed from his roles with the trust by the settlor in August 2020. Two months later, the trust demanded repayment of "the Sutherland loan," which was not disclosed until his removal, allegedly resulting in a single partial payment.

"My client denies any wrongdoing of any kind," said James Sullivan, attorney for Sutherland. He was unwilling to make any further statements due to the pending litigation.

The Valade family and its attorney, Mike Hindelang of Honigman Law Firm, respectfully declined to comment on any and all pending litigation, via a spokesperson representing the law firm.

City of Grosse Pointe

Excess checks

When a Grosse Pointe woman agreed to rent out her out-of-state home, she received a check for more than the agreed-upon rent payment. After returning the excess amount in May, she learned the original check was fraudulent.

Flower thief

A suspect in a gray van stole a potted plant from the 17000 block of Mack at 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 13.

Red light nap

When officers responded to a call that a driver was slumped over while stopped at the Jefferson and Cadieux traffic light at 2:50 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, they found the 32-year-old Sterling Heights man to be intoxicated, for which he was arrested.

Rummaging around

Although nothing appeared missing, the contents of a center console in an unlocked vehicle in the 700 block of Loraine were gone through and left on the passenger seat overnight Wednesday, June 15.

Game of Go-Stop

After being reported for repeatedly stopping his vehicle on Jefferson at 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 17, a 40-year-old Park man was pulled over and arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Lock car doors

Overnight Saturday, June 18, one unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of Neff and another in the 600 block of Rivard were entered and had various items stolen, including a wallet and vacuum.

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able to persuade Tim to leave Huntington Woods and come to Grosse Pointe Farms."

With a degree in finance from Oakland University, Rowland started his career interning in Birmingham where he worked his way up to finance assistant. During the last seven years, he served in Huntington Woods as deputy finance director, deputy treasurer and, most recently, as finance director.

"When I was going to school, I never thought I would be in government," Rowland said. "... I always thought I would be in financial advising or stock market type (work). But then my last semester of college, I was looking for an internship and I reached out to

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Identity theft

Although never having an account with GM Financial, a Grosse Pointe woman recently noticed a charge of \$251 from the company on her bank statement.

Construction break-in

An unknown suspect cut a lock and broke a window to a home under construction in the 800 block of Notre Dame at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 19. Nothing was taken.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Domestic violence

After a 56-year-old intoxicated Farms woman called officers to her residence in the 300 block of Merriweather twice Monday, June 13, neighbors called public safety when shouting and banging could be heard from the house at 10:30 p.m. that night.

The woman was angry with her spouse and allegedly shoved him in the chest with two hands, for which she was arrested. Despite several commands, she resisted arrest and had to be forcibly placed in a scout car.

Alcohol theft

A woman stole two cans of alcohol, worth less than \$10, from a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 4:05 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, before leaving on foot.

She is described as a possibly homeless 40-something white

woman with blond hair wearing a light-colored hoodie and blue jeans.

Failing to yield

A 28-year-old Harper Woods man was cited for failing to yield and causing an accident, not having insurance and preliminary breath test refusal, after he struck a vehicle that had the right-of-way at Kercheval and Vendome at 4:57 p.m. Thursday, June 16. The man told officers he looked both ways, but the sun was in his eyes.

Drunken awareness

When asked if he knew why he was pulled over at 12:16 a.m. Saturday, June 18, a 54-year-old Park man admitted to swerving his vehicle on Lakeshore.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.18 percent, for which he was arrested.

Calling attention

Officers were alerted to an intoxicated driver at 6:14 p.m. Sunday, June 19, after he sped past on Moross at 47 mph and the exhaust of the vehicle made a loud backfire.

The 45-year-old Farms man said he was leaving a local car show. A preliminary breath test showed he had a blood alcohol content of 0.19 percent and he was arrested.

Third in a row

Despite saying he had not consumed any alcohol that night, a 37-year-old Detroit man showed 0.16 percent blood alcohol content after being pulled over for swerving on Lakeshore at 1:10 a.m. Monday, June 20.

the position.

The differences in size of the two cities are a strength Rowland brings to the Farms. As the Huntington Woods finance department only consists of two people, he has experience working in every area and wearing many hats.

"It's a smaller scale, but you're involved in everything and now here it's a little bigger of a scale, but I bring that experience of having touched a lot of different areas," he said.

The Farms has earned the Government Finance Officers Association award for its annual audit the last 28 years and for its popular financial reporting the last 10 years. However, city administration has never applied to receive a GFOA award for its budget, a goal Rowland hopes to achieve once he gets acclimated.

With several traffic warrants out for the man, he was arrested for operating while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Hit and run

Park officers caught a hit-and-run driving suspect on behalf of Detroit counterparts shortly before 9 p.m. Sunday, June 12.

The wreck happened in the 700 block of Alter.

Park officers found the suspect, a 41-year-old Park woman, in the 900 block of Beaconsfield.

Larceny from auto

Three parked vehicles were entered last week during nighttime hours. All vehicles were unlocked.

Between 8 p.m. Friday, June 17, and 11 a.m. the next morning, miscellaneous coinage and tools were stolen from two vehicles parked in the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Cadieux.

Two nights later, during a roughly 24-hour period starting 9 p.m. Sunday, June 19, money, a checkbook and an iPad were taken from a vehicle parked in the 1100 block of Harvard.

Fireworks

The Park's July 4th fireworks policy isn't unique.

"It's by state law," said Bryan Jarrell, public safety director.

The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act

states municipalities must allow fireworks between June 29 and July 4.

"If somebody's outside of those, citizens have a perfect right to call and we'll go out and take a look," Jarrell said. "Under no circumstances can they fire them off on public property. They can't be in the middle of the street shooting them off."

"Neighborhoods would be great," Mayor Michele Hodges said.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Fleeing with flowers

A St. Clair Shores woman filed a report around 3:45 p.m. Monday, June 13, about flowers being stolen from the front yard of her deceased parents' home on Moorland.

Security camera footage she gave the officer showed two women pull into the driveway in a burgundy GMC Crossover and begin digging up flowers around 3 p.m. that day. There are "private property/no trespassing" signs posted.

A neighbor confronted the women, but they got back in the vehicle and left. The suspects are described as white females with blonde hair, one between 40 and 50 years old wearing a green shirt and black shorts, the other 10 to 18 years old wearing a blue shirt and black leggings.

— Ted O'Neil

Report information about this and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department,

(313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Fist full of dollars

A woman reported around 3:45 p.m. Thursday, June 16, that she used a self-checkout machine at Kroger, 20422 Mack, and received \$60 in change. The woman realized she forgot to take the money after she put her groceries in her car, but when she returned to the machine it was gone.

Prank call

A resident in the 2100 block of Hollywood told officers around 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 17, someone opened a Verizon account in his name and he received a bill for \$154.30. A payment plan for the 5G line totaled \$1,069.25. He was advised by Verizon to file the police report.

Stolen vehicle

A 2019 Jeep was stolen from a driveway in the 20000 block of Ghesquiere Court sometime between 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 17, and 6 a.m. Saturday, June 18. The owner told officers he is up to date on payments and no one else has access to the vehicle.

Dumpster fire

Public safety officers responded to a dumpster fire around 11:15 p.m. Sunday, June 19, behind Jersey Mike's, 19419 Mack. They put it out with fire extinguishers and the dumpster sustained minor paint damage. The cause is unknown.

— Ted O'Neil

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After 6 on Kercheval this Saturday

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Something for everybody is promised to the first After 6 on Kercheval street fair of summer, 6 to 10 p.m. this Saturday night in

the lower Kercheval business district.

"They get better and better every year," said Joe Hebecka, president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association.

Anyone can attend.

After 6 on Kercheval is the Grosse Pointe Park

recreation department's family-oriented street party which complements the date-night tone of city-organized street parties on Charlevoix.

"It's at a point where people are waiting in

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OUR VIEW

(We hope) you're hired!

Despite a hard-fought, heartbreaking 1-0 loss in the state championship final against powerhouse Orchard Lake St. Mary's last Saturday, Grosse Pointe North's varsity baseball team represented the Pointes in impressive fashion. The team showed bigtime skills, grit and no give-up against the Eaglets, a program that closed this season with a 44-0 final record, captured its third straight state title, and is led by Major League pitching prospect and Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Brock Porter.

The Norsemen's never-say-die attitude started at the top with interim head coach Kevin Shubnell. Throughout North's incredible season, one very important thing became clear — Coach Shubnell, who was just named the Division 1 Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, should be offered the job on a permanent basis.

From our view, this guy fits North's program like a glove.

Coach Shubnell took over the program in mid-February, giving him little time to assemble a staff, familiarize himself with players and prepare for tryouts in early March. But Coach Shubnell, who also is an offensive coordinator for North football, fully embraced his role as interim head coach and owned it from his first minute on the job.

He also fits the Pointe's quintessential head coaching profile: He played baseball as a youngster in Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League; he won a state championship his senior year at De La Salle Collegiate High School; he has experience as an assistant coach in both baseball and football; and, perhaps most importantly, he understands teenage kids, thanks to his job as a social studies teacher at North.

Coach Shubnell's rookie season here has been nothing short of a storybook. His team won the MAC White outright. They beat arch rival Grosse Pointe South three out of four meetings this year, including a 9-2 knock-out punch in a pre-district game that eliminated the Blue Devils from the state playoffs.

From there, the Norsemen kept on rolling, playing to the last possible day of the season and reaching the final game of the state playoffs.

But beyond the on-the-field success, Coach Shubnell's presence as head coach has provided a much-needed calm for this program after the unnecessary three-year debacle under the reign of former head coach David Martin.

Though Mr. Martin won a regional title in 2021, his legacy leaves much to be desired, as both his hiring and de facto firing held enough drama to make O.J.'s Bronco chase look tame. Mr. Martin sheepishly resigned last January after he was busted for running an unlicensed nightclub in downtown Birmingham, to which he has pleaded no contest in 48th District Court.

Shortly after South's one victory over North this year, a 6-4 win, the Blue Devils' head coach, Dan Griesbaum Sr., made sure to give credit to Coach Shubnell for the job he has done in his rookie season.

"It's been terrific to see," Griesbaum told the Grosse Pointe News on May 26. "The camaraderie between

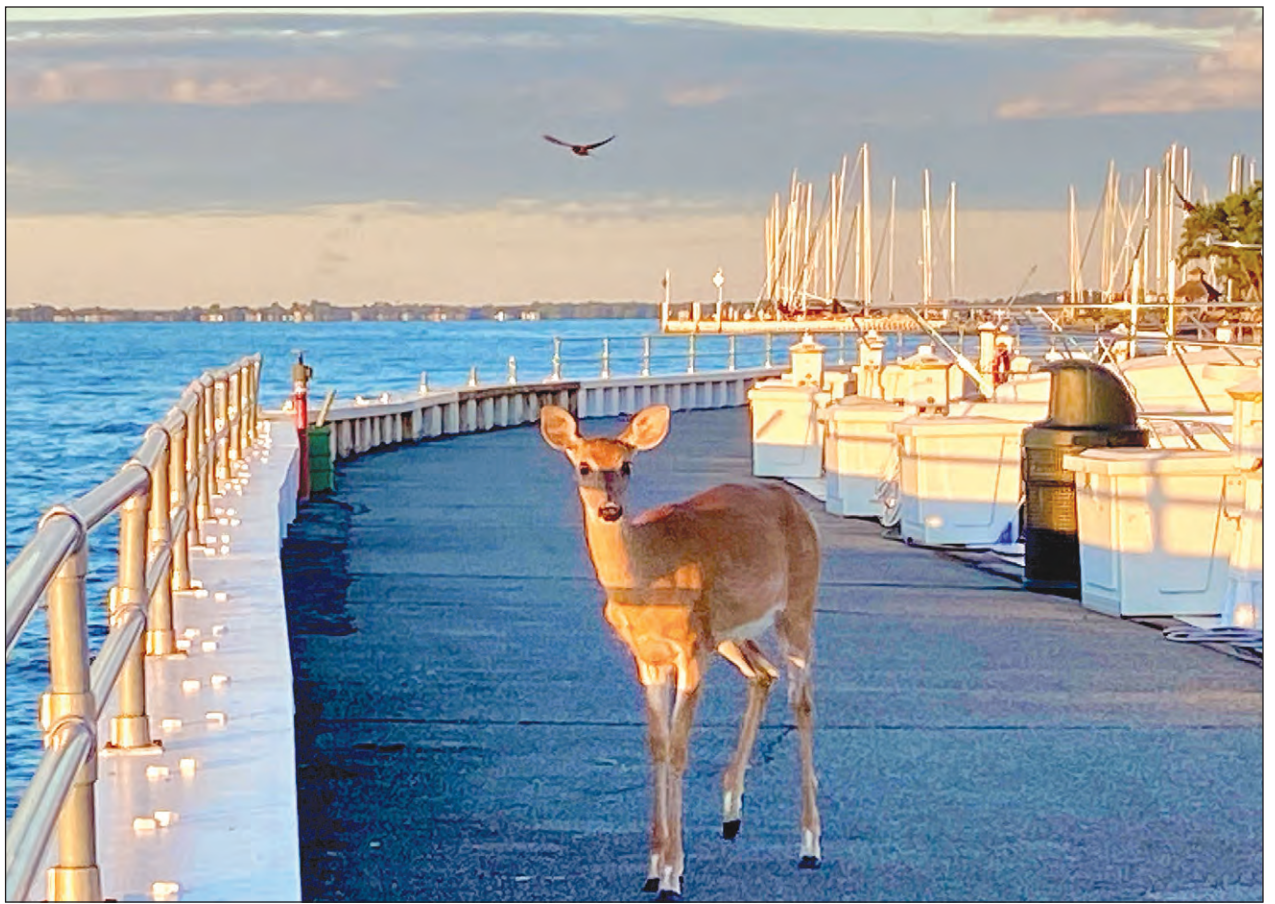


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Pure Grosse Pointe

Oh, deer! Weekend visitors to Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park spotted this young guest on the Farms pier Saturday, June 18. No word on whether or not a park pass was used for admission.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Love, acceptance emerges from Pride

I stopped by the GP Pride event in The Village this past Saturday. I also attended the Pride parade last year. But this year's event seemed to be much more festive — maybe thanks to the music or maybe because the street was shut down. Whatever it was, I found it to be very engaging.

When I got there, the pure fun and festivity for those attending was in full effect. Almost everyone had colorful attire on, rainbows splashed everywhere. Since I had on my usual navy polo shirt and khaki shorts, I stuck out somewhat. One of the event organizers came up and offered me beads to wear, which I gladly did, and it was fun. There was dancing, singing and lots of teens and parents celebrating each other.

After being there, I thought, "Good for the community overall." It also struck me how important it is to have parents drive what their kids experience and engage in more open discussions than in my generation.

This group would never have been around and flour-

ish the way it does now when I was in Grosse Pointe schools. I don't believe one kid was "out" in all my years at South, at least beyond anyone's own friends. No way would something like that be so public. We had rainbows, but those were usually reserved for the tie-dyed shirts that fans of Phish and the Dead wore.

I walked away thinking that things have no doubt changed for the better, with people just accepting each other. And what I thought to be most important: parents being so demonstrably accepting of their gay children.

When I left and went home that night, I thought of my fraternity brother, Fred. I was in a fraternity at NYU that was about as diverse as you could get. Asian, black, white, Jewish, Indian, southerners, Texans, Irish kids from Queens,

Italians from North Jersey, business students, actors, future film directors and one openly gay brother.

When he came out to the world, it wasn't easy for him, but we embraced him immediately. He stated to

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North and South is back to where it used to be and where it should be."

It is worth noting that not only is Coach Griesbaum a hall-of-fame-coach, but also just completed his 39th season as the Blue Devils' skipper.

In other words, when Coach Griesbaum talks, we all should listen.

With important lessons hopefully learned from the Martin era, the future is now for Grosse Pointe North

baseball. It has the opportunity to get back on track to meet and exceed the successes of its legendary, hall-of-fame coach Frank Sumbra, finally finding a worthy successor in Coach Shubnell, a professional, classy, knowledgeable "baseball guy" and now, a state finalist and D1 Coach of the Year.

It's time for North Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Michelle Davis to make this great interim hire official. This winner has won us all over.

LETTERS

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Fantastic

To the Editor:

Congratulations and thank you to all the Eyes On Design volunteers for the wonderful, never-seen-before display of race cars this last Sunday at Ford House. Probably the greatest historic automobile racing collection ever shown in North America. Special thanks should also be given to two car designers — Glen Dermisavich, who conceived the 2022 show theme, and Glen Abbot, who accepted the challenge of convincing million-dollar car owners and museums to

bring their cars here on a wonderful Father's Day. They took on a very difficult task and succeeded admirably.

Comprised of million-dollar museum race cars from all over the country racing side by side with personal race cars right here from the Detroit area on a bright sunny Sunday, the show, all in all, was very special and again was supported by the automobile designers here in Detroit and across the United States. The show demonstrated the dedication and flexibility of the EOD show management to totally adjust the

show criteria to achieve a very special display result, all to be seen by all of us right here in Grosse Pointe Shores at the Ford House.

DICK RUZZIN
Grosse Pointe Park

Many thanks

To the Editor:

We were fortunate to serve as the co-chairs for the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education's 2022 Grow Tomorrow's Garden Spring Benefit, held June 2 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. It was a wonderful night. We had a terrific crowd of close to 200 friends and supporters, a lively auction and the best part was we raised more than \$176,000 for our Grosse Pointe Public School System. This money will go directly back into classrooms throughout the district, at every school and in every grade, through grants that support extraordinary learning opportunities as well as Social Emotional Encouragement and Development grants,

which target the emotional and mental health of our students and teachers.

We want to thank everyone who made this night so successful. First, our honorary chairs, Laura and Peter Huebner, who have been supporters of the GPFPE from the beginning, as well as so many other great Grosse Pointe organizations. The Huebners hosted the first cocktail party in support of the GPFPE 15 years ago and Laura served on our board for nine years. We are grateful to the Huebners and their honorary host committee, which included Cindy and Jeff Broderick, Mary Ann and Bob Bury, Elizabeth and Brian Connors, Heather and Stan Dickson, Grace and Christian Fenton, Pamela and Bill Flom, Christina and Scott Garberding, Paige and Chris George, Cindy and Jeff Littman, Pam and Bob Montgomery, Beth and Joe Moran, Mary Beth and Jim Nicholson, Kiana and Bob Rose, Cat

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Spelunking in Ohio

small. They grow less than one inch per century.

At least they're a natural element of Seneca's subterranean world. Not like a patch of moss growing directly under one of many spotlights illuminating the damp, cool, often low-ceilinged caverns. Spaces designated "Fossil Room," "Earthquake Attic" and the like are linked by narrow, steep and frequently contorted connecting paths with snappy names like "Needle's Eye" and "Corkscrew." "Devil's Leap" is straight down and off limits.

Tourists twice negotiate every tight squeeze, steep step, awkward angle and near bump on the head: on the 95-foot descent to the Old Mist'ry River — always 48.9 degrees Fahrenheit — and back up.

