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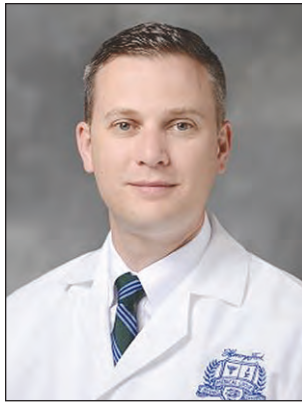
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Seth Krupp, M.D.

## Krupp joins council

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — When Councilwoman Maureen Juip was appointed to the City of Grosse Pointe City Council in February 2020, council members at the time noted how difficult it

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## Officers verbally attacked at urgent care

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — According to a letter from the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, two Woods public safety officers were met with insults and verbal harassment Tuesday, July 5, at the Michigan Urgent Care — Grosse

Pointe, 20311 Mack. The letter from FOPLC sent to City Administrator Frank Schulte and Public Safety Director John Kosanke Friday, July 8, said an officer, while on duty, went to the medical office for a required annual medical appointment.

It further stated the officer was asked by an

employee why he needed to come in with his “get up on,” and how many people the officer had killed. When the patrol officer summoned his supervisor, that person, too, was met with similar hostility and was asked “how many people he was going to beat up tonight.”

“The officer was on duty, which is why he had

his uniform on,” Kosanke told the Grosse Pointe News. “He was there for a required annual TB test.”

Kosanke also said he has been in touch with a regional manager from NextCare Holdings, which owns 155 urgent care facilities in a dozen states, including eight in southeast Michigan.

“They were very apolo-

getic and said corrective action would be taken,” he added. “I don’t think it reflects on their business as a whole.”

Jesse Henderson, vice president of sales and marketing at NextCare, said in a statement to the Grosse Pointe News that the employee involved in

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LESLIE WAGNER

Multiple squad cars and fire trucks were on scene at the U.S. Postal Service on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms after a vehicle crashed into the building the morning of July 9.

## Crash causes multiple minor injuries

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Despite bricks flying as though there was an explosion and shelving units crashing to the ground reminiscent of an earthquake, no serious injuries were reported after a vehicle collided with the brick wall at the United States Postal Service of-

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## Lieutenant retires after 23 years of duty

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Just three weeks into his promotion to Farms detective in 2016, Tom Shimko worked on the infamous homicide case of a handyman killing a local interior designer in front of the designer’s home. The team of officers was able to secure a confession from the suspect, David Corzilius, who later was sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison.

During more than 23 years in the Farms department, Shimko, who retired in early June as lieutenant, also served as

fire inspector, detective, sergeant and member of the Wayne County Regional S.W.A.T. team. At the time of his retirement, he was tied for the most award hours in the department at 132.

“Simply put, Tom is one of the most relaxed, funny and good-natured people I’ve ever met in or out of law enforcement,” Farms Director of Public Safety John Hutchins said via email. “His life experience working in several different vocations made him a well-rounded officer and his observations of people and life in general kept us

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PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Tom Shimko during his promotion to lieutenant Oct. 14, 2019. From left are former Deputy Director John Hutchins, Frank Zielinski who was promoted to sergeant, Shimko, former Director Dan Jensen, Mayor Louis Theros and City Manager Shane Reeside.

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laughing, even in the most difficult of times. We wish Tom only the best in his retirement.”

Although void of a happy ending, Shimko received a medal of valor in 2014, for his bravery in the attempted rescue of a sewer worker trapped in a collapsing 20-foot hole.

While working to dig the man out from the initial collapse, in an effort with dozens of officers from regional response teams, a second collapse occurred and the rescue ultimately was unsuccessful.

“I could see the fissure in the wall forming ... and they said, ‘Get out of the hole,’ and that’s when we had to climb these ladders to get out and it was falling in on us, (a) big column of clay,” Shimko said. “It was just a terrible thing.”

On a lighter note, the lieutenant also once thwarted a breaking and entering in the Woods while at home for his lunch break.

Neighbors witnessed the suspect kick down the door of an elderly woman’s home and leave, walking down Allard, with stolen items. When the call went out on police radio, Shimko, who lived close by, jumped in his car and arrested the man before Woods officers arrived.

“It was a Grosse Pointe Woods crime and I got honored for catching the B&E man and I was at home eating lunch,” he recalled.

Shimko served 29 years in law enforcement, working in Hamtramck and with the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office prior to starting at the Farms.

“I’m 62 and I figured I was ready,” he said regarding his decision to retire. “I wanted to travel and do something different. I’ve been doing it for 29 years, almost three decades, and 62’s pretty old for a police officer now and we have to fight fires. Physically, I felt fine. I just felt my age was getting up there and I wanted to be able to do more things, other things.”

As a licensed builder and licensed fire inspector, Shimko has other options for work, but currently is planning to enjoy traveling and visiting family across the country.

“This is like summer vacation for me right now,” he said. “This is like getting out of school and planning, but I have a lot less time.”

His specific plans? “(To) live a long, healthy life,” Shimko said. “That’s what I’m hoping for.”

As a result of Shimko’s retirement, Thom Dionne has been promoted to lieutenant and Tim Harris to sergeant.

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the altercation is no longer with the company.

“This type of employee behavior is not condoned, nor is it consistent with NextCare’s mission and values,” the statement read. “We apologize to the people affected by the comments. We know that the top priority of local law enforcement is the safety and well-being of the community. We share that priority and appreciate

ate the work they do every day to meet that goal.”

Kosanke said the department has made “alternate arrangements” for testing the rest of the department’s officers.

The incident came a week after Cold Truth Soft Serve, an ice cream store in Detroit, made national headlines after it posted on social media it would not serve police officers wearing body armor.

“I’m not sure if it’s on the heels of that or not,” Kosanke said.

## Dutch too much for elm trees

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Replacement elms aren’t taking root against Dutch elm disease.

Every elm planted to repopulate the city has failed.

While efforts are ongoing to protect surviving American elms from the invasive disease introduced to North America from Europe in 1928, attempts to return the community to an elm-canopied shade garden have fallen flat.

“So, I’m not planting elm trees anymore,” said Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park’s city forester for nearly 30 years.

The Park’s inventory of city-owned elms, meaning those on municipal property, from sidewalk medians to parkland, has dropped more than 95 percent, from 4,009 to 196, since Dutch elm was diagnosed in the city in 1952, according to Colter.

Nearly 90 percent of those losses, or 3,512, are due to Dutch elm. Colter credits the rest, 497, to other causes, including storm damage and old age.

There remain 197 mature American elms on city property.

Colter planted several alternate elms in the Park trying to fill gaps, both spatial and nostalgic.

“About seven varieties of disease-resistant elms have been developed,” he said. “I’ve experimented with all of them. It’s been my experience that they’re all susceptible to Dutch elm.”

Liberty elm, a cultivar of American elm (*Ulmus americana*), once was considered a likely savior of the landscape.