"None of this moss is native to the cave," said the guide, a moonlighting

actress. "It was brought in by people as spores on their clothes. Some of the moss is only native to lava tubes in Hawaii. Back sometime, somebody had been exploring Hawaiian volcanoes and decided to come to the middle of Ohio in the same clothes and deposit some moss."

A fossilized armored fish from the Devonian era is the ultimate native, if squatter's rights count. "The fossil lived about 385 million years ago," according to the caverns' website, senecacaverns.ohio.com.

A paleontologist identified it tentatively as macropetalichthys sullivani.

Cave temperature is a constant 54 degrees. A light jacket won't hurt. It will get wet.

Sixty feet below the surface in Inscription Hall — so named because of graffiti dating from the cave's discovery by two boys gone rabbit hunting in the late 1800s — a bag

of cement being used during the 1930s to fashion stair steps was left unattended overnight. It solidified in the moist environment to become left in place as pillow rock. It rests on a slab of stone designated bedrock.

"Seneca Caverns were formed along a major fracture," according to "Geology of Seneca Caverns," in the September 1990 issue of The Ohio Journal of Science, written by three geology professors from the University of Toledo.

"Seven of the 12 known levels or rooms were surveyed and mapped. Fluctuations in the level of the cavern stream, Old Mist'ry River, commonly found in the seventh level approximately 100 feet below the surface, appear to be the direct result of precipitation and soil moisture content. Lag times range from five hours to five days, 15



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

This broken and tortured section of pathway in Seneca Caverns reveals the system to be a fracture cave and an often but manageable tight squeeze during one-hour guided tours.

hours and 10 minutes." couple inches per hour," Water from the underground river has filled the whole cave a few times. "It usually only rises a

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a whole room who and what he was, and the fraternity brothers just said, "Yeah, we know."

It wasn't terribly easy for him still, but Fred fought for his place in the fraternity and he fought for us to see him as just another brother. And we did see him, because there was one fact in his life — which was we were his one and only family and he loved us more than anything in the world.

And we loved him. All of us figuring out the world together in the middle of that amazing city.

I would stay up late at night talking to Fred while having drinks, after I could get him to stop singing show tunes. We would talk about our lives, the future and the past. I learned how Fred had one of the hardest lives growing up as I have ever heard, hard and sad. It made sense to me why we were everything to him.

I appreciated those years I knew him and I hope I made the same impressions on him.

I lost touch with him the same way many people do after college, seeing people only briefly at reunions. I was heads-down starting my career and family and he was writing plays, producing them and directing. I would follow his career and was happy for him. He was very successful off-Broadway and in film.

Fred took his life six years ago. I re-read his suicide note last night and it was as heart-wrenching as when I first read it. Like he always did, he put it all out there and made it clear how he felt about the world and how angry and sad he was. But at the end he called out his one and only family, the one place he was happy — his time in the fraternity with us. We loved and accepted him unapologetically, and he did the same.

I wish Fred had a childhood where there were more kids he knew who were out and had a family that accepted him. I am happy to see a world that is more willing to accept the children of my friends and family, should they be gay.

That is what I saw this weekend. Everyone needs support because life is hard enough, with hard-knocks coming throughout, whether its health issues or financial strain or deaths in the family. No one is immune to the human experience. Having people who pick you up and walk beside you is what life is about.

In my opinion, there is nothing more valuable than having parents who love and support their children, and accept them for exactly who they are. Just hoping they are happy. I know that is the most important thing to have and I very clearly and emphatically saw that last Saturday.

Fred's last ask, in his words, was to donate to the Trevor Project, a suicide-prevention agency focused on LGBT youth.

For more information, go to thetrevorproject.org/

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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OPENING NEW FACILITIES AT BON SECOURS HOSPITAL: Bon Secours Hospital has opened a new emergency entrance on Cadieux at the corner of Maumee. Under construction since January, the entrance provides a more direct access to the hospital's emergency services, which could save valuable minutes for emergency patients.

Read more of Yesterday's Headlines online at [grossepointe news.com](http://grossepointe-news.com)

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and Rick Ruffner, Christie Scoggin, Kristen and Bruce Vande Vusse, and Lisa and Marc Vreede.

We also need to thank our Presenting Sponsor, Ascension St. John's Children's Hospital. Both of our organizations have a vested interest in the well-being of our community's young people and we appreciate their support of our mission.

Along with our presenting sponsor, we had a full roster of corporate sponsors and community leaders who stepped up to support our event, including:

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We'd also like to thank our hardworking 2022 benefit committee, who put in a great deal of time and effort to make this event a success, as well as the GPFPE board and staff, without whom this would not have been possible.

Finally, we are grateful to everyone who attended the event, bid on an auction item, raised their paddle or sent in a donation.

The energy and enthusiasm of the evening continues to inspire us.

Our theme this year was "Grow Tomorrow's Garden," because as the saying goes, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." At the GPFPE, we believe strongly there are many great tomorrows in store for GPPSS students, their families, our teachers and the district as a whole. And we saw that belief reflected back at us through the success of our spring benefit. It was heartwarming to gather with friends and supporters who believe, as we do, that strong school systems

equal strong communities and we are grateful for the community's support as we continue to plant the seeds for a successful and thriving public school system for years to come.

PAMELA FLOM, KIANA

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Witnesses nip budding fire

Shores preps for Independence Day

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Two women are credited with notifying authorities to a neighbor's attic fire, prompting an earlier-than-otherwise response and saving the temporarily unoccupied house from major damage or destruction.

The public safety director confirmed an account by one of the women's friends, who tipped the Grosse Pointe News shortly after the fire at roughly 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, in the 700 block of Lakepointe.

"We were able to get over there pretty quickly, knock it down and prevent further damage," Park Chief Bryan Jarrell said. "It's not a total loss like the one on Beaconsfield."

He referred to a three-alarm house fire June 4, in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield, in which a

6-year-old boy spotted smoke from the attic billowing down a stairway, granting time for all six members of the family to escape unharmed.

"(The women) noticed some white smoke coming from a neighbor's roof, who were not home, (and) called 911," wrote the tipster in an email. "Public safety broke into the house and said it was in incipient stage and was just minutes away from likely losing the house. The culprit was an attic exhaust fan."

"The motor caught fire and charred some rafters," Jarrell said. "The neighbor was quick to call us. We were able to get in and save the house."

The women either didn't respond to interview requests or were unavailable.

— Brad Lindberg

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Family fun and more is on the menu for the annual Fourth of July celebration.

The pool will be open noon to 7 p.m. Bounce houses and kids games begin at noon, with musical entertainment starting at 3 p.m. Returning this year are the Teen Angels, a cover band that specializes in 1950s and 1960s rock and doo wop. Also performing will be Jerry Sprague and The Spragues Band, which includes Jerry and three of his grandsons on guitar,

bass and drums, performing covers and original, acoustic soft rock.

The concession stand will be open and food trucks will be on site.

The city also is looking for students ages 8 to 18 to read portions of the Declaration of Independence on stage. Call (313) 881-6565 to sign up.

The day concludes with a fireworks show put on by neighboring Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The show starts at 10 p.m. and will last about 30 minutes. More than 2,000

people attended last year's event, according to City Manager Steve Poloni.

Admittance to the park for the day, as always, is open to Shores residents only.

For those enjoying the holiday at home, state law allows the use of legal fireworks from June 29 through July 4, until 11:45 p.m. Looking toward the end of summer, private fireworks also can be used until 11:45 p.m. the Saturday and Sunday before Labor Day.

— Ted O'Neil



Sworn in

Grosse Pointe Park Director of Public Safety Bryan Jarrell swears in recent police academy graduate Kory Farmer as a new public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Park.

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anticipation of these events because they're such a great time to meet and greet neighbors and kids of all ages," Hebeke said.

"We are going to have the Your Generation band, a 200-foot zip line between Nottingham and Beaconsfield and, for younger kids who may not be able to do the zip line, the Dixie Twister, a

kind of a carnival ride with swings," said Chad Craig, Grosse Pointe Park director of parks and recreation.

Your Generation band plays a bit of everything.

"Anything from top 40, from the '80s and '90s," Craig said. "You name it, they can do it. They're about eight of them, upbeat and lively with pizzazz and style. They get all fancied up. They bring a lot of hype to their music, so this will be one night to expect a lot of

people dancing and enjoying music."

There's always a dunk tank for fundraising.

"This year it's for the Defer Brownie Troop 77277," Craig said.

He anticipates a lot of giggling when members of the troop, their leaders and parents perch above the tank and dare to be dunked for a good cause.

Also returning is the street market.

"It's a wide variety of vendors selling goods, anywhere from bath

bombs to candles, T-shirts and arts and crafts," Craig said. "What I really like about this is there's something for everybody."

"That's another great advantage for business owners," Hebeke said. "It gives them a chance to get exposure from people after normal business hours who may not have known you were here or seen your business before."

In addition to neighborhood restaurants, scheduled food trucks are Little

Lou's Hot Chicken, People's Pierogi Collective, The Little Donut Factory and Simply Spanish.

The five main sponsors of After 6 On Kercheval, held three times per summer, are Red Crown Quality Eats, The Bricks Pizzeria, Correander's Bookshoppe, Boulangerie Le Rouge bakery and Brine New Orleans-style oyster bar opening later this year at the corner of Maryland.

Also sponsoring are

Pointe Alarm, Harvey Animal Hospital and Donald K. Pierce & Company.

Additional After 6 on Kercheval events take place July 23 and Aug. 27.

Charlevoix Street Fairs are 7 p.m. Saturdays, July 9 and Sept. 17.

The first Charlevoix fair of the year was two weeks ago.

"It went really well," Craig said. "It may have been the biggest one if not close to the biggest turnout we've ever had."

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open this summer on Mack in the same section of town.

No one was injured in the two-story house fire, a total loss from which six members of an extended family fled with nothing but what they wore.

Yet, water pressure to extinguish the fire got off to a low start.

Fire officials explained that in the generations since the area's six-inch-diameter cast-iron water mains were laid, firefighting has evolved with larger hoses and powerful pumper trucks that suck water from hydrants at such a clip that officers are warned not to overdo it.

"One hundred years ago, when they first put those water lines in, they didn't anticipate the type of demand we require nowadays," said Bryan Jarrell, Grosse Pointe Park's public safety director. "One of the problems is, if you keep trying to draw water out of a hydrant that's not delivering the pressure, you can cavitate, or collapse, the water main. Now, you have a real problem."

Five blocks away at the DPW construction site, it's more of the same, only theoretically.

Public works

"It was the determination of our fire inspector that there was not sufficient pressure to run a fire suppression system

for the whole building and we'd have to tap into a different water main on Mack," Jarrell said. "Water supply systems in the early 1900s were never designed to support fire suppression systems in every building."

"The water supply must be capable of meeting the most hydraulically demanding area of the system," according to the National Fire Protection Association's Automatic Sprinkler Systems Handbook.

"As in any community, standards are upgraded for how much water pressure is needed for a building's fire suppression system," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "When they were to tap into the city's water system for fire suppression,

the concern was the pressure per square inch may not be high enough to operate a fully functional fire suppression system."

The construction contract is undergoing a change order to draw water from a nearby Detroit water main. The Park already buys water from Detroit.

"Change orders are common," Sizeland said. "We'll now have a fully operational fire suppression system, whereas if we tried to use our own system, there was a risk."

The option is expected to cost about \$100,000, he said, and will be discussed at a meeting to be scheduled of the Tax Increment Finance Authority board, which is overseeing the \$4 million headquarters, garage, repair shops, administrative offices and storage project.

"This is, again, why when we talk about infrastructure — with what happened last week with public safety and now fire suppression — the need for upgrading and looping our mains is crucial," Sizeland said.

"Next to flooding, water mains are the city's primary infrastructure focus," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. "It's going to take a concerted effort — a comprehensive, long-term infrastructure capital improvement plan. We're talking about tens of millions of dollars for a complete overhaul of water mains. We've been pursuing financing options and expect at coming council meetings to have a proposal for financing that overhaul."

Beaconsfield

The single, six-inch main on Beaconsfield wasn't big enough to supply multiple hydrants from which firefighters from the Park, Grosse Pointe Farms and City tried to draw water through five-inch hoses, which are linked to pumper trucks for even higher-pressure distribution through multiple smaller, hand-held lines.

"Grosse Pointe Farms had to reroute to the next street over and also stretch a line to Kercheval to get the pressure we needed," Jarrell said during the June 13 Park council meeting. "Once officers rerouted hose to different hydrants, they got the water and flow they needed to run the pumps. The delay was estimated at about three minutes. Three minutes wasn't going to make any difference because that fire had been burning for a really long time in that attic."

He displayed a roughly one-foot section of new, modern, plastic pipe.

"It would be one thing if we had a clean six-inch line like this," he said. "The problem is with a 100-year-old infrastructure, it looks more like this."

He switched to a section of old, rusty, cast-iron pipe of the type that has soldiered on for generations throughout the community.

On Beaconsfield and elsewhere, the water-carrying capacity of the already taxed six-inch water main was reduced by buildup on the interior of rust-looking min-

eral deposits.

"It's called tuberculation," said Patrick Droze, a principal at OHM Advisors, the city's engineering constant. "It's mineral deposits over time in cast iron (pipes)."

"Tuberculation is a bacterial-based oxygen-driven form of corrosion that results in iron oxide precipitation," according to an explanation on the website of the McWane Ductile company, manufacturer of water infrastructure products dating to 1921. "In other words, the deposition of ferrous oxide (tubercles) from the water, as opposed to material being 'taken away,' which is how corrosion is normally perceived and resulted."

"There are processes communities can use to kind of flush that out but, ultimately, a six-inch is still a six-inch," Droze said.

"You took a six-inch and probably made it a four-inch," said Jarrell, eyeing the buildup and reduced volume of the old pipe he displayed. "Coming into the 21st century, talking with the water department, they're recommending an eight-inch water main."

"There was no deficiency in the performance of the staff or equipment," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "Every concern is related to the massive costs of upgrading 100-year-old infrastructure."

"It performed as it is expected to, being 100 years old, partly occluded and tapping into with a five-inch line," Jarrell said.

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Board to vote on policy changes

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

For the first time in 20 years, through a months-long process involving district administrators, the board policy committee and Clark Hill law firm, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has updated its policy manual and administrative guidelines. A first read discussion of both texts was done at the June 13 school board meeting. The board will vote on the implementation of the policy manual at its June 27 meeting.

While both the policy manual and administrative guidelines were included in the board members' meeting packets for their review, the board votes on the policy manual for the district, while the administration authorizes its own guidelines.

GPPSS Superintendent Jon Dean said, overall, the process was more about altering the style of existing policy, rather than changing its meaning.

"The goal of this work was to create a set of policies that's consistent and easy to read, reduce the number of pages of policies by

removing duplicative and unnecessary policies and trying to keep policy short when possible," Dean said.

The process of this policy review marked a shift from how the district has approached many policy considerations in recent years. Board member David Brumbaugh cited the cost savings that likely would come from reviewing policy without the help of Neola, a long-time district policy provider.

"One of the things that kind of initiated (the process of updating policies) was the understanding that using a policy provider like Neola meant that they had a financial incentive to create policy documents for us to adopt in order to justify their existence," Brumbaugh said. "We had to pay Neola for the policies and then we had to pay the district's (legal) counsel to review the policies. So we were having to deal with a whole bunch of larger-than-necessary policy changes that we then had to pay twice for. By pivoting to Clark Hill, we're achieving some savings through cost reductions."

If the policy manual is approved by the board June 27, more work

will be done to make it more accessible and searchable to those in the community who are not familiar with it. Dean said the district's communications team will spearhead that effort, assuming the manual is approved.

Board Secretary Lisa Papas said while she was glad to be reviewing policies, she also was concerned the district's next fiscal year budget and policy manual were being considered at the same meeting, because of the amount of consideration each topic needs. She suggested the policy manual be voted on later, when there would be more time to discuss it as a whole board.

Board Vice President and policy committee chairwoman Margaret Weertz, in response to Papas' suggestion, said she was not concerned about its vote at the June 27 meeting, because of how easily she said policies can be changed in the future.

"This is a living document, (and) we are going to meet every month as the policy committee always does," Weertz said. "New laws come in and we have to adapt new policies, but we always bring them before the board."

Third candidate launches school board campaign

Virginia Jeup of the City of Grosse Pointe now is one of the three candidates — along with Terrance Collins and Valarie St. John of Grosse Pointe Park — who announced they are running for Grosse Pointe Public School System school board seats this year.

With the election deadline of July 26 approaching, anyone interested in being placed on the ballot must file an Affidavit of Identity and either a \$100 fee with the GPPSS school district filing official before the deadline.

The Affidavit of Identity, when submitted, must be signed and sworn by a notary and must contain the candidate's name and address; the title and term of office the candidate is seeking; the candidate's ward and precinct where they are registered as a voter; a statement that a candidate is a citizen of the United States; the number of years the candidate has resided in the state and county; the manner in which the candidate wishes to have

their name appear on the ballot; a statement that the candidate either is or isn't using a name they were given at birth; a statement confirming all fees and fines have been paid; and a statement that the candidate acknowledges the legal consequences of making a false statement in an affidavit.

If a candidate chooses to fill out nominating petitions in lieu of paying the \$100 fee, they will need signatures from a minimum of 40 electors of the school district and a maximum of 100.

Those eligible for a board of education seat include anyone who is 18 years of age or older; a citizen of the United States; a resident of Michigan at least 30 days; and a resident of the school district on or before 30 days prior to the election.

The Michigan Association of School Boards offers detailed guides for those interested in running for a school board seat. Visit masb.org/getonboardmi for more information.

— Michael Hartt

Gun safety resolution announcement

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Following the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, Superintendent Jon Dean submitted a resolution to the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education that expresses support for gun safety and safe gun storage.

The resolution, which was presented to the board June 13 and will be voted on at its June 27 meeting, was created after Dean spoke to GPPSS parent Lawrence DeLuca, who said he felt the need to respond to alarming statistics he found regarding mass shootings.

DeLuca addressed the resolution at the June 13 meeting, expressing his full support for it.

"I've been devastated

by the increase of gun violence in our country, particularly as it affects our children in our schools," DeLuca said. "While I truly hope our legislators can make steps to prevent gun violence, I'm very pleased to see the firearm safety resolution on the agenda tonight. We may not have the power to make change at the state or federal level, but we do have the power to make changes in our own community here in Grosse Pointe."

The statistics DeLuca discussed were included in the resolution to the board. They touch on the prevalence of the misuse of guns in suicides, school shootings and general mass shootings. It further states that, in Michigan, gun violence is the second leading cause of death among children

and teens.

If the resolution passes, the board will direct the district staff to disseminate material on an annual basis stressing the importance of the secure storage of firearms; include a notification encouraging the safe storage of guns in the online registration packet, requiring parent or guardian acknowledgement of receipt; and direct Dean to communicate the importance of firearm safety to the district during Gun Violence Awareness Month and other appropriate times.