“In my experience, once they get about 10 to 12 inches in diameter, they’re only about 50 percent disease resistant,” Colter said. “The most recent is the



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

**A contractor hauls away an American elm lost to Dutch elm disease this spring, in the 1000 block of Somerset in Grosse Pointe Park.**

Princeton elm, which I tried. It also is 100 percent *Ulmus americana*, so it mimics the shape of our historic American elms. Those, too, died from Dutch elm.”

Colter presumes losses in the Park are even greater on private property due to the cost and nearly inviolate persistence required of annual fungicide injections to help trees stave off infection.

Although Colter wasn’t hired by the Park until 1994, he researched city files to calculate elm losses predating his employment through now.

“1986 was the last year we had firm data showing how many elms we cut down each year,” Colter said. “But I know how many elms we had at the end of 1986, and how many in 1995. So, I averaged out those losses.”

The most losses in one year, 205, happened during 1982.

“The elms were big, too,” Colter said.

“Everybody who lived here at that time tells me during summer, when they were out of school, they heard chippers all day.”

Last year was noted for its silence.

“The year 2021 marked the first year in the 70 years since we’ve had Dutch elm disease that we did not lose an American elm to Dutch elm,” Colter said.

The trend hasn’t continued into 2022.

“This year, we already lost one in the 800 block of Barrington,” Colter said.

A municipal contractor cut down the second elm of the year in April, in the 1000 block of Somerset. Its four-foot diameter trunk and main branches fashioned a vase-like silhouette that for decades withstood fungi spread by bark beetles.

Many elms were topped during the straight-line wind storm of 1997.

“We lost 197 trees,” Colter said. “Roughly half were healthy

American elm and half silver maple. There were a couple cottonwoods and other casualties.”

Many unhealthy elms scarce of leaves withstood the storm. Healthy trees were more vulnerable due to the thickness of their canopies.

“Their leaves caught the wind like a big sail,” Colter said. “Wind blew through the dead ones.”

Despite decades of losses and dwindling examples of elms nationwide, Elm Street is the fifth most popular name among neighborhoods tracked by Living Places, a website linking home buyers with more than 3,300 historic and 7,000 newer primarily residential neighborhoods in the United States.

Don’t believe, however, that George Washington took command of the first American army during a ceremony July 3, 1775, under an elm on Cambridge Common, Mass.

Although an existing elm on the campus of the University of Washington in Seattle was cut from an elm growing on the commons during the historic event, there’s no proof the ceremony took place under the Washington Elm of lore.

“The tree was there at the time — that was manifest from its rings when it fell in 1924 — but there is no proof that the transfer to Washington occurred there or nearby,” according to Douglas Southall Freeman’s biography of Washington.

Openings in the urban tree canopy due to elm losses were made worse by over-planting the desirable species.

To avoid the aesthetic consequences of a single species being wiped out within a short timeframe and the sudden, unexpected costs of replacement, arborists and

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was to decide between several significantly qual-

ified candidates.

Now, with John Stempfle resigning from a more than 18-year run on council to move to Holland, Mich., the pro-

cess to fill his seat has been successfully tackled by revisiting the pool of applicants from two years ago.

Seth Krupp, M.D., was unanimously approved for appointment to council Monday night and will be officially sworn in during the August council meeting.

“I value and really enjoy the nice community we have and what a great place it is to raise a family,” he said of his interest in joining council, “and I feel like I have the time and talent at this point in my life to help contribute to continuing to make it the great place

that it is. I really value it and I want it to be around for my kids to enjoy at the level that I’ve been able to enjoy it as well, so I thought it would be a good opportunity for me to give back at this time.”

Krupp has lived in the City eight years — in the Park five years prior to that — and has worked as an emergency physician at Henry Ford Hospital downtown since 2009.

He also serves as the vice chairman of operations for the Henry Ford Emergency Department, a role he hopes will translate to helping improve the City with his skills in

bringing efforts to fruition and helping people feel empowered to succeed in their positions.

“In the short term, I’m looking forward to building relationships and seeing where my skills and efforts will be most utilized,” Krupp said. “I certainly just want to get out and meet the folks who are involved in city government, get to know them better and see how I can help them continue to be successful managing the city.”

While he does hold a personal interest in ongoing forestry efforts throughout the Pointes, “I have an open mind about what I’m going to get involved in at this point,” Krupp said.

“Obviously, keeping downtown vibrant and activities that keep people engaged in the community are so important, but I don’t have any specific projects that I’m (focused) on. At the moment, I’m just listening and learning and looking for opportunities to get involved.”

With his appointment to fill Stempfle’s seat for the remainder of his term, Krupp anticipates running for election to council in November 2023.

He and his wife, Julie, share three children — 6-year-old Millie, 9-year-old Cici and 11-year-old Sam — who go to Richard Elementary School and Brownell Middle School.

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This boat began to sink around 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9, after being pushed into the seawall near Osius Park in Grosse Pointe Shores.



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## Damaged boat sinks off Osius Park

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A boat that became trapped against an underwater object sustained enough damage that it began to sink around 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9, near

Osius Park and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, according to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department.

The 34-foot Wellcraft Martinique banged up against the seawall sev-

eral times and began taking on water.

The eight occupants were safely transported to land by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office Marine Division and the boat was towed by a pri-

vate company.

Social media posts showed several other boats grounded in shallow water the same evening off of Ford Cove.

— Ted O'Neil

## Shores begins replacing water service lines

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A water main and sewer project on Oxford exposed what city officials knew was coming: water service lines that have to be replaced.

"We found two that are cast iron that will need to be replaced with copper or plastic," DPW Director Mike Way said. "We thought we'd find some, so in this case we didn't have to guess."

An administrative rule change in 2018 at the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, which took effect in January, requires municipalities

to replace any water service lines that are made of cast iron, lead or galvanized steel. Water providers must have an inventory of such lines completed by 2025, then have 20 years to replace them.

The change came in response to the Flint water crisis. Lead can cause damage to the brain and nervous system and can cause behavior, learning and speech problems in children.

The replacement cost is about \$10,000 each. The good news for the city is that only two of 26 houses on Oxford were found to be in noncompliance.

"We added a contin-

gency fund in the bonds we sold to do the work on Oxford and Lakeshore that will cover any others we find," Way said.

A third, found on Lochmoor, is galvanized. "They requested a water shut-off because they were having some plumbing work done and our guys saw the service line coming into the house," Way noted.

Under normal circumstances, if a service line breaks or has to be replaced for any other reason, the cost is the responsibility of the homeowner. Way said DPW usually gets reports of five or six such instances each year. If the line is one of the three materials that are

banned, the city will bear the cost.

The next step is figuring out how many more need replacement.

"We're doing a meter upgrade program, so we'll be able to see what kind of service line comes into each house," Way said. "We're also going through historical paperwork, old building permits and such, to see what we can find."

Homeowners do, however, have an option.

"We have a form they have to sign to allow us to come on to private property and they can always say no," Way said. "Although I can't imagine anyone saying they're OK with having lead pipes."

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landscape designers preach a diverse tree inventory. No one type of tree should compose more than 5 to 10 percent of the whole.

The irony of replacing over-planted elms with ash trees hit home early this century when emerald ash borer, an invasive insect from Asia, arrived

in metropolitan Detroit and began wiping out the replacements.

"To date, 1,312 city ash have been cut down in the Park," Colter said.

Upon completing undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, Colter studied forestry on the graduate level at Michigan State University.

"At MSU, they taught us the 10-20-30 rule," he said.

The rule states an urban forest should consist of no more than 10 percent of a single species of tree, 20 percent of a genus or 30 percent of a family.

"There is some debate that that is not diverse enough," Colter said.

"The mantra of urban forestry today is sustainability and species diversity, and it is a wise one indeed," wrote Thomas J. Campanella, a Cornell

associate professor of urban planning, in "Republic of Shade: New England and the American Elm." "However well intentioned, the Yankee tree planters of the past committed a grave error in planting their cherished elms as far as the eye could see. But what a glorious error it was. And what magic, what magnificence, their recklessness bestowed."

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office on Mack, went airborne before hitting a flagpole and came to a harsh stop against the south side of the building around 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9.

"The brick wall essentially shattered, sending bricks flying everywhere, and the wall launched the vehicle up in the air," Farms Lt. Vincent Finn said. "... It was kind of amazing how far those chunks of brick flew. It looked like an explosion happened, because there were just bricks everywhere."

Two people and nine cars were hit with the falling debris after the vehicle, moving at a high rate of speed southbound on East Warren, went through the Mack intersection and continued straight into the wall with-

out any indication of braking or attempts to swerve.

Its collision with the building knocked concrete blocks and bricks loose, as well as sent filing cabinets toppling over within the post office. One such filing cabinet fell onto a postal worker and, ultimately, two postal workers were taken by ambulance to an area hospital with one additional injured person seeking treatment separately.

While the vehicle began to smoke with flames coming from the hood after it came to a stop, officers were able to retrieve the semi-coherent 31-year-old Detroit man from the driver's seat with only minor injuries.

"It appears as though he had a history of seizures and that's what caused the accident," Finn reported, "... which corresponds with the evidence at the scene where

there's no indication of braking or anything like that."

It is unknown how fast the vehicle was traveling, as that typically is determined by skid marks when braking. At press time, the department still was waiting to access the post office's surveillance footage.

While beer cans were found in the vehicle, it is unclear whether they were old. A blood sample has been sent to the Michigan State Police

Lab to determine if intoxicants were involved.

"Regardless of if there was drugs or alcohol, it appears as though it's more seizure related than alcohol at this time," Finn said.

The driver is not facing charges at this time, he added, unless the drug screenings come back positive.

As a result of their efforts in the incident, three Farms officers will be nominated for life-saving awards.

## Fundraiser hosted for family after fatal crash

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The untimely passing of a well-known and longtime Country Club of Detroit employee has led Grosse Pointers to rally together the past week in grief and in support of the family he left behind.

Anthony Ford was leaving a second job as a bartender at a gathering on Provençal when a car crash took his life at approximately 12:30 a.m. Sunday, July 3. While traveling southbound, his vehicle left the road at a curve and struck a tree, resulting in an extensive fire.

The homeowner at the gathering told officers he did not see Ford drinking at the party, nor believed him to be under the influence prior to leaving. A family member reported he had been working long hours seven days a week and hadn't been sleeping much at night.

"It was a very tragic incident and our thoughts and prayers are with the family," Farms Detective Derek Lazarski said.

The 34-year-old father from St. Clair Shores leaves behind four children, ages 14, 9, 6 and 2.

A GoFundMe to support his family — found at bit.ly/3O2jcsS — con-

tinues to garner significant community support.

"Anthony was a loving, kind-hearted, dedicated, hardworking father and an example to all," the GoFundMe notes. "He was devoted to providing for his children above all else. We are starting this GoFundMe with the hopes of providing a financially supportive future to his minor children."

As of Tuesday, and within seven days of the fundraiser's creation, \$146,795 had been raised toward the goal of \$150,000.

The comments on the page are reminiscent of how beloved Ford was in the community.

"Anthony was such a kind, funny and gentle soul," one reads. "We will miss him so much. May God bring comfort to his family, his friends and all those who are suffering his loss."

Others echo memories of his contagious smile, thoughtfulness and warmth.

"Anthony, you were an old soul whose time here with us was cut far too short," another comment reads. "Your electric smile instantly lit up every room you entered. You touched so many different peoples' lives in so many different ways. You were an amazing person. I will miss you."

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, JULY 18

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Infrastructure meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JULY 19

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

### SATURDAY, JULY 23

- ◆ After 6 on Kercheval, 6 to 10 p.m. with Randy Brock Band, street vendors, food trucks and other live entertainment.

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# Nat'l forensics expert finds perfect fit in Farms

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

As the founder of USAForensic, LLC, Bryan Neumeister is a contracted forensics expert for the U.S. Department of Defense, as well as a contracted technical expert for the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. District Courts. He works with defense, law enforcement and government agencies, providing technical work such as computer drive recovery, cell phone forensics and a host of other audio and video services.

Additionally, he has earned 39 Emmy Awards for technical excellence, racked up more than 14,700 hours of helicopter photography, appeared as a forensic analyst on several national news media outlets, given several Audio Engineering Society lectures and appeared in numerous publications — and this barely scratches the surface of his nine-page CV.

With 42 years of professional experience and having worked in 23 countries, Neumeister has seen a great deal of the world. But when it came time to find a new home, he and his wife, Shannon, were quick to pick Grosse Pointe Farms.

They moved from Phoenix in December, partly to have a lab closer to the East Coast and Washington, D.C., and partly for shorter flights to Europe if needed, but also for the chance to experience four seasons and live near Lake St. Clair.

When they found a 1937 Hugh T. Keyes-designed house in the Farms, the decision was easy.

"We fell in love with Hugh T. Keyes, the architect who built this



Bryan Neumeister testified as a photo forensics expert during the Johnny Depp vs. Amber Heard trial.



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Neumeister spends more time in his lab than on the witness stand.

house," Neumeister said. "We love his work. Everything in this house was brought in from France, from the fireplaces to the floors. Even the staircase is from 1782."

The Neumeisters are in the midst of what they expect to be a two-year remodel to restore the house to its original

charm.

"It's built like a tank, but it takes a lot of TLC to bring back a house like this," he said. "We want to do it right."

Precision is the name of Neumeister's game. Through USAForensic, he has participated in hundreds of court cases — several of them precedent-setting — usually behind the scenes, but sometimes on the witness stand. He's been involved in high-profile cases including the Jodi Arias trial and more recently testified as a photo expert during the highly publicized Johnny Depp vs. Amber Heard case in Virginia.