The resolution further acknowledges the district will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, medical and mental health agencies and nonprofit organizations to collaborate and increase efforts to inform district parents of their

obligations regarding gun violence prevention safety measures.

Dean discussed the district's partnership with local law enforcement agencies in more detail, saying he would be glad to partner with them to take a more active role in promoting gun safety in the community.

"Sometimes local police departments will (pass) out gun locks or information (on gun safety) — similar to the police (playing) a role in bike safety, an active sort of engaged role," he said. "We'd be looking to do any of those sorts of things with our six municipalities and getting that information out. So I'll (communicate with) all six of our chiefs to make sure that they know we're interested in passing that information along to our families."

Liggett Knight raises more than half million

University Liggett School's annual auction, Liggett Knight, raised more than a half million dollars to support academic initiatives, building improvements, athletic equipment and more.

The April 22 event at the Detroit Athletic Club included live, silent and fishbowl auctions, as well as a special paddle call for the school's outdoor expansion initiative.

The paddle raising alone raised nearly \$157,000 for the development and improvement of outdoor facilities and equipment, including a new pavilion for educational and event use, and upgraded play equipment.

Additionally, the event's live and silent auctions brought in a total of \$150,000 and Liggett Knight sponsorships brought in a record-setting \$136,500. Faculty and staff items and experiences raised in excess of \$29,000.

"We would like to express our thanks to



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Liggett Knight co-chairs Carla Haladjian and Dr. Raz Haladjian.

our Liggett Knight co-chairs, Dr. Raz and Carla Haladjian, and to all of our Liggett Knight volunteers whose leadership and hard work made possible yet another successful night of fundraising," said Cressie Boggs, director of development and alumni relations.

"We are also grateful for our generous donors, donors and sponsors, whose generosity made Liggett Knight 2022 an exceptionally rewarding event."

Since its inception in 2011, Liggett Knight has raised more than \$4 million for school initiatives.



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Fine tune

The last five years, Pat Brown and Matt Eszes, who make up the duo Uncle Brown and ME, have performed on the patio at Atwater in the Park the last day of school. This year's show took place June 17. Brown and Eszes are both fifth-grade teachers, Brown at Brownell and Eszes at Pierce. Pictured from left are Brown on guitar, Eszes on guitar and harmonica and guest percussionist Mike Cowan. The crowd included other teachers from GPPSS, as well as district families.

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GPT closes season with ‘Sound of Music’ Collections for refugees accepted at eight shows

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The details

What: Grosse Pointe Theatre’s production of “The Sound of Music”

When:

- ◆ 8 p.m. Friday, June 24
- ◆ 8 p.m. Saturday, June 25
- ◆ 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26
- ◆ 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29
- ◆ 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30
- ◆ 8 p.m. Friday, July 1
- ◆ 8 p.m. Saturday, July 2
- ◆ 2 p.m. Sunday, July 3

Where: Parcels Middle School auditorium, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

How: For tickets, visit gpt.org/music or call (313) 881-4004.

A powerhouse cast and crew are bringing “The Sound of Music” to the stage, closing out Grosse Pointe Theatre’s 74th season with the beloved musical, beginning Friday, June 24.

The award-winning “Sound of Music” tells the endearing story of Maria, a young postulant who is assigned by her superior, Mother Abbess, to serve as governess for Capt. Georg von Trapp’s seven children. It is set in Austria, shortly before the takeover by Nazi Germany in 1938.

More than 100 hopefuls auditioned for the production, directed and choreographed by GPT

veteran Tim Higgins. “You remember the movie, you see the stage play; the show itself has



PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICIA A. ELLIS

Annie Kordas, left, plays the role of Maria in Grosse Pointe Theatre’s production of “The Sound of Music.” Pictured with her are the von Trapp children, back row from left, Benjamin Ackley as Frederick and Christina Jared as Liesl; middle row from left, Reese Straske as Louisa, Silas Beckett as Kurt, Sloane Kordas as Gretl, Jude Beckett as Brigitta and Cecile Kordas as Marta; and seated from left Anna Steiger as Marta and Charlotte Cullen as Gretl. The roles of Marta and Gretl were double cast.

inspirational music, an inspirational story,” Higgins said. “... From the audience perspective, it’s familiar, which is good and bad. What do you do with such an epic, beloved musical to make it fresh and different? You tell the story with integrity. And above all, it’s the songs. Everyone’s wanting to hear them.”

The last production of Rodgers and Hammerstein, “Sound of Music” includes beloved tunes such as “My Favorite Things,” “Do-Re-Mi,” “Sixteen Going on Seventeen” and “Edelweiss.” Its memorable songs highlight an emotional story, “about family, relationships, love, home, survival and faith that ultimately guide the decisions the von Trapp family make that will impact their lives forever,” Higgins said.

Higgins asks his actors to listen to the words they’re saying and interpret how their characters

are feeling to create naturalness. “It’s not just the words; it’s what they’re doing with those words,” he said. “All of that adds to the dynamic, the physicality of it. ... It draws people in and captivates. You don’t see it as acting.”

A highlight of the production for Higgins is working with the children in the cast. Seventy youngsters tried out for the roles of the seven von Trapp children. Nine were cast, as the roles of Marta and Gretl were double cast.

“This will be something they remember,” Higgins said. “We have a cast of 35, a team of 19 crew. It’s a massive production. But we know what we’re doing and we’re proud to present something of this caliber.”

One dynamo gracing the stage is GPT newcomer and Ann Arbor resident Jennifer Noel, who won the role of Mother Abbess.

“I’ve wanted to play this role for a while,” she said. “I’m usually an opera singer, but because of COVID, I’ve been at home in Michigan, not traveling. Now that I have the opportunity to sing again, I wanted to do it closer to home.”

Added Higgins, “We are so blessed to have Jennifer. She brought whole level of high-quality voice to our production.”

Performing the role of Capt. Georg von Trapp is Vince Matia, choir director at Grosse Pointe South High School. He said he learned about the auditions when several of his students asked to skip technical week of the school’s production of “Into the Woods” so they

could audition for GPT. He emailed Higgins about the conflict and managed to secure an audition for himself.

This will be his third time working on “Sound of Music.” While in high school, he performed the role of Rolf and last year, he served as technical director for a production in Ohio.

“The captain is a role I’ve always wanted to play,” Matia said.

For Annie Kordas, winning the role of Maria was a dream come true.

“I’ve tried in other theaters for this role of Maria and didn’t get it,” she said. “I almost didn’t audition because I was so afraid I wasn’t going to get it. This show means so much to me. ... This

was my grandmother’s favorite show; we watched it every day when I was growing up. For my wedding ceremony at the (Grosse Pointe) Academy chapel, I hired a nuns’ chorus. ... They did all the Latin music the nuns sang, because I love this show so much.”

This also is Kordas’s third time performing in “Sound of Music” and her first in the lead role.

“In 2003, when I was 20 years old, I played Liesl,” she said.

This year’s Liesl, the eldest von Trapp child, is portrayed by Christina Jared. She’s joined by her onstage siblings Benjamin Ackley as

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Maria, portrayed by Annie Kordas, reluctantly accepts an assignment — to be the governess of seven children — from Mother Abbess, portrayed by Jennifer Noel.



Sarah Milano, who plays Elsa Schraeder, dances with and sings to Vince Matia, portraying Capt. Georg von Trapp, during a recent rehearsal.



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Grosse Pointe Theatre will perform the family favorite “The Sound of Music,” from June 24 through July 3, at Parcels Middle School.

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Ford House

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

◆ 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.

◆ Cocktails with Collections, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 30. Admission for members only is \$20.

◆ Opening Reception: "The Color of Water: en Plein Air Painting in

Michigan," 6 p.m. Thursday, June 30.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Dawood

Dawood Boutique, 16840 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, celebrates its 62nd anniversary from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 23. The event includes pop-up trunk shows with Frank Lyman Design and Ariel Taub accessories, trunk shows by Love Shack Fancy and Ramy Brook, as well as cocktails, sweet treats and a raffle. The first 25 guests

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The War Memorial

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

◆ Tammy's Tastings—Gin Cocktails, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 23. Tickets are \$59.

◆ Candlelight Concerts—Vivaldi's Four Seasons, 7 and 9:15 p.m. Thursday, June 23. Tickets are \$35.

◆ Learn to Paint Like Bob Ross, with Ted Simpson of Nature's Brush Studio, from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 24. Tickets are \$73.

◆ Candlelight Concerts—The Soul of Detroit, 7 and 9:15 p.m. Thursday, June 30. Tickets are \$35.

Register online at warmemorial.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs at its Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. To register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

◆ Thoughts to Action Discussion Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23.

◆ Anime Club, 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, June 24.

◆ Dance! West Coast Swing, Latin Rhythms, Tango and Detroit's Ballroom — Oh My!, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25.

◆ Shadow Puppet Show, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 27, for ages 10 to 17.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 28.

◆ Kelly Fordon Podcast, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, via Zoom.

◆ Drop-in: I Will Assist, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 29.

◆ 1,000 Hours: Mud Faces, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 29.

◆ Hour of Code: Ocean Scene, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 30.

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:

◆ BBQ on the Lawn, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 24. Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers.

◆ Be Safe, Be Sane, Be Smart: Best Brain Strategies, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, with facilitator Kathy Housey.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, June 24, St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, June 24, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 27, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Family Center

The Family Center's Rooftop Community Wellness Series takes place from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays in June, on the top level of the parking garage behind Trader Joe's in The Village. The June 28 session is led by Victoria Birk-Hill. Guests should bring their own yoga mats. Email info@familycenterweb.org.

Helm hosts Tour & Lunch series
June 30 outing to Belle Isle Aquarium, Sindbad's

The next adventure offered by The Helm is quintessentially Detroit.

Participants will tour the Belle Isle Aquarium, ride around Belle Isle and dine at Sindbad's Restaurant during a Tour and Lunch outing Thursday, June 30.

The day begins at 9 a.m. at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, where participants will board a bus for a ride to the recently refurbished Belle Isle Aquarium, the oldest aquarium in the country. A tour guide will explain updates to the aquarium, its exhibits and inhabitants. Following the tour, the bus will ride around the island so pas-

sengers can enjoy the outdoor gardens and witness the many upgrades to the island and its facilities.

Upon leaving the island, the trip continues to Sindbad's Restaurant, a 72-year-old Detroit institution on the Detroit River. The outing concludes with a bus ride back to The Helm, arriving around 1:30 p.m. All participants must take the bus for this tour.

Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, plus the cost of lunch. Members and regular guests of The Helm are asked to register online at helmlife.org. Others may call (313) 882-9600 for assistance.

Friedrich, Reese Straske as Louisa, Silas Beckett as Kurt and Jude Beckett as Brigitta. Sharing the role of Marta are Cecile Kordas and Anna Steiger. Sharing the role of Gretl are Charlotte Cullen and Sloane Kordas.

"My daughters were double cast as the two youngest girls," Annie Kordas said, noting the learning experience they've had since rehearsals started. "With Tim, he's teaching these little ones the bar is limitless."

Children who auditioned but did not make the cut certainly were not forgotten. GPT Development Director Theresa Selvaggio sent hand-written notes to each child, thanking them for trying out and inviting them to come back for other opportunities.

"It took time to personalize all those notes, but it was such a thoughtful thing to do," said Patricia Ellis, who is running publicity for the show. "It also validates the wonderful experience we want everyone to have at Grosse Pointe Theatre."

Added "Sound of Music" producer Chris



Carl Ghafari, portraying Rolf Gruber, serenades Christina Jared, portraying Liesl von Trapp.

Kaiser, "The parents appreciated that. We didn't just boot them out. And we got a great response with (auditions for) 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.'"

"We're very mindful of the GPT brand," Higgins noted. "We want to be known as the community theater who, when it comes to auditions and you don't get the role, we're inviting you to our next opportunity."

GPT also is going that extra mile for families,

like the von Trapps, that are facing displacement from their homeland. Trouble in Ukraine began around the same time as "Sound of Music" auditions, prompting Ellis and Higgins — both members of the GPT Outreach Committee — to brainstorm a plan.

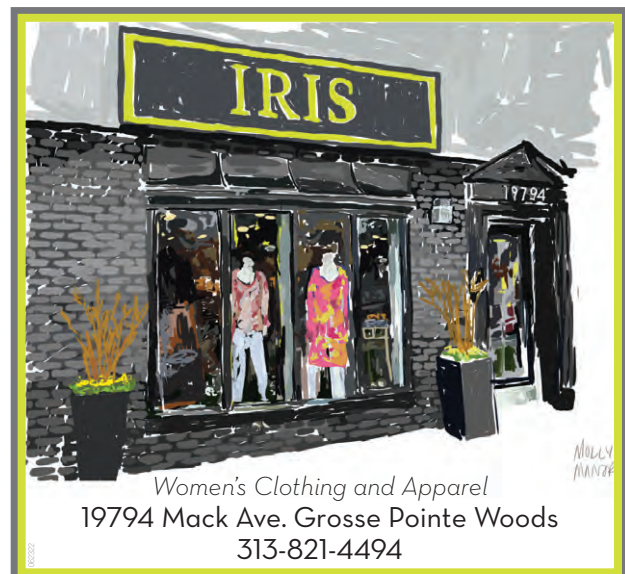
"We didn't expect the alignment with Ukraine," Higgins said. "The paral-

els are exact."

Added Ellis, "The story of 'The Sound of Music' has so many parallels to what has been happening in Ukraine and other areas of the world, with so many families fleeing their homes and homeland — just like the von Trapp family. It's truly heartbreaking, as so much of today's news is. We wanted to do some-



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Samaritas has been serving refugees more than 70 years and currently is preparing for the possibility of welcoming Ukrainian refugees fleeing the invasion of their home country. Refugees often arrive with nothing and need immediate access to essentials like hygiene products and home goods.

Through the support of the community and donors, Samaritas is able to provide each refugee and refugee family with the support to obtain self-sufficiency and become contributors to society within one year of arrival.

thing to help, while engaging our members and patrons in the process.

"To help the refugee families coming to this area from Ukraine and elsewhere, we will be collecting new personal hygiene items at each of 'The Sound of Music' performances to support Samaritas' New Americans refugee resettlement program here in southeast Michigan," she continued. "There will be containers in the lobby at each performance to collect the needed items. ... It may seem like a little thing, but we hope it has a big impact."

"Sound of Music" will be performed at Parcels Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"We are so grateful to the schools," Ellis said. "We also have to adapt to the space we're given. The tech team does that time and time again. There are a lot of moving parts to make that come

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alive."

Added Higgins, "Parcels gave us two Saturdays to get familiar with the stage. That's a huge step in getting the kids up there. So, thank you to the schools for accommodating us."



Emmajean Evans sews a jacket for the captain's son.

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Frederick Ollison III

Frederick Ollison III, 84, of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully at home Thursday, June 9, 2022, after a brave battle with cancer. Fred is survived by his wife, Sarah Stroud Ollison; son, Frederick Ollison IV; daughter, Mary "Missy" Ollison Martinson (Patrick); and granddaughters, Lucy and Mary Martinson. Additionally, he leaves behind two stepchildren, Michael Rainey (Sarah) and Emily Klinec, as well as step-grandchildren, Tyler Rainey and Oliver Klinec.

Fred was the eldest child of Frederick Ollison Jr. and Helen Hague Ollison. He had two siblings, Judith Ollison McKean (deceased) and Robert Hague Ollison.

Growing up in Grosse Pointe Farms, Fred attended the Grosse Pointe University School. He graduated from Hotchkiss Academy in 1955, and spent a post-graduate year at Asheville School in North Carolina. In 1961, Fred earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. During his years at Penn, he was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity where he served as social chairman and established lifelong friendships.

Upon graduation, Fred joined the U.S. Army and served at Fort Hood, Texas, 1962-63. In 1964, Fred joined the family business, Sanders Cleaning Company, where he served as president/owner, 1971-87. He later received his real estate license and enjoyed working at Bolton-Johnston Associates until unofficially retiring in 2020.

The Grosse Pointe community was important to Fred as evidenced by his active participation in several organizations. He joined Grosse Pointe Rotary in 1970, served as president 2015-16, was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow and in 2021 received the Infinite Sky Award, Lifetime of Rotary Service Above Self. He served as president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Board of Directors and worshipped at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

In addition, Fred was a lifetime member of the Yondotega Club and the Country Club of Detroit, the latter of which he served as president 1986-87. As a member of The 78 rpm Club, Fred spent many happy hours sharing his profound love of music.

Fred's greatest joy was being surrounded by family and wonderful friends. From entertaining at home, traveling to the Acropolis in Athens and zip-lining in Alaska, Fred and Sarah's life together was an adven-

ture.

His warmth, quick wit, intelligence and unwavering loyalty will be missed by everyone who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be made in Fred's honor to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, grossepointerotary.org; or The A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts, schaapcenter.com.

Anne Nemeč Thomas

Anne Thomas (nee Nemeč), 90, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and recently of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the Weill's of Chagrin Falls. She was the beloved wife of the late David Riley Thomas for 56 years.

Born July 17, 1931, in Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Thomas was the daughter of the late Jan Nemeč and Mary Nemeč (nee Crep).

David and Anne Thomas are survived by their children, David Alan Thomas (Lisa) of Brecksville, Ohio, and daughter, Kathryn Thomas Umble (James) of Poland, Ohio; granddaughter, Emily Slopnick (Michael) and great-grandsons, Jack and Benjamin of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; granddaughter, Elizabeth Trump (Russell) of Lakewood, Ohio; and grandson, John Andrew Umble (Stephanie Dadd-Umble) of Elkridge, Maryland. Anne Thomas also is survived by nieces and nephews in both the Nemeč and Thomas families.

Mrs. Anne Thomas received a Musicae Baccalaurei degree from the University of Detroit and continued her studies in music education at the University of Michigan. She performed widely as a vocal soloist in Windsor, Ontario, and Detroit, and then spent many years as a dedicated kindergarten teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Mrs. Thomas was active in local church and cultural organizations, including Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Questers. She was an active part of the Quester committee that plans to place an historic plaque on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was an avid gardener, greatly enjoying all things green and growing. She relished talking with all her neighbors on Moran Road in Grosse Pointe Farms, both new and long-time. One of her favorite occurrences was running into past kindergarten students and their parents and hearing about their lives.

A memorial service for Mrs. Anne Thomas will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. There will be a reception in the church following the service

from 2 to 4 p.m.

Online condolences may be expressed at forevermissed.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Choir Fund, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214.

Evelyn Ruth Daniel

Evelyn Ruth Daniel, 86, passed away peacefully Thursday, June 16, 2022.

She is deeply loved by those who survive her, including her daughter, Kerry (Keith Pawlovich); son, Brian (Terry); and grandsons, Luther, Otis, Ronald, Richie and Jay. Evelyn was a proud graduate of the University of Michigan and a huge Wolverines fan. She taught elementary school in the Grosse Pointe Public School System for nearly 40 years and was a student favorite. She earned a master's degree from Wayne State University in the early '80s while teaching full time.

She retired in 1998, and moved to Roscommon, where she enjoyed the up north landscapes, her many pets and her family and friends.