Newsweek ranked photo forensics as the No. 2 reason Depp prevailed in the trial. Those photo forensics were done in Grosse Pointe

Farms and, early on, in Phoenix, by USAForensic.

"We call the cell phone the dumpster of the human soul," Neumeister said. "People do stuff on cell phones they would never do on anything else. ... Most of our area is what's been deleted from cell phones: What actually happened? Where has the cell phone been? Did they try to cover something up? Most cases start with cell phones. Once we get into a cell phone, we kind of know where the case is going to go."

"... We do computers, cell phones, cell towers, photography, which is, in the Johnny Depp case, what we were called in for — mainly binary data behind the photographs to see if

it down to 15. We did not know which photos they were going to use until they brought them in, but we knew we had the data."

Of the 15, three photos were selected to present in court, "so the jury was able to wrap their heads around it," Neumeister continued, noting jury fatigue. "... They'd been in for a long time — they were five weeks in when we got there — so we kept it simple."

Because of the technical nature of his job, making sure a jury understands the data is important.

The Depp trial, like many high-profile trials, garnered a lot of media attention, as well as became a social media frenzy. Neumeister said it's his practice to stay away from social media during a trial.

"In order to stay unbiased, we ask not to meet the clients, too," he added. "Everybody's got a narrative. We don't do a narrative. We do data. ... We just work with the attorneys. It only makes sense for what we do."

Sixteen days after the Depp verdict was announced, from his home in Grosse Pointe, Neumeister already had put the case behind him.

"Johnny Depp was 19 cases ago," he said. "We do around 200 cases a year."

"We stay very small," he continued. "It's just four of us. We do high-tech, high-end stuff. We take on Department of Defense stuff and Fortune 500 companies. We do a lot of stuff that other companies can't do. Like if there's a smashed mobile phone, we will rescue those and get the deleted data. It's an interesting scenario that we have, what we do."

There is no typical day for USAForensic. Just weeks after the Depp trial, Neumeister was working two cases — one with the National Traffic Safety Board involving a helicopter crash in Alaska, the other a serial killer case

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they'd been modified."

Neumeister said he typically testifies in two out of 100 trials. Oftentimes, cases end in a plea bargain or other arrangement before making it that far.

"The way to get a good plea is to get good evidence," he said. "We just had a case Monday go from a murder charge to no charge, because our evidence ... proved it was self-defense by tearing down the video frame by frame and enlarging it using artificial intelligence to show what actually happened."

"... Our motto is, 'Data is data,'" he added. "It takes no side. It doesn't matter if it's for law enforcement or defense, we don't take a side. We just do data. ... In this (Depp) case, it was pretty crucial to the trial to analyze the photo evidence, so we did testify."

Neumeister broke down his role in the Depp trial, in advance of which Depp's legal team reviewed 65,000 to 68,000 "photos of interest."

"From there, we narrowed it down to 1,100 that our legal team thought were pertinent," he added. "Then the other side narrowed



Bryan and Shannon Neumeister proudly promoted their new hometown while in the attorneys' "war room" in Virginia during the Depp trial.

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## Grosse Pointe Farms

## False homicide

A 66-year-old Farms man called dispatch at 5:20 p.m. Saturday, July 2, stating he wanted to turn himself in for murdering his brother.

When officers arrested the man at his home, they were unable to find a body and ultimately spoke with the brother, who was alive and well, on the phone.

The man then told officers he hadn't eaten, slept or taken his medication in days. He was transferred to an area hospital for a mental health evaluation.

## Husband to the rescue

After two teenagers stole an unlocked vehicle with the key fob inside from the 400 block of Calvin at 5:12 a.m. Sunday, July 3, the owner's husband chased them in his vehicle until they abandoned the car at Canyon and Rockcastle. He then retrieved the stolen vehicle and later went back for his own.

## Oh, the irony

Illegal dumping at the public works garage was reported after several black trash bags were left directly under the "No Dumping" signs posted on the building at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 5.

## Federal scam

A 36-year-old Farms woman was contacted by suspects claiming to be federal agents at 11:53 p.m. Wednesday, July 6.

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They stated a package with her name on it containing \$94,000 in cash and 15 pounds of cocaine had been seized in Texas. They then told the woman her Social Security information and identity had been compromised and she needed to withdraw the money in her PNC account immediately and transfer it to Bitcoin so it wouldn't be stolen.

The woman used a QR code provided by the suspects and lost \$7,073.

## Reckless driving

While being pulled over for speeding 52 mph on Lakeshore at 9:32 a.m. Thursday, July 7, a 63-year-old Romulus man drove over the curb, stopped in the middle of the road, taking up both lanes, and then drove over the curb a second time.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.31 percent and an open bottle of whiskey was found in the vehicle, for which he was arrested.

## Thefts from unlocked cars

Ring doorbell footage picked up two unknown suspects stealing \$60 from an unlocked vehicle in the 100 block of McKinley at 12:07 a.m. Friday, July 8. Later that day, it was discovered \$25 had been stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of

McKinley, as well.

## Drunken driver

A 40-year-old Sterling Heights man was arrested for operating while intoxicated after he was pulled over for speeding on Lakeshore at 5:53 a.m. Sunday, July 10.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.177 percent.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Too much tequila

A 45-year-old Redford man was arrested for drunken driving early Wednesday, July 6.

A patrol officer spotted a vehicle parked on northbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shores, half on the curb with its lights on at 12:06 a.m. A man and a woman were walking back to the

vehicle from the seawall when the officer approached. The male driver had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes, and there was a half-empty bottle of tequila in the vehicle.

The driver failed several field sobriety tests and registered a 0.203 blood alcohol content on a preliminary breath test. He was lodged in the Grosse Pointe Woods jail on a \$500 bond.

— Ted O'Neil  
Report information about this and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department, (313) 881-5500.

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Drunken speeding

A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe man, who was pulled over for speeding at University and Maumee at 9:50 p.m. Monday, July 4, was found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

## Stolen Ford Escape

An unlocked 2011 Ford Escape with the keys left inside was stolen from the 400 block of Lincoln between 11 p.m. Monday, July 4, and noon the next day.

## Unlicensed speeding

A 19-year-old Detroit man was found not to have a valid driver's license after being pulled over for speeding 40 mph at Kercheval and Fisher at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 5. He was cited for driving while license suspended and his vehicle was impounded.

## Two steps forward, one step back

When confronted while stealing three bottles of wine from a business in

the 16000 block of Kercheval at 11:50 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, a suspect set two of the bottles down and fled with the third.

He is described as an approximately 30-year-old white man with a dark beard, gray hair in a ponytail and black jacket.

## Involuntary gifting

Several gift cards were stolen from the center console of an unlocked vehicle while it was parked on Kercheval in The Village around 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 6.

## Drunken trail

After driving slowly, disregarding a red light and stopping on Jefferson, a 63-year-old Detroit resident was pulled over and arrested

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OUR VIEW

Local newspapers need subscribers, supporters now more than ever

Extra, extra, the ability to read all about it is becoming more difficult, as newspapers throughout the country — especially the local variety — continue to fold at increasingly alarming rates, a new study has found.