Evelyn was extremely kind-hearted, honest, dedicated and had a smile and bright eyes that reflected her warm spirit. She will be dearly missed and always in the hearts of those who loved her.

There will be no public service. Donations as a tribute to Evelyn are suggested to the Mayo Clinic at mayoclinic.org to support Alzheimer's research or to a related charity.

Roderick Brown

Roderick Brown, 90, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away at his home Saturday, June 18, 2022.

Rod was born March 6, 1932, in Detroit, to Roy G. Brown and Marguerite Tommei. After graduating from St. Theresa's High School in 1950, he attended the Detroit Institute of Technology and earned a bachelor's degree in economics.

While going to school, Rod worked at the Michigan Mutual Insurance Co., where he met his future wife, Patricia Patterson, whom he married July 21, 1956. The two were married nearly 56 years until Patricia passed away in 2012.

Rod worked as a manufacturers' representative in the institutional foods market the majority of his career. For a number of years, he was president of Institutional Sales Specialists, which later became Systems Four. After he and his partners sold their business in 1996, he worked at various other manufacturers' representative companies, finally retiring a few years ago when his health no longer allowed him to work.

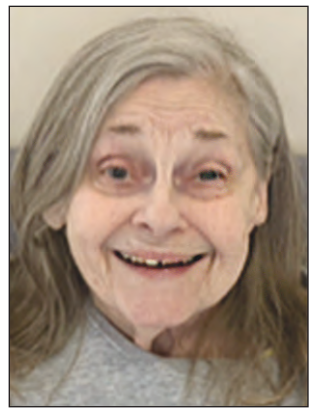
Rod was an avid golfer and a gifted pianist. He also had a great sense of



Frederick Ollison III



Anne Nemeč Thomas



Evelyn Ruth Daniel



Roderick Brown



Mary Louise Olszewski



John Anton Klun

humor and a repertoire of jokes that would have made any standup comedian envious. Most of all, he was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Rod is survived by his sons, Craig (Maria Fontana) and Douglas (Peggy Ann); and grandchildren, Evan and Tessa Brown. He will be sorely missed.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. He will lie in state from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 24, at St. Ronald Catholic Church, 17701 15 Mile, Clinton Township. Internment at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township will follow.

Mary Louise Mantho Olszewski

Mary Louise Mantho Olszewski (nee Weishaar), a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe, died of natural causes Tuesday, March 15, 2022. She was 89, living in Littleton, Colo., since 2018.

Mary's artistry — as a professional costume designer and seamstress, singer and pianist, watercolorist, chef — was known to many. But it was her extraordinary gifts as a friend, mother, sister and spiritual counselor that are missed most.

Born Oct. 16, 1932, in Detroit, Mary was the second of six children of Richard and Anna Weishaar. Richard was a master printer and editor, and Anna was a homemaker who also managed and owned a restaurant and, later, started a professional catering company. During the war years, Anna and the children lived in Frankfort, while Richard's work, deemed essential to the war effort, kept him in Detroit. Mary graduated from Benzonia High School in 1949. She was in the first class of women admitted to the University of Detroit School of Dentistry and Hygiene, graduating in 1952 and working for several years as a dental hygienist.

Mary was married to George Gregory Mantho, a prominent Detroit labor attorney, in 1953 and together they had eight children. The couple divorced in 1972, and George died in 1973. The matriarch of a

large and loving family, Mary raised four girls and four boys while still finding time to sing in the choir and repair linens at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park, volunteer as a seamstress at Grosse Pointe Community Theater and return to school for a master's degree in costume design at Wayne State University in Detroit. It was at the theater's production of "The Little Foxes" in 1982, that Mary made her acting debut opposite her future husband, Greg Olszewski, an actor and technical director at the Greenfield Village Henry Ford Museum Theater. They married in 1984.

Mary was an experienced and subtle practitioner of the arts but most passionate about life's spiritual dimensions. Intellectually curious and always receptive, she was guided by unflinching kindness, unwavering faith and the certain knowledge of human goodness. She literally opened her home to friends in need; more than one sought her counsel and emerged the better. A lady of uncommon grace, Mary also could turn a mischievous prank on a grandchild, burst into a Broadway tune or happily pick lobsters with family and friends. She was known to create an oven-ready pie, from scratch, in seven minutes for a neighbor in search of emergency dessert.

In later years, Mary reveled in visiting far-flung family and friends. She climbed the Great Wall of China in 2012, with her daughter and granddaughter, and was equally at home on the QE2 or in her favorite LL Bean shoes.

Mary is survived by her husband, Greg; sisters, Frances Venet, Gretchen Bomarito and Madeline Quirk; brothers, Joseph and Richard Weishaar; daughters, Mary Catherine Mantho, Julie Mantho Gersuk, Patter Mantho Gersuk and Frances Mantho Belliveau; sons, Robert, Michael and Mark; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her eldest son, George Gregory "Greg" Mantho II, who passed away April 8, 2021. Greg was Mary's longtime caregiver; together, they moved to Colorado in 2018, to be closer to family.

The family wishes to thank the caregivers, hospice team and staff of Highline Place, the Anthem Memory Care facility in Littleton, Colo., who provided extraordinary amounts of kindness and compassion to Mary during the past 18 months.

A joint memorial service celebrating Mary and Greg will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, with a reception for family and friends to follow at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

John Anton Klun

John Anton Klun of Harper Woods, a former resident of Zionsville, Ind., Denton, Texas, and Midland, passed away Saturday, June 11, 2022, at age 42.

Born July 26, 1979, in Midland, John was one of three children born to Robert T. and Cheryl K. (nee Melovasich) Klun. In 2002, after graduating from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, John moved to Indianapolis and held several jobs, including 3M, Window Genie and Group Athletica, LLC. He returned to Central Michigan University and graduated with an MBA in marketing in 2011. John then joined ESAB Welding & Cutting in Denton, Texas. He subsequently moved to Harper Woods and joined Stellantis. His passions in life were his family, career and pet turtle. He was recognized for his kindness, caring and sense of humor.

John is survived by his sisters, Jennifer L. Budek (Ryan M.) and Angela M. Marsden; nieces, Sheylan M. Budek, Linnea G. Budek, Aleah C. Budek, Calisse R. Budek and Lyndi N. Marsden; and nephew, Evan R. Marsden.

He was predeceased by his mother, Cheryl K. Klun.

A memorial service will take place Wednesday, July 13, with a 10:30 a.m. gathering and 11 a.m. service at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Grace Community Church, gracewired.com. There also will be a card/donation box at the service.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Grosse Pointe Rotary changes leadership

‘Passing of the gavel’ ceremony is June 29

The next meeting of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club — 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, at The Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe — will involve a “passing of the gavel” ceremony, marking the end of President Elizabeth Vogel’s term and the start of Mark Cory’s leadership of the group.

“It’s been a dynamic year, ever changing, and Rotarians have been more nimble as ever before in the ways in which they express their passion for service,” Vogel said, reflecting on her presidency. “No lip service from our Rotarians; all action. The COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing were still very much a part of our daily lives last summer as the Rotary year

began. Social distancing and concerns about gatherings were on our minds. That did not detract us from the fundamentals of being Rotarians: ‘Service Above Self.’”

Vogel said club members were creative in finding ways to continue to serve as best they could.

“That’s what I loved about the year — there was no barrier that prevented us from serving our local, regional and global communities,” she said. “We used our passion for service and individual creativity to collectively continue to serve. Twelve months later, the pandemic continues to shift how we feel about socializing and gathering, and as we feel more comfortable returning to normal human interactions, I am confi-

dent that we leave this Rotary year stronger than ever.”

Vogel said despite all that is happening in the world today — from the pandemic to economic concerns about inflation and fuel prices to the war in Ukraine — Rotarians still are determined to serve the greater good.

“... If anything, these problems have reaffirmed and strengthened our resolve to individual and collective ‘Service Above Self,’” she said.

As incoming president, Cory said he looks forward to serving the club and community when his term begins Friday, July 1. He already has an idea of what he’d like to accomplish.

“One of my goals is to increase our active membership by 10 percent,” he said, “which will

enable us to do even more vital work in the Detroit area and throughout the world. There is no shortage of good people in and around Grosse Pointe who want to be of help to others, and some of them may be looking for an avenue to do so. We welcome them to discover our club and determine if we can help facilitate their passions.”

Cory said he’d also like to see members get reengaged in the community.

“This will involve getting to know more of our neighbors and pitching in to fill identified needs as much as possible,” he said. “With so many compassionate and hardworking members in our club, I believe we’ll continue to see great outcomes, plus enjoy the fellowship that comes with gathering together



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Left, outgoing president Liz Vogel and right, incoming president Mark Cory.

on a regular basis to put ‘Service Above Self.’”

For more information about Rotary, inquire about becoming a member or RSVP for the June 29 meeting, visit grossepointerotary.org.

— Jody McVeigh

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to

create lasting change. For more than 110 years, Rotarians have used their passion, energy and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects, from literacy and peace to water and health. Its mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

Scholarships announced

The recipients of the Class of 2022 Ismail Family Academic Excellence Award and Scholarships were announced for Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools at their respective honors night ceremonies.

The awards were established by Pointe businessman Ahmed Ismail to honor persons who have had a profound effect on his life. This year’s awards were in honor of Ellen Bowen,

who retired from the Grosse Pointe Public School System in 2012, after an award-winning career as South’s choir director.

“I first met Ellen Bowen in 1999, after attending one of South’s choir concerts,” Ismail said. “Her passion for excellence and setting the bar high for her students was obvious to me after watching that evening’s performance. I asked Ellen how a non-choir parent could help her grow her program.

Ellen quickly responded that she would love to have someone photograph the concerts and provide the images to the parents and community. That brief conversation started my pro-bono ‘side job’ as choir photographer and a dear friendship that has lasted the past 23 years.”

The Grosse Pointe South award recipient was senior Lilly Geer, who plans to attend the University of Michigan this fall.



Ellen Bowen

The Grosse Pointe North recipient was senior Sophia Graham, who will attend Yale University in the fall.



Sophia Graham and Ahmed Ismail.



From left, Ahmed Ismail, Lilly Geer and South Principal Moussa Hamka.

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Sunset at the Zoo planned June 24

Guests will have a chance this month to test out life as a Detroit Zoo secret agent — should they choose to accept their mission, that is.

The Detroit Zoological Society will host its annual Sunset at the Zoo gala fundraiser from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, June 24. With the theme of “mission possible,” this year’s event will highlight how the support of generous donors makes the DZS’s mission of celebrating and saving wildlife and wild places possible.

Presented by Strategic Staffing Solutions, Sunset at the Zoo offers an evening of live entertainment from fan favorites such as the Bluewater Kings Band, a selection of zoo-inspired drinks and food from a variety of metro Detroit restaurants and more than a dozen food trucks.

Before the event ends, guests will have danced the night away and had the opportunity to bid on live and silent auction items, including a conservation trip to Peru with DZS staff, a chance to mingle with the macaroni penguins at the Detroit Zoo and a ticket package to the 2023 PGA champi-

onship in Rochester, N.Y. Additional auction items include signed sports memorabilia, event tickets and packages featuring local businesses.

Guests also will enjoy complimentary tram and carousel rides; storytelling by David Gakure, a Kenyan naturalist and DZS education specialist; animal feedings; and the exclusive opportunity to explore the zoo’s 125 acres until twilight.

“We are thrilled to announce that this year’s event will support high-impact projects that will not only benefit the animals who call the zoo home, but also the community and the world at large,” said Hayley Murphy, chief executive officer and executive director for the DZS.

Tickets for Sunset at the Zoo may be purchased online starting at \$225 for supporters. Patrons and benefactors are invited to a special VIP reception before the gala opens to all ticket holders. To purchase tickets, visit sunset.detroitzoo.org.

The Detroit Zoo will be closed Friday, June 24, in preparation for Sunset at the Zoo.

Worship Service

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Antique Touring Co. offers unique peek at history

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Though Lisa Stolarski wasn't awarded for the idea she presented during a business plan competition through Michigan Women Forward, she has been winning ever since.

After the competition, the Highland Park resident made her plan a reality by founding Antique Touring Company in 2018. The business allows guests to learn about historic sites while touring them from the seats of historic Model A cars. It also allows Stolarski to share one of her passions: history.

"I worked in an industrial setting years ago, then 15 years in cooperatives," she said. "No matter what I do, I'm fascinated with the history behind it. ... When I moved to Detroit/Highland Park, the history I was uncovering was mindblowingly cool."

Through Antique Touring, Stolarski and her team "bring people in from other places to have authentic experiences driving a car from a bygone era — an important era," she said.

The business is headquartered at the former Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, 461 Piquette in Detroit — in the light industrial district known as Milwaukee Junction. According to her website, antiquetouring.com, "At the beginning of the 20th century, this annexed

acreage where railroads join became the 'cradle of the auto industry.'"

"Cadillac, Oldsmobile, Packard, all of the big three had major aspects of their companies started within two miles of Milwaukee Junction," Stolarski said. "It's what I'm passionate about — telling that story."

Initially, Stolarski thought she'd give tours in Model Ts. She volunteered at the Piquette Museum to learn about them. However, after talking with the museum's executive director and president, she went a different route.

"They said Model Ts were for tinkers; I wanted to drive them daily," she explained. "They said Model As were for drivers. It was excellent advice."

It took Stolarski a couple of weeks before she felt confident driving a Model A. Touring in 2018 was a learning experience; 2019 was even better, she said, because "the cars broke down a lot less."

"There are a quarter of a million Model As left in the world that are operational," she said. "Aftermarket manufacturers are licensed by Ford to make parts so we can still get parts, which is not so for all the old cars."

In 2020, along with so many other businesses, Antique Touring did not operate because tourism is not an essential service; however, business is pick-



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Lisa Stolarski shares Detroit history by giving driving tours about town in Model A cars.

ing up once again.

Antique Touring currently offers a trio of tours, with a fourth kicking off this week.

Its "Signature Tour" takes patrons through historic Belle Isle Park. Its "MotorCities Tour," sponsored by MotorCity National Heritage Area, includes connecting stories about Detroit's automotive history.

"I was reading biographies and was able to piece together intersections between characters in the history of the automotive industry," Stolarski said. "That's the advantage to telling the stories I tell. Some people are Ford

people, some are GM people, some Chrysler people, some Oldsmobile people. I am able to take these different stories and build a weaving of the story, thanks to the people who've written these biographies."

Other tours include the oldest neighborhood in the city, Corktown and Michigan Central Station, and a tour focusing on prohibition. A fifth tour, planned to open this fall, will cover labor history.

Not only have the number of tours and tour guides grown, but the Antique Touring fleet of Model A cars also keeps growing.

"Jack" is a 1931 slant-windshield deluxe town sedan. "Jupiter," a 1930 Phaeton, was won in an eBay auction. "Josephine," a 1929 woody station wagon, also was won at auction from the estate of an Allen Park resident.

"It was a museum car, so we had to do a little work on it," Stolarski said. "It can seat up to six people."

Tours typically are offered June through the end of October, but Stolarski said she plans to leave her options open as fall turns into winter.

"It's so much work shutting down for the season," she said. "This year we're leaving it so ... depending on the weather, we may do a tour here or there."

Also this winter, she plans to convert a car into an electric vehicle.

Stolarski said she regularly receives positive feedback — from tour guests and non-guests alike.

"People love to hear the horn," she said. "They wave when we go by. One woman on a tour said she felt like she was in a one-car parade."

One man, she added, summed up his feelings by remarking, "Everybody

is happy when they see this car."

"There's something about old cars that bring us back," Stolarski said. "It's nostalgia for an America that existed only in our imaginations, an America a little more together than we are now. In some ways, it was never true, but in some ways I miss it anyway. I miss my grandfather's view of America. Even though he was not right about everything, I miss his optimism."

Antique Touring is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day but Monday.

"We are there even if there isn't a tour on the weekend," Stolarski said.

Tours can be booked throughout the day, but if the temperature is higher than 85 degrees, mid-afternoon tours are not offered.

"I would love to invite Grosse Pointers to come out and visit us," Stolarski said, noting that Antique Touring also occasionally drives the cars for weddings, proms and other special occasions.

Members of the Ford Piquette Museum get a 20 percent discount. Discount packages also are available through Visit Detroit.

For more information or to book a tour, visit antiquetouring.com or call (313) 333-5833.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Elizabeth Nelson

Building confidence in your little swimmer

Swimming lessons provide a great physical outlet for kids, along with the benefits of increased water safety, swimming confidence, social skills and mental strength. But the classes themselves aren't the only time for these rewards to be cultivated. If you're wondering how to build confidence in kids, there's a lot that you, as the parent or caregiver, can do.

Noticing, rather than simply praising

There's been somewhat of a backlash in the media about praising kids in recent years, with many experts taking the stance that excess praise causes children to be dependent on external validation. No matter where you stand on this issue, we can all agree that children crave our attention. One of the most effective methods for showing kids we care is to simply be present with them.

Watch them as they try their hardest in swim class, instead of catching up on text messages. Look them in the eyes and tell them you're proud of the effort they put into class, rather than immediately hurrying them to the car. You don't have to praise them with a generic "good job" to make an impact and grow their confidence, but you do have to show them you're there and you're noticing what they do.

Celebrate effort and milestones together

Many child development experts recommend praising a child's effort in achieving something, not the outcome of it. This is because their effort is something within their control, while the outcome isn't always. Give this a try at your next swim class.

After your child's swimming lesson, say, "David, I noticed how hard you worked in class! You kept trying that back float even when it was hard." This shows your child that you were giving them your attention and their effort is what matters most.

When your child does achieve an important milestone, it absolutely should be recognized. Remember to bring the conversation back to their effort. "Alec, you earned a ribbon because you've been focusing in class and working hard to improve your skills!" Or, "Susie, I'm so proud of you for taking third place in your swim meet. You were committed to your practices and gave this meet your all. It shows!" This kind of recognition gives young children a boost in self-esteem and helps them connect the dots between their effort and outcome. Most importantly, it allows them to feel good about what they did rather than it being all about making you happy.

Your little swimmer needs your encouragement and support, but most of all they need you. There's no replacement for your time and attention and this is truly the secret of how to build confidence in your child.

Elizabeth Nelson is the aquatics director at Country Club of Detroit. This article is reprinted with permission from the spring 2022 issue of "In Good Company," a publication of Country Club of Detroit. Copyright © 2022 Country Club of Detroit.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

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Too many tasks and not enough time

Dear Gabby: How on earth do some moms always have their kids in perfectly white baseball pants? My kids can rarely even find theirs let alone have them be clean. I wash them but they still look like they just slid into home plate. What am I doing wrong? — **Stained in the Shores**

Dear Stained,
Gabby: This has been a constant issue for so many. Here is my best advice. First, go on the mom swap and find

about three to four extra pairs of pants (they will be pennies on the dollar of new pants and you buy yourself a week of not doing laundry).

Second, during baseball season, have a bin that everyone MUST return their baseball uniforms to whether dirty or clean. This way, if you can't get to the laundry in time for days, they will at least have pants to wear.