While the pandemic did not level the newspaper industry as feared, researchers tallied that 360 newspapers, accounting for more than a quarter of the nation's publications, have shut down since the end of 2019, according to a jarring new report from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Media and Integrated Marketing Communication.

What the researchers found even more worrisome — and Grosse Pointers should too — is that local newspapers are shutting down for good at a rate of two publications per week in the U.S. Of the 360 that folded, all but 24 of them were weekly newspapers serving small communities.

That's right, local. Like the type of paper you are reading at this moment. Researchers predict this trend will continue and we will lose one third of our country's local newspapers by 2025.

In Michigan, we have seen the newspaper business shrink. Small-town papers like the Boyne City Gazette, which permanently shut its doors in July 2020, are becoming a thing of the past. The Midland Daily News has reduced its news staff to seven, including only one photographer and one sports writer, to cover daily news tasks. Most locally, C&G Newspapers, a chain of 19 newspapers covering Oakland and Macomb counties, temporarily suspended its newspapers in March 2020. The weekly newspapers eventually resumed business, but now are published bi-weekly.

The report includes other alarming statistics about the news business, including:

\* The U.S. had 6,377 newspapers at the end of May, down from 8,891 in 2005, leaving us with about 2,500 fewer newspapers.

\* Today, 31,000 journalists work in the newspaper industry, down from 75,000 in 2006.

\* In no coincidence, annual newspaper revenue slipped from \$50 billion to \$21 billion in the same time frame.

We are extremely lucky at the GP News to have an owner as committed to upholding a community news presence as we do in Sean Cotton. In return, we are fortunate as a community to have a weekly newspaper that aims to keep public officials accountable, as we simultaneously report news, good and bad, and feature the people and places unique and newsworthy to our hometown.

Imagine not having a front page exclusively about Grosse Pointe to peruse each week. Or not getting to read a feature story about your neighbor who is making the community better. Or no longer getting to run a loved one's obituary or comb through your city's crime blotter. Or not having the chance to cut out your daughter's or son's photo in Pride of the Pointes or in our sports section, all because there is no longer a local paper here.



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A.A. Milne's beloved character Winnie the Pooh once famously said, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." Read more about why Grosse Pointe News owner Sean Cotton finds this quote appropriately fitting on page 7A.

This is why supporting local journalism is vital. It is why subscribing to the Grosse Pointe News matters. This is why advertising your business inside of our pages and on our website matters. It is also why buying a fresh copy at your local store or following us and sharing our stories on social media counts too.

When newspapers go away, an essential community forum departs with it. It also matters when local papers die, the report noted, because it creates news "deserts," where extended geographical areas have no local news access.

If you think news deserts don't affect you, keep this in mind: When reliable news resources dry up, communities lose transparency and accountability, said Penelope Muse Abernathy, visiting professor at Medill and the report's principal author. Additionally, surveys have consistently shown the public tends to trust local media compared with national outlets.

No local paper = the loss of a trusted information

source.

"And when you lose a small daily or a weekly, you lose the journalist who was gonna show up at your school board meeting, your planning board meeting, your county commissioner meeting," Abernathy told Poynter.org, a nonprofit media institute and newsroom that provides fact-checking, media literacy and journalism ethics training to citizens and journalists.

Whether you view all of this as a shameless plug for our newspaper or not, there's no debate it is. But the current reality is very harsh for the newspaper business. We have no shame in asking the community we cover for its support, financially and figuratively. As always, we will work our hardest to earn your trust and your business.

Afterall, the Grosse Pointe News has served as your local news source for 82 years and counting. We are fully committed to seeing that continue. We hope you are too.



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Pure GP

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club recently hosted a two-day DRYA junior sailing regatta that included sailors ages 9 to 12 from the GPYC, Detroit Yacht Club, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club and Pontiac Yacht Club. During the event, the Optis shared the lake with a massive freighter, passing through a slight fog on a cloudy, somewhat rainy day.

LETTERS

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

Why does GPPSS board limit discussion in meetings?

To the Editor: If you've seen recent Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meetings (or read about them), then you know a faction of the BOE likes to limit questions from other fellow trustees at public meetings. In fact, Board President Joe Herd told fellow Trustee Ahmed Ismail to stop asking questions about the budget in the June 27 meeting — even though discussion of that budget was on the meeting agenda. His style of gov-

ernance is to require trustees to submit all their questions on matters on the agenda BEFORE the public board meetings.

Why would the BOE president try to limit discussion in this way?

It's odd that the GPPSS Board of Trustees that constantly claims to be "transparent" is so uninterested in any open discussions and questions from members of its own board.

Joe Herd might say he's not afraid of these questions. But if he was, would he be acting any differently than he has at the last few meetings?

The bottom line is this: GPPSS board believes it should be accountable to

the GPPSS superintendent, Dr. Jon Dean, instead of the other way around. And the board has made it clear that you, the taxpayer, don't have the right to question them about it. There are elections in November for new school board members. It is time for new governance of GPPSS.

SANDY HUDSON  
 Grosse Pointe Woods

Thank you for the opportunity

To the editor:

June 30 marked the end of my four-year term as Grosse Pointe Farms trustee of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, which I served as treasurer for my first year and president for the remaining term. I am grateful to GPF council for the appointment, my fellow trustees for entrusting me to lead and the GPPL team for their exemplary stewardship to this community.

During this time, our community strongly supported the renewal of the library's supplemental millage, allowing the board to undergo significant updates and

improvements at all three branches. The history of our Central branch gained recognition as a National Historic Landmark, with an addition that will enhance the design and service offering for generations to come.

Our libraries are a true gem and the role the staff and administration play does not go unnoticed. Library Director Jessica Keyser reconfigured the operations of our library system to meet community needs throughout the pandemic and is an advocate on the Michigan Library Association Board of Directors.

The accolades span across the ranks of the GPPL, as Retired Asst. Director Peggy Kitchel received MLA's Lifetime Achievement Award; Annie Spence championed the Thoughts to Action Book Club, which has gained broad community involvement; Miss Jane continued her successful children's storytimes that have touched generations; and so many more amazing team members made significant contributions

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I SAY By Sean Cotton



# See you in the funny papers

**A** famous silly bear once said, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." Today, I say goodbye to my time as the publisher of your newspaper. I will still own the paper and I promise you the Grosse Pointe News will be here for many many years to come — I set my watch and warrant on it.

I have been part of more than a few busi-

nesses and organizations, and my goal is always to find the right capable and inspired people to run the day-to-day operations of an organization. I have that now in our paper's vice president, Anne Gryzenia, whom I am naming publisher. Additionally, her new role is only possible with Editor in Chief Jody McVeigh and Associate Editor Meg Leonard. These three women have my complete and total faith in their abilities and truly are the ones who have been making the GP News what it is. The credit is all theirs and the

paper is theirs to run and operate.

The paper also is bolstered by a top-notch group of reporters and staff whose integrity, grit and industry expertise will allow the paper to continue delivering the level of excellence you have come to expect.

I really enjoyed my time as publisher. This paper is rewarding in so many ways that I think you can imagine. The stories we have published are yours, as they are about you and the extraordinary community in which we live. They are personal to all of us. This is your community paper and we are

here to encapsulate the news and stories that happen around us.

I have been involved with many nonprofits, but none have felt more true to the spirit of public service as this paper. The reason I bought it was to ensure we always had a community paper in Grosse Pointe and my commitment to that is as true today as it was the day I became owner. We must have a paper that is local, with reporters in our community who provide readers with a snapshot of what is newsworthy and who tell stories about the people, places and things you

care about.

The whole world is going digital and if you have not noticed, finding local anything is harder and harder to come by. My commitment to you, constant reader, is that I will make sure the trends that are decaying the newspaper industry do not happen in Grosse Pointe. And the team to keep our paper's presence strong is the one we have in place in our newsroom.

I will sign off with this. I love Grosse Pointe more than anywhere else I have lived. Most of us who live here do. It is a special, one-of-a-kind

town in which we all choose to live. We look out for and care for each other. I have lived all over this great country and still know this is the only place I would want to live and raise a family.

The GP News is just one piece of what makes the Pointes unique. We have to cherish and protect those things that make us the exceptional town we are, always standing up for what we believe in. I will always be one of the people who stands up for Grosse Pointe.

Thank you for your continued support. See you in the funny papers.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1947

75 years ago this week

**ELECT WICKING PRESIDENT OF SCHOOL BOARD:** At the organization meeting of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, Bert H. Wicking was elected president, succeeding Charles A. Parcels who refused to run for re-election to the board this year. He had been a member for 22 years and president for the last 15.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB BASEBALL STIRS PROTEST:** A first-class controversy has been raised by a couple of residents on Neff, facing the

Neighborhood Club baseball diamond. These citizens claim that foul balls are constantly popping over onto their properties and they object to the retrievers coming onto their lawns. In a recent case, a small girl riding on her velocipede was hit on the head by a foul ball.

### 1972

50 years ago this week

**BLAZE GUTS E-Z MARKET:** A five-alarm fire of unknown origin completely gutted the Shop E-Z Supermarket on Mack on Sunday. Firemen from four

Pointes and Detroit battled flames for more than an hour before bringing it under control, according to information released by Park Assistant Fire Chief Dave Taylor.

### 1997

25 years ago this week

**STORM KILLS 5, LEAVES DESTRUCTION IN ITS WAKE:** Life is slowly returning to normal after Grosse Pointe Farms had the misfortune of being the epicenter of a vicious storm that claimed the lives of five family members picnicking at Pier Park. Thanks to the help of dozens of volunteers, the city is removing the debris and

repairing damaged structures as quickly as it can.

**POINTERS RESPOND AS DISASTER STRIKES HOME:** The Grosse Pointe community will long remember July 2, 1997, for tragedy but also for community support. In the aftermath of the July 2 storm that killed five people, injured eight others and caused widespread damage in the Grosse Pointes, residents this week are expressing their concern for the families involved. But they also are hailing the many acts of heroism performed by employees of Farms Pier Park, other Pointe officials and private citizens who leaped into Lake St. Clair to help rescue victims, performed CPR on many of them and later helped

where they could.

### 2012

10 years ago this week

**DIA ON THE LINE:** The Aug. 7 ballot appeal for direct, tri-county tax funding will stabilize the Detroit Institute of Arts'

financial footing, according to its director, Graham Beal. "If it doesn't pass, we will very soon cease to be the DIA as we know it today; become just a shadow," he said. The ballot question asks property owners in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties for up to 0.2 mills per year for the next 10 years.

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which support our community to inspire imagination and connect with the world around us.

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on the West Coast. “We’ll start two other cases over the weekend,” he said. “We do the seven-day-a-week thing because there’s not a lot of us doing what we do. There’s a lot of demand. If you don’t love it, you’re in the wrong business.” Forensics isn’t the business Neumeister first pursued after graduating from California State University in 1980, with a degree in political science. His first

pursuit was writing music. After meeting Eric Bloom — co-lead vocalist, guitarist and keyboardist for Blue Oyster Cult — Neumeister co-wrote the band’s “Eye of the Hurricane” and “I Just Like to be Bad” on its album, “Curse of the Hidden Mirror.” He also has written music for hundreds of commercials and five video games, as well as mixed and mastered hundreds of national, international and regional television shows. “Then I got kind of bored with that and

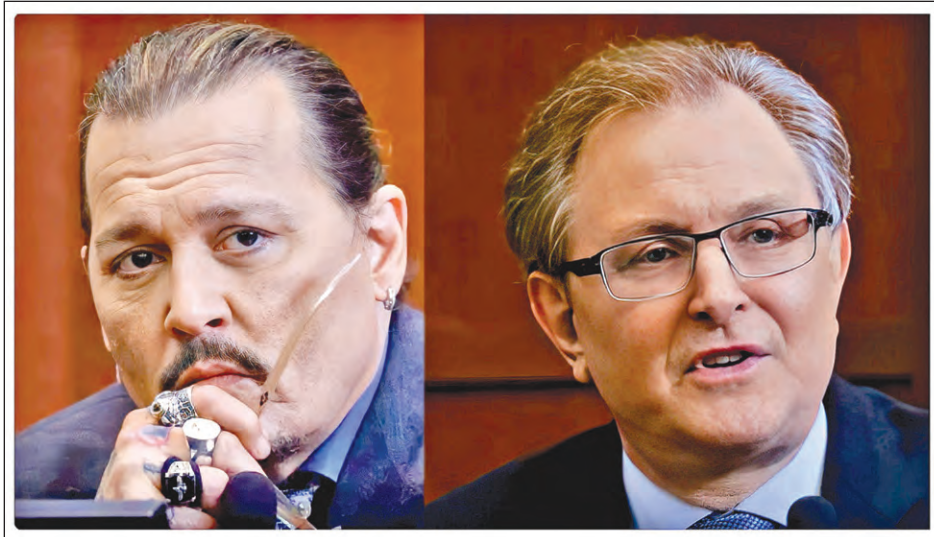
went into cinematography,” he said. “I ended up in aerial photography for a decade. I loved that. But there comes a time when you get a little complacent about doing something.” During his days as a documentarian, Neumeister amassed an assortment of state-of-the-art equipment, which helped him learn video forensics. “It got us a lot of federal jobs because we could do things faster than they could do, because the private sector has access to faster machines because we

don’t have the budget constraints they do,” he said. “... Because I was a photographer and did audio and had a lot of equipment, people in law enforcement would call up and say, ‘You’ve got all this equipment. Can you do this?’ And I’d say, ‘I don’t know. I’ll give it a try.’” Neumeister began researching and studying and learning. From this, USA-Forensic was born.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Shannon and Bryan Neumeister are new to Grosse Pointe, but have fallen in love with the community.