Lastly, very diligent moms swear by Fels Naptha soap. I have had an unused bar in my laun-

dry room for two years. However, I CAN handle washer and doing the soak and double rinse cycle.



scooping massive amounts of Oxyclean powder into the This does a pretty darn good job. Do NOT use

bleach — they will turn yellow. Whoever decided that white pants were the best color for baseball, anyway?

Seven-year-old girl: Why don't you just buy 80 pairs of pants and throw them away when they are dirty?

Nora Nanny: You're most likely missing nothing. There are 9 million things going on at all times, and stained baseball pants are probably the least of your

concerns. Your kid probably cares way more about how much time you spend playing baseball in the backyard with them than how white their pants are. Trust me. Just do your best and if all else fails, Amazon Prime can send you a fresh pair of baseball pants by this afternoon.

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

Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am 34 years old and have three children under the age of 10. Two years ago, my husband left us and started living with his mother. He also has a girlfriend but has not made any effort to file for divorce.

Here's my question: How long should I go on trying to salvage my marriage? It's hard when only one of us is working at it. Should I just get on with my life without him, or keep praying he will have a change of heart and do the right thing? At what point do I just give up? — **Hurting in Mantua, N.J.**

Dear Mantua, N.J.: He's been living with his mother for two years? And he has

a girlfriend? It's over, dear. Call your lawyer.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 30-year-old married woman who is having a full-blown affair. I never thought this would happen to me.

Before "Bob" and I were married last year, we were compatible and had similar interests. I was not in love with him, but we had been dating for six years. I was almost 30, and most of my friends were married. When Bob proposed, it seemed like the right thing to do. Immediately after the wedding, we began to fight. Bob goes out drinking every night, and I hate it. I have suggested counseling, but he won't go. We haven't made love for six months.

Several weeks ago, I became friendly with a man at work. "Max" paid a lot of attention to me and built up my battered self-esteem. It didn't take long for me to start seeing him on the side. Max is 40 and has never been married. He says he can make me happy and feel fulfilled, and I know he is right. Max has asked me to leave Bob and marry him.



I love Max, but I hesitate to throw away the long history I have with my husband. Also, I don't want to admit to my par-

ents that my marriage is a failure. Another problem: Bob's mother is very ill, and I'm afraid a divorce would kill her.

What should I do, Ann? I feel torn and trapped. I am in desperate need of advice. — **At Loose Ends in Pennsylvania**

Dear Pennsylvania: Put everything on hold until

the marriage is over. Be firm about this unless you are willing to be married to a drunk who is sure to get worse.

Stop seeing Max until you give Bob a chance to dry up. If Max really cares about you, he will leave you alone and be willing to let you give your marriage a chance to make it. You have a lot on your plate, lady, and I hope you are equal to the challenges that lie ahead.

Dear Ann Landers: I recently gave a dinner party. I prefer to serve my guests myself and tried to be emphatic about it, but one guest insisted on "helping" me. I know "Lola" was only trying to be useful, but she was getting in my way. I asked her several times to please sit down and stay out of the kitchen, but she followed me around and insisted on giving me a hand. To get her off my back, I asked her to take a

creamer into the dining room and place it on the table. Well, she dropped it on the tile floor, shattering the handle and spilling the cream all over the place. Lola then had the nerve to say that good china like mine is really just for show and I should not have been using it.

My great-grandmother's creamer is, of course, irreplaceable, but I am going to get another china handle crafted onto it. Should I send Lola the bill? — **Slow Burn in Pasadena, Calif.**

Dear Slow Burn: Stick your toe in the water for testing. Tell Lola you've found a place that will mend the creamer and ask whether she would like the bill. My guess is she will be happy to pay it. It will ease her conscience and cool your anger.

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Friendship evaporates amidst appalling behavior

DEAR ABBY: I had a friend I adored. She was someone I had known for over 20 years, but I had to say goodbye to her. I realized she is a shoplifter and also doesn't tip at restaurants.

When she shoplifted, I was with her. I had no idea she was doing it until we got back to the car and one of the items fell out of her bag. I was appalled. I told her to never do it again when we were together, and I have tried not to



shop with her since. I realized she wasn't leaving tips when her receipt blew away with a gust of wind. She was in the restroom when I picked it up and saw there was no tip for the server, who was working very hard.

I told her I didn't feel comfortable going places with her under these cir-

cumstances, especially with how things have changed during COVID. The last straw was when I caught her trying to sneak

into a musical event. There are musicians in my family, and I know how they and others have struggled during these hard times.

She has more than enough money to cover these costs. I don't understand why she does it. The problem is I feel guilty. Should I reach out and suggest we do things that don't involve music, restaurants or shopping? Maybe we can just go for walks and talk? I miss her friendship. — **TAKEN ABACK IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: I don't advise it. The woman you "miss" -- I hesitate to refer to her as your "friend" -- is selfish, stingy, dishon-

est, self-centered and lacks compassion for others. You need her in your life like a moose needs a hat rack.

Find walking companions who are caring, generous and honest with whom to "get your steps in."

DEAR ABBY: My younger brother is in his 60s. As a child, he was very active and athletic. Decades later, he is seriously overweight and having trouble with his knees, plus numerous other physical problems. He's addicted to painkillers and takes many other drugs. Over the last 10 years, he has had disagreements with at least 10 people and written

mean and spiteful texts. Because of it, he has lost many friends and even his doctor.

He didn't communicate with me unless he wanted my opinion about something he had done or said. If I disagreed, he sent me hateful, upsetting texts as well. Last year, he asked my opinion about something, and when I disagreed with him, he blasted me again. He also doesn't like my husband or stepdaughter and mentioned them up in his text. I finally decided I had had enough and quit engaging him. Am I overreacting? — **SECOND THOUGHTS IN GEORGIA**

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: I don't think so. Because you want to avoid the pain of interacting with your dysfunctional sibling, your solution is both logical and appropriate. Please do not second-guess or punish yourself for protecting yourself.

DEAR ABBY: My husband gets very upset when our 4-year-old sons don't share his enthusi-

asm over something that excites him. He wants them (and me) to jump up and down or cheer when he's excited about something. The problem is, he tends to share his news when we're getting ready for bed or just plain tired. I feel guilty for not acquiescing, but at the same time, I don't want to fake it. Any suggestions for a compromise, please? — **AT A LOSS IN TEXAS**

DEAR AT A LOSS: Explain to your husband that you are "sorry" he's upset at the lack of enthusiasm he's receiving when he's excited about something, but his timing is off. If he expects you and the children to be his cheering section, it would be helpful if he timed his announcements so they don't conflict with bedtime, when everyone's energy level is low.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

Out of office: Mombeau

Well, as you can probably tell, Mombeau is taking a much-deserved vacation this week. And that means that, at least around here, we are scrambling for dinner ideas.

One of our staffers swears by this Shawarma Sheet pan meal so we gave it a whirl.

There are so many good and easy sheet pan recipes but isn't it just easier when someone spells it out for you and gives you all of the ingredients and directions?

Yes, the answer is yes. So here it is, folks — our non-Mombeau meal for the week.

Easy (and we mean easy) Weeknight Sheet Pan Dinner

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs
- Olive Oil
- Shwarma seasoning from Fresh Farms Market
- 4-5 Bell Peppers (any color, cut into bite sized pieces or longer strips)
- hummus
- garlic sauce
- mini pita bread (bagged at Fresh Farms Market)

Rice of choice

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350. Cut the chicken into bite sized pieces and add to a bowl or large ziplock bag along with a healthy pour of olive oil and several big shakes of shawarma seasoning. Mix it all together and let it marinate for as little or as long as you like. When you want to bake it, throw them on a sheet pan (in our house we call it a cookie sheet) and add cut up bell peppers that are seasoned with salt and pepper and drizzled with more olive oil. Bake for 20 minutes.

While in the oven,



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make your favorite rice and get all of the delicious accoutrements set up however you would like (aka you can put

them in nice bowls or leave in the container you purchased them in). Serve immediately and enjoy immensely!

We love making mini pitas with a piece of chicken, pepper topped with dollops of garlic and hummus!



Wine's fragility

When I began writing about wine in 1979, almost every fine-quality California chardonnay sold for \$4.50 a bottle. Occasionally I'd find a bottle at \$3.75 and considered it a bargain.

Times change, obviously. As wine reputations grew exalted, and as the number of potential buyers worldwide for the best exploded, the demand for the top wines escalated and all of today's top wines now are in high demand — which has increased prices to levels that seem absurd.

Until you realize that people actually pay exalted prices to get these limited items. There are almost no limits to the price increases. Most of the wines listed below aren't intended for average people, just as a Ferrari holds no appeal for someone needing basic transportation.

Would average 9-to-5 workers even appreciate such an automobile? Some might, sure, but the Italian automaker might be a bit irked if a potential buyer demanded a large trunk.

Basic transportation isn't what a Ferrari is all about. A friend once said a Ferrari was a successful flashlight, "but that's not its intended purpose."

Nor is Le Montrachet a beverage, although it is a wine. Le Montrachet

(mohn-trah-shay) is the designation for a French chardonnay from the Burgundy district.

Among wines carrying that designation, the most famous is from the Domaine de la Romanee-Conti (DRC). So, you may ask, if it's not a beverage, what is it? In a word, it's an experience. One that's not for everyone. Especially since the average price for it is \$12,451.

Per bottle. Or \$490 per ounce.

That particular fact was published a few days ago by internet wine site Wine-Searcher.com in an article on Burgundy's most wanted white wines. (<https://www.wine-searcher.com/m/2022/05/burgundys-most-wanted-white-wines>)

The article has an intro that includes, "Burgundy is, of course, the pinnacle for Chardonnay in many people's minds. The wisdom handed down to us across generations of wine writers and critics is that the Cote d'Or is where Chardonnay reaches its apotheosis; the wines represent the *ne plus ultra* of the variety."

But \$12,000 per bottle? In fact, Wine Searcher says it's the third most in-demand French white Burgundy by search results. Two other wines are in

greater demand — Coche-Dury Meursault (average price per bottle: \$1,311) and Leflaive Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru (\$1,751).

For most average wine buyers, these aren't beverages. They're experiences, most appreciated by those with extensive experience with such wines, since they represent just about the best experience you can have with a chardonnay. (Arguments welcome!)

The same goes for many other exalted wines worldwide. Recently I saw a newly released Barolo for sale at nearly \$1,000 per bottle. I gave a fleeting thought to buying a bottle and sharing it with friends. I adore Barolo.

Sanity finally ruled, of course, \$1,000 being out of the question, especially because this wine calls for 20 or more years of aging to reach a pinnacle of good taste.

And I'm uncertain Mother Nature has that many more years left for me to enjoy. I'm certain the wine will survive; I'm not sure I will. Even if I do, will my palate still be functioning?

Considerations such as this make buying some wines out of the question, even if you were to win the lottery and had a palate that appreciated such exalted aromatics and flavors.

Best bet for daily wine consumption: Drink what you can afford and try not to develop a taste for

DRC. I have tasted DRC several times and consider it the finest chardonnay in the world.

I do not own a bottle. And most of those I know who had one were smart enough not to leave it for the next generation.

Wine of the Week: 2019 Rodney Strong Chardonnay, Petaluma Gap, Blue Wing Vineyard (\$25) — Racy apple/pear and faint tropical aromas glimmer through the creamy complexity of lees contact, mineral notes from this cool area of Sonoma County and a hint of toast from French oak barrel aging. Average national price: \$20.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



As I was walking through the fishing and baseball aisles at Dick's Sporting Goods with my 10-year-old, something exciting caught my eye: plastic Birkenstocks! The fact that an ugly plastic shoe seemed thrilling to me is a whole separate issue probably, but I digress. I had to try it on. I had to see if it would be as comfortable as my other ugly Birkenstocks from 20 years ago. Ahh, YES! They felt amazing. I sort of felt bad saying "no" to all of my child's

purchase requests in favor of my own, but I had to have the shoes. I just HAD to try them! Being comfortable for a two-second try-on is one thing, but actually wearing them around town is another. And much to my happiness — and most likely my husband's horror — they held up. The plastic Birks are amazing — as in



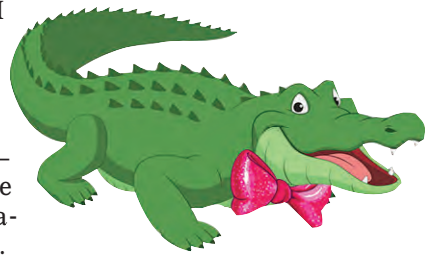
AH-MAY-ZING. They are light as a feather, which is so nice. I started by wearing them to plant flowers and that was perfect, as you would imagine; I hosed them right off after. The next test was a big one —

walking 2.5 miles to work (and back). They were perfect; I forgot I was wearing them. Last test, school pick up. I have to say, wood chips in your Birks are not the most pleasant. I'll have to give them a B- for playground use. I have no idea what EVA is, but I can tell you it's extremely comfortable, waterproof and almost weightless. I will probably be wearing these things until they disintegrate off of my feet. I am really

excited to wear these to the pool and the beach, doing errands and more. The shoes are available online at many stores, as well as Dick's Sporting Goods on Gratiot. They are the "legendary two-strap design from BIRKENSTOCK — the Arizona." I am giving them 4.5 alligators only because they are not very attractive — but I would give them 10 alligators for comfort.

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Timeless lessons from a timeless story

“Funny Miss Twiggley lived in a tree, with a dog named Puss and a color TV. She did what she liked and she liked what she did, but when company came, Miss Twiggley hid.”

I just typed that first line from “Miss Twiggley’s Tree” from memory — a memory that has been nestled in my noggin since age 5.

Miss Twiggley, written and illustrated by Dorothea Warren Fox, stands the test of time.

Originally published in 1966, the book was taken out of publication for several years. It was hard to find.

Back in the mid 1990s my original edition was



what I call “love tattered.” I searched everywhere you could search for a new one. The story was such an impor-

tant part of my childhood that my husband finally bought a copy for me from eBay — back when eBay was a new thing — for \$70. That gift was a marriage builder.

Some little books from childhood make a big impression. And, thankfully, this one is back in print.

The story’s protagonist, Miss Twiggley, lives in a marvelous tree-house — a house that will fascinate any child or any adult with even the faintest imagination.

Our Miss Twiggley is what we used to call “an odd sort.” She hides away and refuses chats with townsfolk because of her wounding

shyness. She sleeps in a straw hat. She sends her dog out to buy groceries. She invites bears to her house where they promptly help themselves to naps on her couch.

Her neighbors mercifully judge her unconventional life, with the mayor’s wife haughtily claiming, “Something must be done.” The people want her gone.

Until. “The weather report says it’s going to rain. I fear we are in for a wild hurricane.”

Suddenly the town and its people are in deep trouble. Literally. The rain pours. It beats down like it’s never going to stop. It pours until the houses are under water. People, desperate, hang on to whatever floats. The community is literally drifting away and there is no one to help them.

Except for Miss



Twiggley.

She battens down the hatches and pulls out “the tea and dry matches.” She puts on a big pot of stew.

She and “the dog named Puss” — and the bears — string hammocks from the tree’s branches and begin hoisting up the neighbors. “Up come the mayor and the chief of police and sweet Trudy Wilmot, the groceryman’s niece.”

The critical types are suddenly asking, “Is there room in your house for a wet friend or two?”

And Miss Twiggley, in all her introverted glory, takes the high road and saves the day, even giving a special place of honor to the arrogant mayor’s wife.

The fun starts there as the party begins...

The lesson of Miss Twiggley is two-fold. First,

don’t assume someone as “less-than” because of their differences. Even the most eccentrically odd person has gifts to give. Second, despite the inclination to turn away, when emergencies come, turn toward and become a helper.

The book is a classic because these are lessons that never need updating. In addition to delightful prose, the illustrations are reminiscent of Garth Williams in that the detail allows the reader to truly integrate into the story. There is no way to not be impacted by this wonderful little gem. Get it for your children, grandchildren, or even your fully grown self. Who says we adults can’t use a bit of whimsy when it comes to being reminded of the important things in life?



MOVIE REVIEW “Posthumous” 2014 - Not Rated 1 hr 34min

This is one of those films that can be viewed on a number of different levels. You can just sit back and enjoy it for what it is, an interesting story with a couple of unexpected plot twists. Or you can look at it with interspection and delve into its deeper meaning.

It’s been referred to as a rom/com but I think that’s a bit misleading. There’s a lot more to it than a simple love story. And truthfully, there aren’t too many laughs in it. However, the fact that it stars the marvelous Brit Marling (“Another Earth,” “The OA,” “The Keeping Room”) alone makes it well worth watching. She’s outstanding in everything she appears in.

The story opens with Liam Price (Jack Huston), a talented but struggling artist. When he discovers another artist with questionable talent will be featured in the gallery that represents him, he goes into the storeroom of said gallery and starts destroying his own artwork. He then goes on a drunken tear and passes

out in a tunnel.

As luck would have it, a homeless man who resembles him steals his backpack, which is filled with sketches. He dies that evening and when his body is found, it’s mistakenly assumed to be Liam.



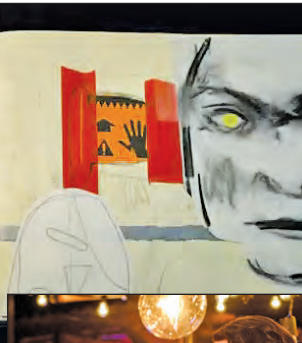
While watching “Posthumous” I kept thinking of that great Mark Twain quote, “The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated.”

A pompous and pretentious gallery owner Daniel Volpe (Lambert Wilson) decides to take advantage of Liam’s death and turn it into a marketing coup. He goes on a mission to hawk the work of an undiscovered genius and the public absolutely eats it up.

There’s a buying frenzy and the prices of his artwork soar. He’s shocked when he runs

into Liam at his studio and is in a quandary—does he continue to sell the work of a “dead” artist and risk major penalties? Or does he come clean?

We then meet McKenzie Grain (Marling), a journalist



who has recently been fired from her job at a magazine. She’s in Berlin with her boyfriend Erik (Alexander Fehling) who’s on an art-buying trip. She meets Liam at his studio one day, and he quickly decides to pretend to be Liam’s surviving brother.



McKenzie seizes on the opportunity to interview him and plans on writing a story for the magazine and get back in its good graces.

The couple subsequently ends up spending a great deal of time together. Liam needs her to be a voice to express his feelings about life, death, and above all, art. She needs him to jump start her career and to fill a void in her life due to her shallow relationship with her boyfriend. We get a few subtle hints that she’s on to his little lie and is just playing along with it. I also found myself hoping they’d take their relationship to the next level.

Early in the film we see Liam collecting dead bees. We’re told that due to the mysterious dying off of these important pollinators, civilization may be doomed. Later on we encounter a piece of Liam’s art made up of dead bees. It’s a subtle bit of symbolism but what exactly

does it mean? It’s definitely subject to interpretation and I felt it’s the filmmaker’s way of saying even though we’re not always aware of it,

art is an essential part of life.