The trial of Johnny Depp, left, wasn’t Bryan Neumeister’s first high-profile court case.

“I still will very occasionally shoot something,” he added. “I just did a program for BBC, ‘Planet Earth,’ the third installment. I shot some of that. They asked me to do again, but I can’t. I’m too busy.” Neumeister books cases a year in advance. He put two years into the Depp case before it went to trial. Despite the heavy workload, testifying in a

case like Depp’s — or any case — feels like home to Neumeister. “This is what I do,” he said. “It’s just a matter of listening and a game of chess. They’re trying to get their narrative across and you’re trying to get facts across. There’s justice and the law, but the two rarely have anything to do with each other in criminal courts.” Grosse Pointe also

feels like home to Neumeister. “Everything is so green,” he marveled. “It’s nice to walk out the door and just see nature. In the (Phoenix) desert, we see rattlesnakes. That’s kind of it. “We love the people here. We can’t believe we’re here. ... I’ve worked in 23 countries. This place is nirvana. Anyplace we go would be less.”

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for operating while intoxicated at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9.

**B&E apprehension**

A 56-year-old Roseville man attempted to break into a business in the 17000 block of Mack at 4:25 a.m. Saturday, July 9, but was unsuccessful. Shortly after fleeing the scene on a stolen bicycle, he was arrested by an officer in the Park, where he is wanted for breaking into a gas station. The man has multiple warrants for breaking and entering in various cities.

**Operating while intoxicated**

After being stopped for speeding 56 mph at Mack and Cadieux at 2:30 a.m. Monday, July 11, a 31-year-old Detroit woman was found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

— Laurel Kraus  
Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public

Safety, (313) 886-3200.

**Grosse Pointe Park**

**Car problems**

A car was stolen and another targeted for theft during successive nights last week within three blocks of each other below Jefferson.

Hours before in a nearby neighborhood, two other vehicles were broken into.

◆ Starting with the latter, around \$5 in change was reported taken from two unlocked vehicles parked overnight Tuesday, July 5, to Wednesday, July 6, in the driveway of a house in the 1000 block of Buckingham.

◆ At 1:53 a.m. Thursday, July 7, a 2017 Kia Sportage was stolen while parked in front of a house in the 800 block of Bedford.

“A small silver SUV and a second dark-colored sedan (were) seen on surveillance video arriving to the location together,” according to police. “Two subjects exit the silver SUV. One of the suspects enters the Kia and drives it away moments later.”

◆ The next night between midnight and 8 a.m., someone broke the driver-side window of a car parked in the 700 block of Trombley.

“(The) ignition had been tampered with,” police said. “The area is seeing a spike in attempts to steal Kia and Hyundai vehicles.”

**Bad brickwork**

At 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, a 25-year-old woman of unknown residence got into an argument with her boyfriend’s father in the 900 block of Beaconsfield.

“(She) became angry and struck the victim’s car with a brick, causing damage,” according to police.

Officers logged the incident as malicious destruction of property.

**Speeding drunk**

A 31-year-old female motorist from Detroit was the subject of a curb-side investigation for speeding on Mack at Three Mile Drive shortly before midnight Friday, July 8, during which an arresting officer raised the ante to drunken driving.

**Late to the party**

Last Saturday night’s Charlevoix Street Party wrapped up an hour before a suspected drunken driver allegedly crashed the scene at 12:05 a.m. Sunday, July 10, and drove away. There were no injuries.

Police arrested a 39-year-old Park man.

“(His) vehicle had run over tables and chairs that had been set out for (the) festival,” according to police. “(The) driver and vehicle (were) located and a follow-up investigation revealed the driver to be intoxicated.”

**One man, two bikes**

Bicycle theft isn’t a crime normally associated in police blotters with sexagenarians, but a 60-year-old Detroit man is accused of doing so at 7:46 a.m. Sunday, July 10, in the 1300 block of Berkshire.

“(A) victim witnessed (him) remove a bike from her open garage and ride away,” police said. “(A Park sergeant) located the suspect in the area, with the stolen bike. (The man) was also in possession of a second bike that was recently stolen in the area.”

The second bike, a \$2,236 Specialized Sequoia men’s model,

reportedly was taken the prior afternoon from a garage in the 1300 block of Lakepointe.

**Arrested**

The Wayne County Jail is the latest habitat of a habitual offender police arrested Sunday, July 10, for breaking into a business in the 15000 block of Jefferson the previous night.

The suspect is a 56-year-old Roseville man.

“Video surveillance captured the suspect that entered the location and stole the cash register drawer,” police said. “(A) Park public safety officer identified him from the video.”

The man is charged with breaking and entering.

“(He) is a habitual offender with a lengthy criminal history,” police said.

— Brad Lindberg

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

**Grosse Pointe Woods**

**Catalytic converter co-opted**

A woman reported

around 3:20 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, that she parked her 2012 Ford Fusion in the Ascension St. John Hospital parking lot and left it unattended 20 minutes.

When she returned and started the vehicle, she noticed the exhaust was louder than normal. A family member arrived and discovered the vehicle’s catalytic converter had been stolen.

**Invalid license**

A 35-year-old Highland Park man was pulled over around 11 p.m. Thursday, July 7, on Mack near Bournemouth after an officer noticed the license plate on his 2019 Honda was expired.

A LEIN check also showed his driver’s license was suspended. He was ticketed for driving with a suspended license.

**Dog day afternoon**

The owner of a business in the 20100 block of Mack reported the afternoon of Friday, July 8, that a man concealed two bottles of liquor in a backpack and created a diversion near the cash register. He also took a collection jar for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society with an unknown amount of money in it.

The suspect is described as a black male with braided hair wearing a red shirt with tan plaid shorts.

**Missing bike**

A resident in the 1500 block of Anita reported his bike was taken from his front yard around 7:40 p.m. Sunday, July 10.

The man said he left the bike, a blue Avigo BMX, unattended around 30 minutes while he was fixing his bike helmet. The report did not indicate the value of the bike.

— Ted O’Neil  
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# Blake's cider, doughnuts coming to The Village

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — With a concept of bringing what people love about Blake Farms to the city, the newest Bakehouse 46 location is gearing up to open in late September at 17118 Kercheval in The Village.

The neighborhood cafe and bakery is a collaborative experience between Blake Farms and Cupcake Station, named for the former's 1946 establishment.

Its offerings will include Blake's cider and doughnuts, 26 varieties of baked-daily cupcakes that include seven rotational seasonal flavors, an espresso and coffee program with many styles and flavors, bagels, cookies, cheesecake and



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Bakehouse 46 in The Village is anticipated to open in late September.**

more. "We get the same cider shipped in from Blake Farms," said Chelsea Smith, brand and marketing director for Bakehouse 46. "Of course we've got their recipe so we make

the doughnuts onsite every single day, every couple hours, so they're always fresh and warm."