Posthumous is set in Berlin, and it’s the perfect backdrop for the action. We see the glitzy side of the city, but also its dark underbelly.

There’s a scene that takes place on a party boat at night where the two principals let down their hair and actually have some fun.

However, most of the movie has a haunting and subdued air about it.

The cinematography and the score are both noteworthy and the film was written and directed by Lulu Wang, a talented and promising young woman. I’ll be keeping an eye out for her future projects.

Note to parents: The movie is listed as Not Rated, but I’d probably rate it PG-13.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy (with your library card) and Tubi.

★★★★☆

My rating system:

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

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

off reading a good book.

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you’d actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I’ll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

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



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From left, Brit Marling as McKenzie Grain and Jack Huston as Liam Price in the 2014 Movie “Posthumous.”



SUMMER ENTERTAINING

flower POWER TABLESCAPES

Photos: Jill Cavanaugh • Story: Anne Gryzenia and Donna Zetterlund

Summer in the Pointes is spontaneous, warm and fun. Casual get-togethers, picnics at the park, last minute backyard soirees — they are always enjoyable, but also can get a bit frantic for the host or organizer, as calendars fill up. As we all know, Michigan in the summer is so naturally beautiful, it serves as the perfect backdrop for any party, and even provides some of the finest decorating touches with its glorious blooms and foliage. Adding just a few natural details can make your table spectacu-

lar. Garden flowers matched with brightly-colored placemats or napkins are an easy way to create a beautiful setting for your gatherings. Check out these tablescapes ideas using very simple stemware and neutral china (paper works great too), along with your own homegrown flowers. Need new china or paper tableware? The League Shop is always stocked with a festival of colors and patterns, just waiting for your creative eye to mix and match to your liking. Happy summer entertaining!





Top, mixing patterns and colors creates a casual, yet unique curated tableau. Above, red, white and blue is the quintessential summer holiday look for July 4.

C'est magnifique! Top right, a floral pattern paired with plaid and a beautiful, not-too-perfect flower arrangement create the ideal relaxed summer entertaining look. Above center, colorful stripes make an ideal focal point. Right, fresh flowers from your garden in mason jars are casual centerpieces everyone loves. Below, small potted garden plants are the green decor that also serves as the perfect party favor.

Opposite page top and far left, plain white plates are anything but with pretty flowers and a beautiful backyard backdrop. Center, classic stripes and patterns with a pop of color set a modern yet sophisticated tone for indoors or out. Left, Delft patterns take on a different vibe with natural wood and garden florals. This simple table setting is warm and welcoming.



Below, macarons from Hillside Hearth are a delicious and colorful way to coordinate your table and voila! Instant dessert.



Entertaining idea...

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Partygoers choose favorite pizza toppings from fresh produce to meats and cheeses so everyone is happy.

Party season is upon us — and you may even be preparing to host a few parties yourself this summer. What to serve? How do you make entertaining easy so you can actually enjoy the celebration too?

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That's a whopper!

Contest wraps tonight

Get your fish entered before 9 p.m.

Andy Hauswirth's 45" muskie is one heck of a catch! This big boy was reeled in on June 12 in Detroit. Winner Andy is from Grosse Pointe and has proven to be quite the talented fisherman.

The 2022 Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic is just about to come to a close for another year. The response has been amazing, just like the fish caught by our entrants. Yet all good things must end, so the contest wraps at 9 p.m. tonight. Be sure to enter your final entries before then, as there are still great prizes to issue to our winners.

If you're just getting on board with the tournament, simply catch a fish, measure it on an official Grosse Pointe News ruler — they're posted at the local parks — or with the ruler provided in this week's newspaper. Photograph your fish on the ruler and submit your entry (or entries) at grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic. See official rules on the website.

Enter any size fish, since all entrants will be included in a weekly raffle drawing for a chance to win wonderful prizes from our sponsors.

Enter online or by email at: fish@grossepointenews.com. Include the following in your email:

- Name
- Subscriber name
- Fish type
- Length in inches
- Date caught
- Photo of fish on ruler

Contest fish must be caught on land — no boats. Also, there must be an adult Grosse Pointe News subscriber in the household to be eligible.

Don't miss your opportunity to take part in this family-fun contest.

LAST DAY TO ENTER!

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.



This week's WINNERS



DIVISION A: 12 years and under

Smallmouth bass - Ashley Andris, of Grosse Pointe Park, caught a 14.5" fish

DIVISION B: 13-19 years

Smallmouth bass - Will Gryzenia, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught a 14.5" fish

Pike - Alex Blyth, of Grosse Pointe, caught a 24" pike

DIVISION C: 20 years and older

Largemouth bass - Steve Kajawski, caught an 18" largemouth bass

Smallmouth bass - Phillip Rhodes, of Grosse Pointe, caught a 17" fish

Muskie - Andy Hauswirth's 45" winning fish was caught in Detroit

Weekly raffle winners:

Chocolate Bar Cafe gift card - William Buholis

Fishbones \$100 gift card - Patricia Kolojeski

Lakeside Fishing Shop gift card - Andy Hauswirth

Whistle Stop gift card - Sam Andris

ALL FINAL CONTEST WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above left, this 13" smallmouth was caught by Sam Andris, 12, of Grosse Pointe Park. Left, William Buhalis, 12, of Grosse Pointe Farms caught this 13" smallmouth bass at Pier Park. Above, Will G., of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught this 14.5" fish, measured on one of the official ruler benches at the parks.



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It's a family thing

They say the family that fishes together stays together! That must be true for this close-knit clan enjoying some beautiful days on Lake St. Clair. Their haul was not too shabby either, as Tom Kolojeski, mom Patricia Kolojeski and sister-in-law, Jennifer Andris showed off their rod and reel skills at Pier Park and in Grosse Pointe Park. The family participated in the Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic.

Patricia Kolojeski, 77, of Grosse Pointe Farms had a big day, catching a smallmouth bass, a perch and a blugill. Son Tom, 47, kept up by snaring a giant-sized 39-inch tiger muskie. Jennifer Andris, 42, of Grosse Pointe Park snagged a huge sheephead as well as a smallmouth bass on her fruitful day of fishing.

Hang out with this bunch, and you just might get lured in to join the fun too.



Jennifer Andris and her impressive sheephead, caught at the park in Grosse Pointe Park.



Patricia Kolojeski, above and below left, of Grosse Pointe Farms, makes it look easy to reel in the big ones. She had a prolific day at Farms Park, catching three nice-sized fish.



Tom Kolojeski, with his big tiger muskie, caught at Farms Park.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above, part of the day's catch from the skilled Andris and Kolojeski family.

On the fly: A fly fishing experience



By Brian Owen
Special Writer

A fly fisherman I am not, but I've always heard that fly fishing for smallmouth is incredible. I decided earlier this year I was going to give it a try and have been waiting for a specific event to take place: the arrival of the mayflies.

I've had a spot picked out since last year where I knew fish would be when the mayflies were hatching. It's a beautiful spot between the Little Club and Neff Park, just beneath the eagles perched in the trees at the end of Island Lane. I was fishing there early one morning last year and had an incredible

experience catching smallmouth on topwater. I would wait for the smallmouth to surface and slurp down a mayfly and cast my Skitter Pop over the rings and wham! They would blow up on the surface near my lure. Some would get it and some would miss, but the adrenaline rush of that topwater explosion is unmatched in fishing. I could only hope my first fly fishing experience would bring me a similar thrill.

I had been out the day before and put my buddy, Justin, on his first smallies of the season. I had intended to fly fish when we were out together, but I didn't have my flies with me, just my grandpa's

old bamboo rod and an entry-level Orvis reel I bought at a local estate sale (that's how much of a fly fisherman I am). Justin and I were on fish and the mayflies were definitely hatching.

With visions of last year in my head, I got up early and headed to the marina. It was a very foggy morning on the water and the lake was very calm.

I headed straight to my spot and as soon as I cut the motor I saw a smallie come to the surface and slurp down a mayfly. It's on! I grabbed my fly case, which only contains five "flies." They are all surface poppers. I randomly picked one and quickly tied it on. I grabbed the rod, stood up on my fishing platform (the front bench), pulled out the line and started to get into a casting rhythm. With about 15 feet of line out, I let it go and splash. It went about six feet. I spent the next 10 minutes practicing casting, seeing how much line I could actually cast and then how to retrieve the popper and make a decent presentation. After another 30 minutes of practicing and not a single bite, I was ready to give up and go back to my Skitter Pop, but then I decided to move to my favorite spot.

I got back up on my platform and back into my rhythm. About 10 minutes to my favorite spot I saw

a smallmouth slowly come to the surface and inspect my popper. I twitched it a few times and the fish slowly swam away. It came so close. At least it was interested enough to investigate. Back to casting!

With my adrenaline up again and heart beating stronger, it takes a little longer to find my rhythm. I'm not giving up now. My confidence is soaring. A few minutes later it happened again, except this is a huge fish. My heart is pounding. I make the popper move slightly. No response, but it's still there. I move the popper again and slurp. The bass gulps down my popper, I clumsily set the hook and it's on! The reel is buzzing and this fish is pulling out line. I have no clue what I'm doing, so I just start to reel and feel. If the fish runs, I let it run. If it lets me reel up line, I do that. It takes another run to the bottom. It's an incredibly fun fight. I reach for the net and put an end to our battle; it's a 19-inch smallmouth—my longest fish of the year and longest fight of the year.

I'd love to say it was an easy release, but the hottest day of the year and a long fight gave my new friend the bends. It was lying on its side. Not good. I grabbed the fish by the tail with one hand and opened its mouth with the other and moved it back and forth in the water. Its

color still looked good and its eyes were still looking healthy, so I knew it would be OK. I stuck with it and then with a splash of the tail, it slowly swam back to the bottom.

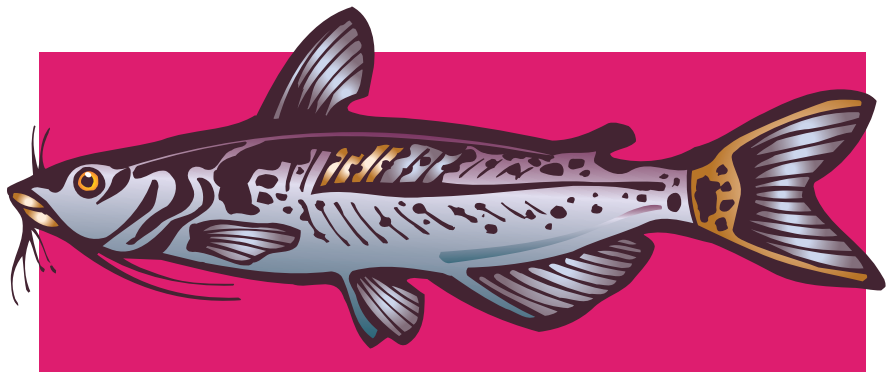
The wind and the drift brought my little boat in a bit more shallow. Over the course of the next hour, a dozen or more smallies slurped down that very same popper. Some of them blew up on it aggressively and some inspected it a bit. I landed about six more fish, including one 18.5 inches, one 17 inches and none less than 16 inches long. To prevent stressing out another fish, I shortened the duration of my fights as much as I could, but they were still longer than I am used to with a bait caster or spinning reel.

As the sun got high and the wind completely died, so did the bite. An experienced fly fisherman could have caught a hundred fish this morning. They were everywhere and the big ones were up shallow. The water was crystal clear and the wind was almost perfect. A fly fisherman I am not, but I will forever keep a fly rod in my boat and always give it a go during the mayfly hatch.

Be safe out there and stay in the strike zone!

P.S. I know everyone around here calls them fishflies, but who knows to write an article covered with fishflies?

Celebrating the wondrous catfish



Whether enjoyed as a delicacy, fished for sport or observed in a home aquarium, catfish are fascinating underwater creatures.

With the exception of Antarctica, catfish are present on all continents and are believed to comprise 3,000 unique species. Some catfish are inclined to inhabit freshwater ecosystems and can be found residing in rivers and streams. Others are content to call saltwater home. Catfish can be mere inches long or virtual giants, with the Mekong catfish in Asia reaching nearly nine feet in length and up to 646 pounds.

According to the outdoor experience resource American Expedition, one of the more popular North American catfish is the channel catfish. It is primarily fished as game and is sometimes known as the "Fork-Tailed Cat," "Fiddler" or "Lady Cat." The flathead catfish is another prominent North American species, as well as the blue catfish.

Catfish are easily recognized and distinguished from other fish due to some prominent characteristics. Catfish are named for their barbels around the mouth, which resemble cat's whiskers. Catfish also have smooth, scaleless bodies and flat heads. Catfish are typically dull in color so they can blend into their surroundings, but there are some more brightly hued varieties.

Wild catfish are bottom feeders, and many are detritivores, or species

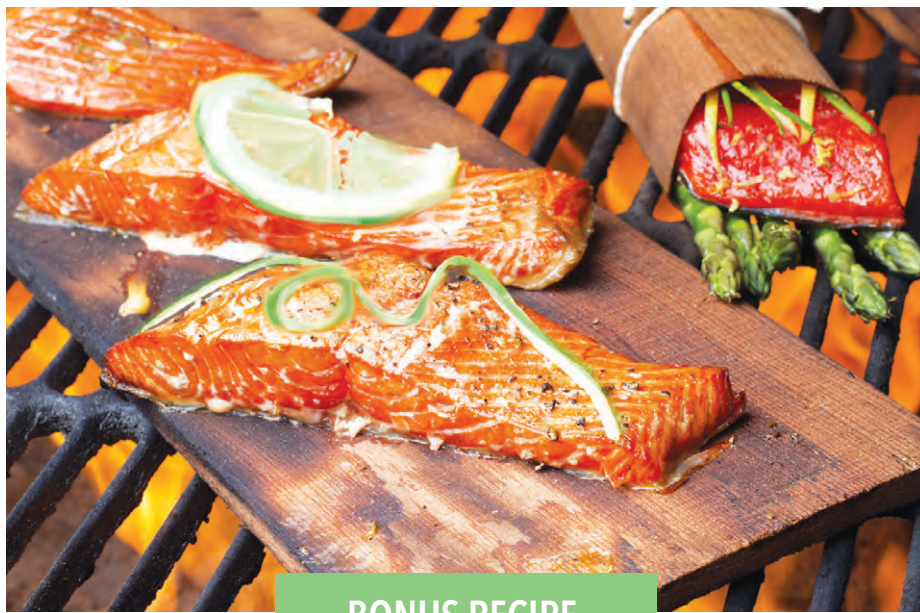
that eat dead material on the bottom of bodies of water. However, catfish may eat aquatic insects, crayfish, mollusks, crustaceans, and other fish. Farm-raised catfish bred for food can be trained to eat food pellets on the water's surface.

Barbels and other sensory organs help catfish locate food in the dark waters they call home. They also have taste sensors all over the surface of their bodies. These taste buds detect chemicals in the water and respond to touch.

Catfish may not say "meow," but they can produce various sounds. According to SoftSchools.com, catfish are able to produce and detect sound due to a bony structure that connects their swim bladder and auditory system. By rubbing together body parts or inducing vibration of the swim bladder, catfish can produce different noises.

Their sweet-tasting, mild flesh makes catfish an important food source around the world. In the United States, fried catfish is especially popular in the southern states, particularly Mississippi. Catfish is also popular in parts of Asia and Africa.

Catfish can survive from eight to 20 years in the wild, depending on the species. Large catfish may not have many natural predators, but large fish, birds, reptiles, and mammals, including humans, may prey on catfish for food or sport.



BONUS RECIPE

Mojito fish a zesty summer treat

Grilling season presents ample opportunities to explore new culinary horizons. Just about anything that can be cooked indoors also can be prepared outdoors over an open flame. And many foodies insist that grilling produces unique flavors that simply cannot be replicated when cooking via other means.

Individuals looking to stray from grilling season staples like hot dogs and hamburgers can try this recipe for "Mojito Fish Steaks" courtesy of Andrew Schloss' "Cooking Slow: Recipes for Slowing Down and Cooking More" (Chronicle Books).

Mojito Fish Steaks

Makes 4 servings

4 firm-fleshed fish steaks, such as salmon, swordfish, kingfish, or sable, each 6 to 8 ounces, about 3/4-inch thick

2 T olive oil, plus more for brushing

Sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper

For the Mojito Mop:

3 T light rum

Juice and finely grated zest of 1 large lime

1 T canola oil

1 tsp. hot-pepper sauce

1 T sugar

4 T chopped fresh mint leaves

Light a grill for indirect low heat, about 200 F. If using a charcoal grill, build a small charcoal fire at one end of the grill. If using a gas grill, set a burner at one end of the grill to medium-low. Put the grill grate on the grill and clean the grill grate with a wire brush.

Coat the fish steaks with 2 tablespoons olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Set aside for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the mop: In a small bowl, stir together the rum, lime juice, canola oil, hot-pepper sauce, sugar, and 3 tablespoons of the mint leaves.

Brush the grill grate with olive oil. Put the fish on the grill away from the heat, spoon 1 T of the mop over each fish steak, cover the grill, and cook until the fish steaks flake to gentle pressure, about 1 hour, basting with mop about every 5 minutes.

Then enjoy!

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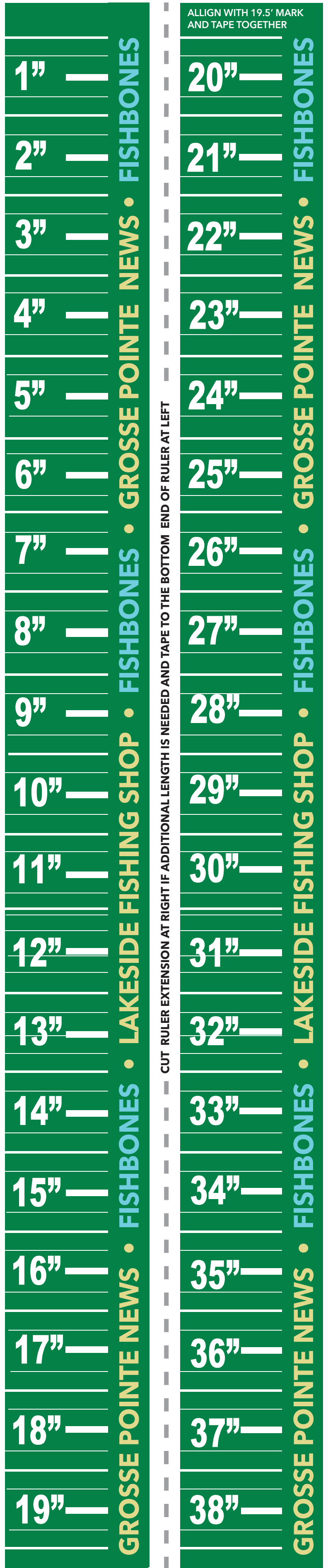
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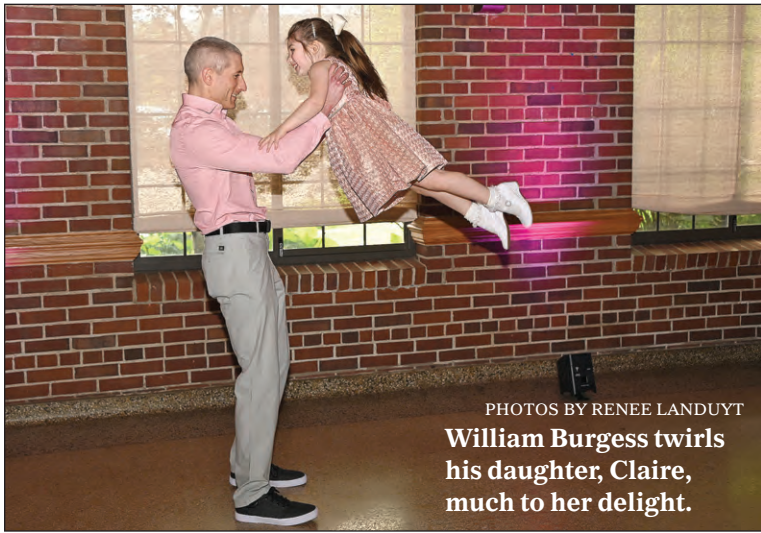
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Daddy-daughter dance

A daddy-daughter dance took place May 25-26, at the Tompkins Center in Grosse Pointe Park. Daddies and daughters had fun with a photo booth, hula hooping, dancing, snacking and more.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT
William Burgess twirls his daughter, Claire, much to her delight.



The DJ instructed everyone to "freeze dance," which meant when the music stopped, everyone had to freeze and make a funny face.



Daddies and daughters get groovy during the event.



Audrey Martin dances on the feet of her father, Jeff Martin.



Gigi Alvarado and Maria Bourdane take a quick break from eating a cookie to take a daddy-daughter dance selfie.



Brooke MacMillian and Ada Meyers "peace out" on the dance floor.



Daddies and daughters alike did the limbo.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. EDT today (1 a.m. to 5 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Aries into Taurus.

Happy Birthday for Friday, June 23, 2022: You can have mood swings because you have strong feelings and emotions. You are compassionate and caring. You are also an independent freethinker. This is a marvelous year for you, because you will receive recognition and acknowledgment for your efforts. You might win an award or get a promotion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
This continues to be a positive, upbeat week! However, today's Moon increases your interest in financial matters, which have been uncertain recently. They might continue this way because Uranus is in your House of Earnings. Cope as best you can. Tonight: Relax at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
This is a winning day, because the Moon has moved into your sign, which, admittedly, will make you more emotional. However, it also boosts your good luck! Why not test this by asking the universe for a favor? Ask for what you want! Tonight: Study and learn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Expect mixed messages today. With your ruler Mercury and fair Venus in your sign, you want to schmooze! Furthermore, Mars will guarantee active participation within groups. Nevertheless, today the Moon is hiding in your chart, and so will you. Tonight: Money and banking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
This is a solid day for you. The Sun is in your sign, and the placement of the Moon is favorable to you. Therefore, things will unfold much as you would like them to. Your big advantage right now is that you look like a winner to others. (Hey, nothing succeeds like the appearance of success.) Tonight: You run the meeting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You are noticed today! (More than usual.) In fact, some people will be discussing personal details about your private life. (Whaaat?) Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. We all have skeletons in our closets -- just make sure you close the doors. Tonight: Solitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Things will run smoothly today; nevertheless, you have an urge to shake things up a little. This is because you want a change of scenery or a chance to learn something new. A little adventure would be the perfect touch! Travel if possible — anything to get out of your rut. Tonight: Talk to friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Be patient with partners and close friends, because Mars is opposite your sign now. Nevertheless, the Sun is at the top of your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight, which means people in authority admire you even if you don't do anything special. Keep this in mind. You have a winning ticket! Tonight: You are admired.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Because the Moon is opposite your sign today, you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Hey, it's no

biggie. It simply means you have to be accommodating, friendly and easygoing. You can do this. Tonight: Explore!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
This is a strong day for important discussions about finances, shared property and who is responsible for what. Put your cards on the table. With Mercury and Venus opposite your sign, people will cooperate with you -- more than you think. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Increased chaos and activity on the homefront continues. Fortunately, today is the ideal day to get away from all this and do something playful. Have a long lunch. Catch a matinee. Meet a friend for coffee. Enjoy playful times with kids. Explore your creative talents. Socialize! Tonight: Listen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
This is a productive day. For starters, you are motivated to work efficiently. On top of this, your energy is strong, even driven. Your communications are likewise direct and to the point. This is the day to work hard, party hard! Tonight: Work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You're in a playful mood. Many of you will enjoy entertaining at home or inviting friends over. Act on your redecorating ideas or your desire to tackle some home repairs, because you'll be glad you did. Tonight: Play!

BORN TODAY
Actress Frances McDormand (1957), actress Melissa Rauch (1980), dancer, choreographer Bob Fosse (1927).

Contract Bridge

A TRUSTY COUNTERWEAPON

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 5
♥ A Q 9 6 3
♦ A 4
♣ K Q J 7 2

WEST ♠ 9 3
♥ 7 4 2
♦ J 10 9 6 2
♣ 6 5 3

EAST ♠ J 8
♥ K 10 8
♦ Q 8 5 3
♣ A 10 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 7 6 4 2
♥ J 5
♦ K 7
♣ 8

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♣ Pass 4♠ Pass
5♦ Pass 6♠ Pass
Pass Dble Pass Pass
6NT
Opening lead — three of diamonds.

It is said that in war every new weapon gives rise to a counterweapon. In much the same way, many bidding and play conventions can frequently be turned against their users.

Consider this deal where the bid-

ding went as shown. South's two-spade bid was not based on the normal complement of at least 17 high-card points usually needed for a jump-shift response, but his bid was quite reasonable, considering the enormous trick-taking power of his spades. South knew he was on the verge of a slam the moment his partner opened the bidding, and he wanted the two of them to be on the same page.

East's subsequent double of six spades was conventional. In the given sequence, it asked West to lead the first suit bid by dummy — namely, hearts.

The significance of the double was not lost on North, who realized that a heart lead through the A-Q could prove fatal. So, he wisely ran to six notrump, a contract that proved unbeatable against any opening lead. He lost a club trick, but that was all.

East was in the unfortunate position where, if he passed six spades, West would probably lead a diamond, while if he doubled, he risked chasing the opponents into six notrump. On the whole, East was right to double, since there was no assurance that either North or South would budge after the double. In the actual case, East was a goner either way.

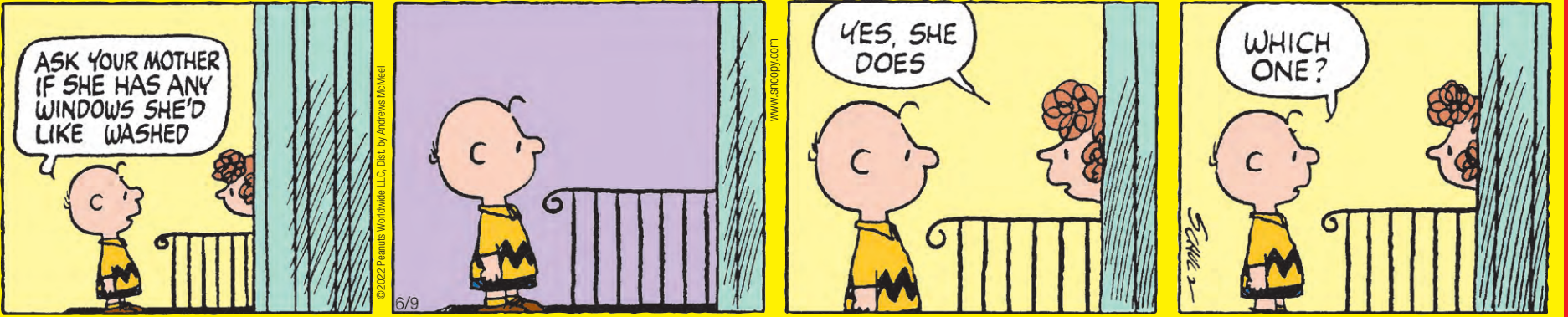
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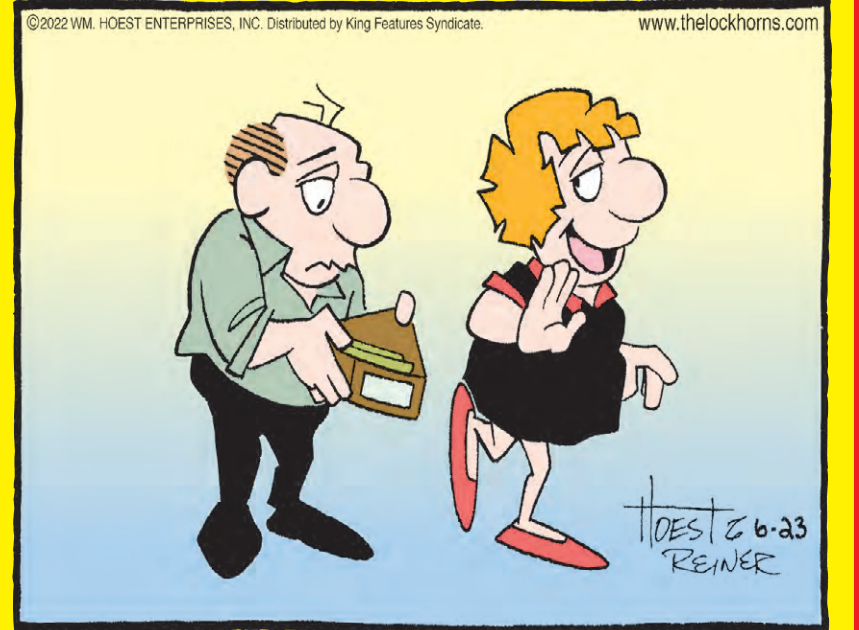


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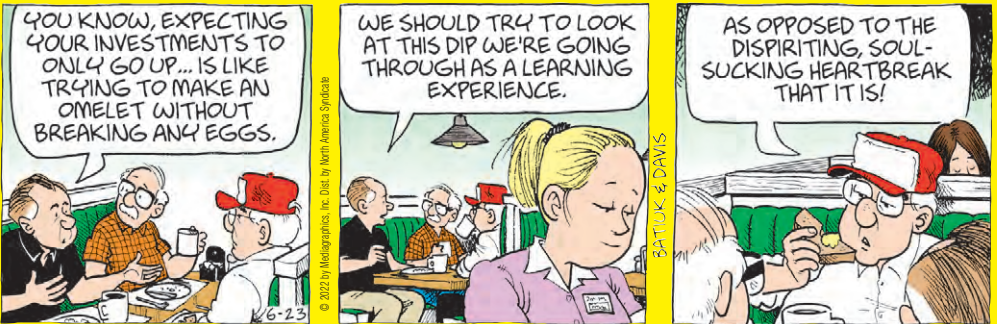
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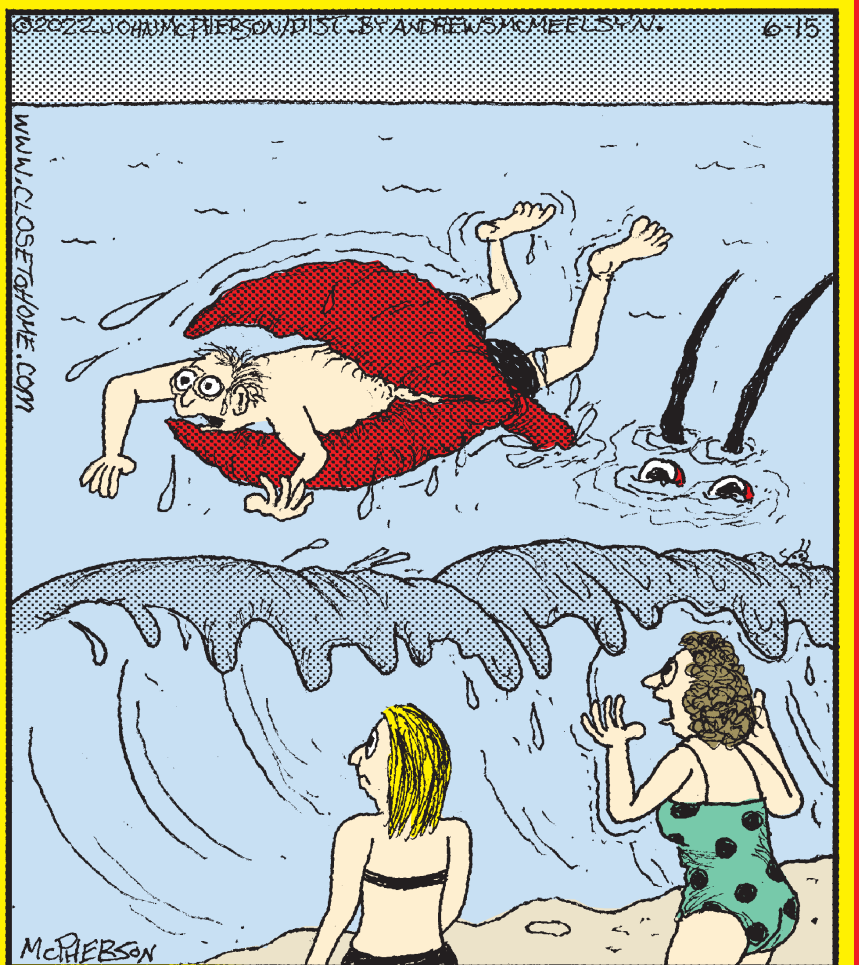
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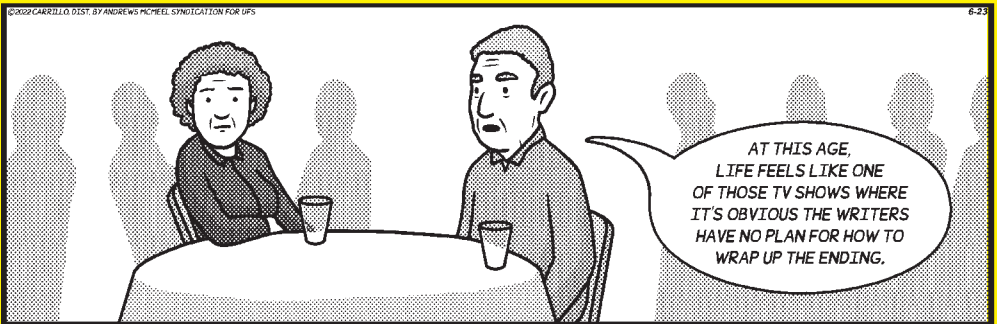
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The honors are starting to roll in for local spring sports stars PAGE 3D

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Norsemen show tenacity and pride in championship game loss

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The biggest question throughout Michigan high school baseball this spring was not if the reigning, two-time consecutive state champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's would win it all, but when they would, and by how much.

But last Saturday, Grosse Pointe North baseball gave the Eaglets' all-star lineup its biggest challenge of the season. The Norsemen nearly proved undefeated St. Mary's mortal, losing by the narrowest of margins in the Division 1 state championship game 1-0, and nearly shocking the baseball world by winning the season's one game that mattered most.

In an intense setting at McLane Stadium in East Lansing, St. Mary's won its third straight state title and completed a perfect 44-0 season

with its win against North. This year's Eaglets team will go down in history as probably the best high school baseball team this state will ever see, but part of that history will always include North as the team that nearly took them down.

"It was one of those moments that you wanted to stay in, even in defeat," Norsemen head coach Kevin Shubnell said. "We knew we had just taken that team to the limit. I'm at a loss for words to describe it. In that moment, the message was that we just did something nobody thought was possible."

North earned the right to play in the state championship game after defeating Battle Creek Lakeview in dominant fashion 8-0 on Friday in the semifinals. The win set up the seemingly inevitable matchup with St. Mary's, and the Norsemen stayed true

to coach Shubnell's sentiment that they would take on whatever challenge was in front of them.

The Norsemen were right there alongside the Eaglets all of Saturday afternoon. The only run of the game came early on in the bottom of the first inning, when St. Mary's catcher Ike Irish hit a ground ball to North shortstop James MacAuley, who made the play at first base to get the inning's second out, while the Eaglets' runner on third went in to score.

From then on, defense and pitching dominated the day on both sides. Sophomore sensation Brennan Hill, who got the start for North on the mound, played the biggest part in that. He boldly took on the fearsome St. Mary's lineup and never flinched, allowing just one run on only three hits while recording nine strike-



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North catcher Luke Babcock, right, hugs starting pitcher Brennan Hill after the final out of Saturday afternoon's championship game, which the Norsemen lost 1-0 to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

outs. "He's a perfectionist and has built himself all year to that moment," Shubnell said of Hill's Saturday afternoon per-

formance. "I felt comfortable with him that the moment was never going to be too big. He plays elite, high-level summer ball...Knowing

his personality and his makeup, I knew that that moment wasn't going to be too big. He See NORTH, page 5D

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In the world of track and field, many athletes gravitate toward what they eventually specialize in based on what best suits their skills and ath-

leticism. Of the events that can become an athlete's area of expertise, the hurdles might be among the most intimidating.

For Grosse Pointe South's Selga Jansons, the hurdles became her

specialty partly because it was the best fit for her athletic build, and because she was simply one of the only Blue Devils who fit that mold.

"It's mostly about the person's build because of all the jumping, you have

to have long legs and a long stride," Jansons said. "I was sort of pushed into it because I had some background in it, but I knew what I was doing."

Jansons, who just finished her junior season with South's track and field team, cemented herself as the team's go-to athlete in the hurdles this spring. The hurdles were not something she was overly familiar with until getting to high school, with her first real varsity track season coming last spring after her freshman season was canceled due to COVID.

Her interest in track began in fifth grade, when she attended a summer camp hosted by her current high school track coach Steve Zaranek. With backgrounds in other sports like cross country, volleyball and soccer, Jansons is an all-around gifted athlete, perhaps a testament to her family's Latvian heritage, a country historically known for producing athletic talent.

"Selga is a great teammate," Zaranek said. "She's a coach's athlete. She's an intense worker who focuses on the details. Selga has extreme versatility and is

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Selga Jansons became the second Grosse Pointe South runner to ever finish with a time under 15 seconds in the 100 meter hurdles at this spring's state championship meet.

willing to adjust her event load to include any of the sprints, hurdles or relays...I have no doubt the best is yet to come."

Even with all her seemingly natural gifts, Jansons set out this spring really wanting to prove herself and continue reaching her full potential.

"Last season was mostly about learning how to do it because I didn't really know what a good time looked like or what the competitive times were like at states," she said. "I pulled my hamstring the week before states last year and couldn't go...This year was all about really pushing myself to see how much I could improve and get better from last year."

Helping Jansons along the way through the ups and downs of her two high school seasons so far have been her talented coaching staff at South. Working with hall-of-fame head coach Steve Zaranek and assistant coach Mira Zaranek, who coaches Jansons in the hurdles, has helped grow her love for the sport even more.

"I was so excited to run and be on a team with Coach Zaranek," Jansons said. "The best part is them being incredibly supportive... Mira became like my coach and we were also friendly, which made it really fun because she knew how to push me..."

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North softball sees bright future on diamond

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As the Grosse Pointe North softball team hit the field in the regional semifinal round on June 11, there was no doubt that they belonged there. The game, a 4-1 loss to Mercy, turned out to be the final time the Norsemen would take the diamond this spring.

Although the season came to a bittersweet end in the playoffs, it was everything that led up to that moment that prepared the team to take on any challenge.

This spring was North softball's first ever season in the MAC Red Division. The Norsemen were used to playing that level of competition at times, often scheduling MAC Red opponents for non-division games in previous years. But this season, the day in and day out grind of a MAC Red schedule was new to the program. Having to consistently play against the MAC's top teams during the regular season did exactly what the Norsemen had hoped by making them stronger as the spring went on.

"We play a constant, high-end schedule and I think it paid off very well," North coach Ron Smith said. "When the girls took the field in the playoffs, we didn't take it with a lot of nerves. We went out like we were supposed to be

there. There was no question of it."

North finished the season with an overall record of 15-10, including a 6-5 record in the MAC Red. That was good enough to put the Norsemen third out of seven teams in the final division standings and proved that North is a program that regularly belongs among the top teams in the league.

Helping the team step up during the season and face those challenges was a group of four senior captains. Jessica Alway, Maraina Smith, Leah Armbruster and Shannon Kane played their final seasons for North this spring, and all had their own special ways of leaving an imprint on the program.

"All four of our seniors played a different role in what they brought to the table," coach Smith said. "(Maraina) Smith brought a lot of fire to the game. Always led the team in hitting and quietly went and hit over .450 this year. Kane kept it going in the dugout or on the field as a true leader. Armbruster goes out there and makes every play and makes it look easy even when it's tough. They all leave a little piece that our underclassmen can watch and learn from."

With four seniors leaving, nine players from this year's squad are set to return next season for

North, including seven juniors who will be the new senior leaders in 2023. The promise that those players have shown this season should give plenty of optimism for those who want to see a bright future for the North softball program.

"Obviously, it's never good to lose seniors and never want to see them leave," Smith said. "That being said, the underclassmen on this team and on our JV are going to be strong going forward. Even losing a second baseman and a pitcher...we're strong up the middle which is something that's always talked about as a strength. Our corners on the infield are both returning and they were excellent this year. We're excited about what's coming up and the way the future looks at North."

The future is bright for the Norsemen, and next year could be the year that they move even closer to their biggest goal. That goal being to contend for, and win, a state championship.

Though that did not happen this spring, winning a district championship proved that the pieces are there for North and the team can step up and win in the postseason. The Norsemen's younger core gained valuable experience playing in big games and are prov-



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIZ WAKEFIELD

North's softball team finished the season as district champions and with a winning record during the program's first ever season in the MAC Red Division.

ing to their coaches that they have what it takes to win. They got to taste some of that success this year and are eager to achieve more in the future, but perhaps this spring's greatest achievement, in its coach's eyes, was how this team never gave up

no matter what. "We really thought that we had all the pieces that would make that happen this year," Smith said. "I still do think we had the pieces. Other teams have it too and you have to go head to head and somebody has to lose...We knew we

had a group that got along and really liked each other. The best thing about this team, from a coaching perspective, is that it never changed all year. This group truly liked each other and was there for each other from the beginning to the end."

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it came naturally."

A strong relationship with her coaches seemed to come as easily for Jansons as her success on the track. Helping her learn how to channel her athletic talent has made Jansons one of Blue Devils' top runners. When she listened to classical music and got into her zone before a race, few in the MAC Red could keep up with her this season.

Jansons really made her mark just a few

weeks ago at the track and field state championships. Running in the 100 meter hurdles, her time of 15.25 in the preliminary round was enough to qualify for the state finals.

In the final heat, Jansons ran a 14.99, earning her a fifth place finish and setting a new personal record. It also made her only the second South runner in history to finish below 15 seconds in the event.

"It felt really cool," Jansons said. "When I finished, I had no idea what my time was. I wasn't expecting to make

it to the finals, but wanted to give it my best shot. Finishing fifth felt really good."

The achievement ended Jansons' junior year on a high note and has already given her a benchmark to reach when she returns next spring for her senior season. Just fractions of a second shy, she has her sights set on breaking South's 100 meter hurdles school record before her time as a Blue Devil is up.

A talented athlete who has already cemented part of her legacy at South, it seems as if that

natural athleticism and drive to compete are always pushing Jansons forward.

"I've always wanted to

break the school record," she said. "It's a lot to drop off my time but that's what I'm really working toward for next

year." To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jansons was the South girls track and field team's leading point scorer during this spring season.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 13, 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.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive and file the Fire Department Assessment, dated May 11, 2022 performed by Winbourne Consulting LLC.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 16, 2022 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on April 22, 2022, the Planning Commission meeting held on May 25, 2022 and the Beautification Commission meeting held on June 7, 2022.
- 3) To add to the agenda the contract from the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Woodland to Vernier.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 124598 through 124784 in the amount of \$721,844.98 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,399.07 for software support on the district court's computer system. (3) approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$9,326.72 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period July through December 2021. (4) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of June 2022. (5) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$23,061.02 for professional services during the month of April 2022 for the following projects: Kelly Rd Ped. Crossing, 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, Misc. Concrete Pavement Repair, Emergency Storm Sewer Repair, Sanitary Sewer Cleaning, Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, Beaconsfield Resurfacing, Johnston Park Basketball Court, Salter Park Basketball Court, Everstream Fiber Optic, Miss Dig, Eastland Center, and Water Service Material Investigation. (6) approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$19,575.00 for professional services related to the City's financial reporting and preparation of the 2021 financial statements. (7) approve payment to Doxim in the amount of \$5,483.79 for the printing and mailing of the May 2022 water bills for Districts 1, 2 and 3.
- 2) to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$3,217.70 for Progress Payment No. 5 (Final) on the 2021 Storm Sewer Repair Project, #180-256.
- 3) to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$1,943.36 for Progress Payment No. 2 (Final) on the 2021 Pavement Joint/Crack Sealing Project, #180-258.
- 4) to approve payment to Warren Contractors & Development, Inc., in the amount of \$55,624.68 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the Johnston Park Basketball Facility Improvement #180-263.
- 5) to approve payment to M. L. Chartier Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$98,483.75 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the Water Service Material Investigation Program, #180-265.
- 6) to approve the purchase of twenty-four (24) Axon Body 3 cameras, cloud storage and access to Evidence.com from Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$128,687.42, with an initial payment of \$12,593.74 and four (4) annual payments of \$28,335.92.
- 7) to approve the Stipulation for Entry of Consent Judgment between the City of Harper Woods and Eastland Center Mall Realty Holding LLC, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- 8) to Approve the three (3) year contract renewal with WCA Assessing, effective July 1, 2022 in the amount of \$69,488 annually for the first year, \$72,962 annually for year two and \$76,610 annually for the last year, payable in 12 equal installments for each year; and further to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Harper Woods.
- 9) to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$250,668.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for June through August 2022.
- 10) to receive and file the rate reductions as received by Great Lakes Water Authority.
- 11) to approve the contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (Control Section STU 82000; Project No. 22A0617; Job Number 208976CON; Contract Number 22-5276) for the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, and further to authorize the acting City Manager and City Clerk to sign the contract.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor
Published: GPN, June 23, 2022

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

North's Shubnell named Coach of the Year

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Back in February, there was a period of time when it was unknown who would even be leading the Grosse Pointe North baseball team as the head coach this spring. Kevin Shubnell was hired on as the interim head coach, a title he still technically holds, with less than two months before the season began.

Facing a quick turnaround and the pressure that comes with taking over a program like North, Shubnell proved that he was more than capable of success and earned the honor of being named the Division 1 Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association.

"I'm always one to deflect so at first I thought about my players who had immense talent and who bought in," Shubnell said after being named coach of the year. "I had three assistant coaches who put in a ton of time and knowledge and were able

to impart it in a way that was positive and uplifting. I look at that award and see it has my name on it, but it's shared among the team."

To make winning coach of the year an even more impressive accomplishment, this spring was Shubnell's first ever season as a head coach at the varsity level. As a first-year head coach, he helped lead the Norsemen to a MAC White Division championship, district and regional championships in the state playoff tournament and an appearance in the Division 1 state championship game.

Shubnell, who also works as a teacher at North, wanted to bring that teaching experience and mindset into the program. Playing a key role in that was the staff of assistant coaches around him. Without Steve Plieth, Joe Banaszewski and Ryan Liagre alongside him in the dugout all season long, Shubnell knows that none of the Norsemen's success this spring would have been possible without them.

"We don't accomplish anything without their time and effort and everything that they brought," he said. "As a four-man staff, we had never worked together before. When I put them together, I knew they were men of high character and teachers. That was going to be the focus. It wasn't just a group that was going to win at all costs and it helped us set that culture."

Along with his staff of assistant coaches, Shubnell knows that a large amount of credit for winning coach of the year deserves to go to North's players. Shubnell had nothing but praise for the way every player on North was quick to accept him as their new coach and leader, allowing the program to thrive during a season where nobody knew what might happen.

"The team bought in right away to what I was doing," said Shubnell. "You can have a standard and say you're going to do things a certain way, but it doesn't matter as a coach unless the kids buy in and they did."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North baseball interim head coach Kevin Shubnell was named Division 1 Coach of the Year by the MHSBCA after helping to lead the Norsemen to a state championship game appearance.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Top, Liggett baseball's Jarren Purify was named First-Team All-State in Division 3 and was part of the MHSBCA's 2022 Dream Team. Bottom, Abby Keane from South girls lacrosse received an All-State honorable mention for her efforts this spring, her senior season with the Blue Devils.

Spring athletes earn All-State recognition

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As the spring sports season ends, a group of athletes from the Pointes have added 2022 All-State honors to their resumes. Several athletes from girls and boys lacrosse and baseball from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett have gotten the nod for their outstanding achievements on the field. They are:

Girls Lacrosse

Two local athletes received honors when the Michigan Womens' Lacrosse Coaches Association announced their All-State teams at the conclusion of the spring. Grosse Pointe South midfielder Abby Keane and goalie Ava Oskui received All-State, honorable mention status in Division 1.

Both Keane and Oskui were captains of South's team this season. This was the second year in a row where Keane, a senior, was named an All-State honorable mention. The senior captain scored 61 goals this spring. For the junior goalie Oskui, this was her first time receiving an honorable mention for All-State.

Boys Lacrosse

Grosse Pointe South Blue Devil William Rauh

received Second-Team All-State Honors as a short-stick defensive midfielder.

In addition, five boys lacrosse players, representing both North and South, received All-State, honorable mention recognition by the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association. Jack Hanigan, Griffin Addams and Harrison Wright from South along with Mitchell Mills and Jason Michalski from North all won for the attack position.

Softball

The Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association announced its list of All-State honorees earlier this week after the conclusion of championship weekend. One player from the Pointes was part of the athletes named this spring, as South shortstop Shannon Dame received an honorable mention in Division 1.

Baseball

As is tradition on championship weekend, the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association released its lists of All-State teams in each of the four divisions as well as its Dream Team. It has also become an expectation that at least a few players from the schools in the Pointes would be on those lists, and this year was no dif-

ferent.

Two Norsemen were named to All-State teams in Division 1 this weekend as they competed in the state semifinals and finals. Junior Drew Hill received First-Team All-State honors as an outfielder, while pitcher Jordan Arseneau was Second-Team All-State.

From the University Liggett Knights, four players were named to All-State teams in Division 3. Kurt Barr, Matthew Greene and Jarren Purify were named First-Team All-State. Oliver Service made Second-Team All-State as a catcher. Purify, the Knights' shortstop, was also listed as part of this year's MHSBCA Dream Team, which includes the best players from across all divisions.

Finally, the South baseball team received an honor as a whole over the weekend, as it was named one of the five top academic schools in the state and received an All-State Academic Team Award from the MHSBCA. The Blue Devils completed the season with a team GPA of 3.67 and had nine players achieve a GPA of 4.0 or above.

Look to the Grosse Pointe News Sports Section in the coming weeks, for more news when All-State teams in other spring sports are announced.

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Little League teams from Grosse Pointe Farms-City and Woods-Shores hosted *Championship Saturday* last weekend, where several teams won their divisions in action-packed playoff games. Come back next week for more playoff coverage for Grosse Pointe Softball and Grosse Pointe Park little leagues.



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Head coach Matthew Barrett
Assts Daniel Sexton, Sean McBrady, Trevor North and team manager Michael Totin

AAA-KNIGHTS



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Head Coach Christopher Miko, Asst Coach Nicholas Smith

AA-BALL ROCKHOUNDS



Standing left to right: Colin Bank, Henry Kruse, Next row left to right: Brayden Rajt, James Dzubak, Teddy Harber, Alex Miller, Jack Dzubak, Charles Baker
Laying down in front: Beau Wortman. Not pictured: Jameson Newbold. Back row: Michael Dzubak (manager) & Matt Harber (assistant coach).

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Head Coach Sean McBrady, Assts Andrew Daniell and Jason Bruveris

A-BALL TIMBER RATTLERS



Charlie Pesta, Parker Crandall, Nathan Crandall, James Mason, JP Farago, Lukas Hoffman, Tommy Fannon, Louis Baker, Huey Miller, Liam Christenson, Christian Licata

Manager: Bill Crandall
Coaches: Rob Crandall, Jeff Komasa, Kevin Pesta, Dan Fannon, Chip Baker

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was locked in from the moment we left the hotel and had confidence.”

While Hill pitched an incredible game on the mound for the Norsemen, St. Mary's Ciaran Caughey and Jasen Oliver combined their own pitching performances to form the shutout. North had its chances, including getting runners into scoring position in the sixth and seventh innings, but was never quite able to push through and break onto the scoreboard.

The loss ended the Norsemen's season with a final record of 23-8, while they also captured MAC White Division, district and regional championships. Despite the loss, Saturday's game will go down as a benchmark in North baseball's program history.

Moments like senior Jake Tedesco playing in right field instead of his usual first base showed that this North team was willing to do anything to fight and try to win. The atmosphere that the team and its fans created and the ability to nearly be the David to St. Mary's

Goliath proved that the Norsemen still deserve to be respected as one of Michigan's top programs.

“When MacAuley singled in the first inning and I heard this roar behind me, I'll get goosebumps for the rest of my life,” Shubnell said. “With every strikeout, there was a roar. In that moment, it was a testament to the pride we restored and the class and poise that our kids played with all year. They showed dignity to their opponents and umpires with the way they played the game and we put pride back in the program.”



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's James MacAuley hustles around second base and heads for third during the state championship game.

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<p>Announcements</p> <p>100 ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>In observance of INDEPENDENCE DAY the office is closed Monday, JULY 4, 2022 Grosse Pointe News Classified DEADLINE Tuesday 1PM JULY 5, 2022</p> <p>101 PRAYERS</p> <p>NOVENA to St. Jude May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. Worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail, never. Publication must be promised. Thanks, St. Jude for prayers answered. Special thanks to our Mother Of Perpetual Help. KV</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p> <p>200 HELP WANTED GENERAL</p> <p>DAYTIME CLERK Experience a plus Full & Part Time. Wages depending on experience. Apply within 16926 Kercheval or Send resume notredamephcy@aol.com</p> <p>OFFICE POSITION - Full Time; Part Time; Flexible Hours Professional Land Development Consulting Firm looking for 3 Good People; excellent wage other benefits included &/ or available Candidate should be pleasant and articulate; as well as appropriate etiquette... we will Train PLEASE REPLY TO Kem-Tec ; 22556 Gratiot Ave, Eastpointe, MI 48021</p> <p>WAREHOUSE Worker 10am- 3pm. May thru September. Paid daily. Apply in person only. Captain Kool Corporation, 29701 Little Mack, Roseville, 48066</p>	<p>200 HELP WANTED GENERAL</p> <p>SUMMER JOB: General office help. Answer phones, taking orders, schedule events. Good at multitasking, fast learner. Apply 10am- 3pm. Captain Kool Corporation, 29701 Little Mack Roseville, 48066</p> <p>203 HELP WANTED DENTAL / MEDICAL</p> <p>Grosse Pointe Doctor's office is seeking a full-time or part-time medical assistant/nurse. Must be friendly and detail oriented. Previous medical office experience of at least 1 year, EMR knowledge and computer skills helpful. Please email resumes to careers@drshaunadiggs.com</p> <p>204 HELP WANTED DOMESTIC</p> <p>EXPERIENCED Housekeepers needed. Please call Darina (313)598-0264</p> <p>DON'T FORGET- Call your ads in EARLY! Classified Advertising (313)882-6900 x1 Grosse Pointe News</p>	<p>210 HELP WANTED RESTAURANT</p> <p>Work in a fun, nautical environment! Trader Todd's Marina in Saint Clair Shores is hiring. Current Positions open include Administrative Assistant (must have Quick Books experience, good customer service and organizational skills), Yard Hand (entry level, must enjoy outdoor work and be able to lift 50 pounds) and Construction (carpentry skills a must, plumbing and electric a plus). All positions offer competitive pay, flexible schedules, perks and bonuses. Apply in person weekdays mornings 10am- 12 noon 24030 Jefferson St. Clair Shores or send your resume to todd.tradertodds@marina@gmail.com</p> <p>300 SITUATIONS WANTED BABYSITTERS</p> <p>ATTENTION: by MICHIGAN LAW DAY CARE FACILITIES (In-Home & Centers) Must Show Their Current License To Advertising Representative When Placing Your Ads. THANK YOU. Parents- Please Verify All Child Care Licenses!</p>	<p>210 HELP WANTED RESTAURANT</p> <p>IRISH COFFEE Bar & Grill now hiring Cooks, Servers & Dishwashers Apply in person 18666 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Farms</p>	<p>302 CAREGIVER</p> <p>CAREGIVER SEEKING to provide care for an elderly person. Very reliable. Experienced in dementia care, stroke cases, bathing, cleaning/cooking, errands, meds, etc. Weekdays only. Grosse Pointe preferred. Grosse Pointe reference. 15+ years. Please call Dawn at (586)541-8307</p> <p>Cita Angels Home Care Caregiver services. 24 hour care. We assist in cooking, cleaning, bathing/grooming, doctor's appointments, errands, etc. Accepting medicaid payments. 1-866-54-ANGEL.</p>	<p>305 HOUSE CLEANING</p> <p>EXPERIENCED, professional Polish woman will clean your home. Prime schedule days available. Excellent references, reasonable rates. Cate (568)533-7688</p>	<p>312 ORGANIZING</p> <p>DUCKS IN A ROW De-cluttering and organizing your home! Closets, basements, whole house. Organize your paper clutter. Home information, notebooks, Medical journals, memory albums. Becky Schlaff (313)580-2528 Susan Mason (313)910-9705 schlaffb@comcast.net rwatson@comcast.net</p>
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