Hours of operation at Bakehouse 46 will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9

a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. An order-ahead option via an app currently is in development, while curbside pickup and a loyalty program also will be offered.

Similar to Blake Farms where "you create memo-

ries with family," Smith said, Bakehouse 46 is created to be "warm and inviting and (a) perfect place to study, meet up with friends (and) catch up with family. And then of course who can say no to sweet treats and sandwiches?"

With the brand established in March 2020, about two weeks before the first COVID shutdown, Bakehouse 46 has locations in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Birmingham and Rochester. Along with the Grosse Pointe location, plans are in the works to expand to Ferndale and Macomb County.

"Looking at the map of (the) metro Detroit area, we just thought that Grosse Pointe would be the perfect community to join," Smith said. "We feel

that Grosse Pointe's very in touch with each other. It's a great spot to meet.

"For example, when you go to our Plymouth location, three of the 10 people in there will know each other and that's the kind of energy that we like to create," she added, "and so we really got the sense of that from Grosse Pointe and are just really excited to become a part of the community."

As for a grand opening, on dates yet to be announced, the cafe will give the first 46 customers on its first two days a \$46 gift card and 15 percent off for life. Paired with face painting and doughnut-eating contests, there also will be happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. during which all items are 46 cents.

# Faircourt Dental turns 35

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — For Dr. Mary Sue Stonisch, dentistry is about relationships as much as it is about teeth, and Faircourt Dental Smile Studio's 35th anniversary open house bore that out.

"It was so much fun," Stonisch said of the Wednesday, June 22, event. "I was so honored by all the people who came. It was perfect."

That included three patients, including a 97-year-old woman, who she treated July 15, 1987, the day her practice opened.

"They've all had a range of treatments, including

smile enhancements and preventative care," Stonisch said. "And, of course, health-centered dentistry, which is so important."

Stonisch said she was around 10 — about the time her family moved to Grosse Pointe Farms — when she realized she wanted to be a dentist.

"My fifth-grade science project at St. Paul's was about dental instruments," she laughed.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1980, Stonisch went to Albion College, then earned her D.D.S from the University of Detroit.

"My parents were my biggest supporters," she

said. "They told me I could be anything I wanted to be."

Her office, 20040 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, had been a proctologist's office, so it had to be remodeled.

"My dad, (the late Rudolph Stonisch) was amazing," she said. "He took a year off in 1986 to renovate what was to become Faircourt Dental. We traveled all over to conventions and visited other offices to make sure we were state-of-the-art. It was a great bonding experience."

Not only was the office revamped, but living quarters were added.

"I think that's part of our success," Stonisch said,



From left, Meta Gallagher, Jo Lafata and Bettyanne Dresden with Dr. Mary Sue Stonisch. The three have been patients at Faircourt Dental since the day it opened.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

"especially when the kids were little."

Stonisch's mother, Glorie, was her dental assistant, receptionist and marketing manager the first two years the practice was open.

"My dad bought my mom a classic car for her 50th birthday," she recalled. "Only problem

was it had electrical issues. She got stuck one winter night on the way home and a Good Samaritan, the late Randy Abud, happened by and helped her, but he wouldn't take anything in return. So mom told him to at least come in for a free cleaning!"

Abud's wife, Tony, and family are still patients to

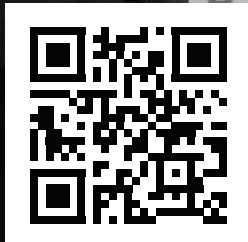
this day.

Stonisch also credits her husband, Dan Monaghan, and her three staff — Ann Marie Vitale, Missy Poynter and Theresa Teltow — for the practice's longevity.

"We call ourselves the fab four," she laughed. "We work hard and we play hard."



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# Liggett inaugural golf classic raises \$122,000

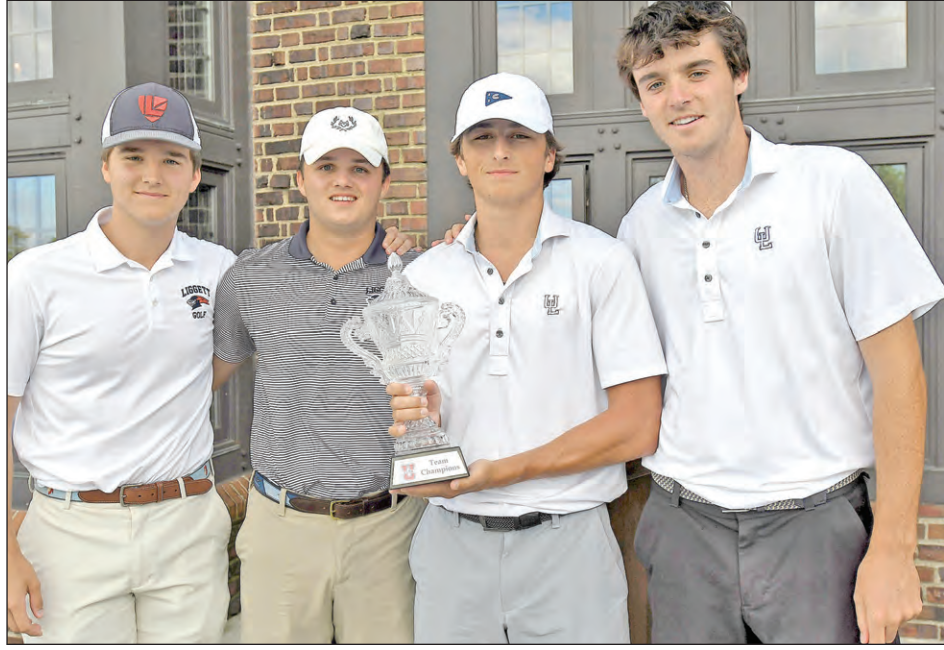
Nearly 90 golfers teed off at the inaugural University Liggett School U Club Golf Classic, presented by Ray Laethem Motor Village, at the Country Club of Detroit on June 27.



Nearly 90 golfers enjoyed picture-perfect weather at the Country Club of Detroit for the University Liggett School Ray Laethem U Club Golf Classic.

“The U Club Golf Classic is the perfect example of the community coming together around a common goal — supporting athletics and club activities at University Liggett School,” said Cressie Boggs, director of development and alumni relations. “We are so grateful for all those who came out to play and volunteered at the event, which is sure to become a new tradition for our school.”

The golf event raised \$122,000, which included more than \$90,000 in sponsorships, to support University Liggett School’s U Club. The U Club supports students and their participation in athletic teams and clubs at the school.



Left, the ULS alumni foursome of Colin Degnore, Class of 2020; Tommy Gebeck, Class of 2021; Jack Estes, Class of 2022; and Bennett French, Class of 2022, placed first at the Golf Classic.

Below, the inaugural ULS event was sponsored by Ray Laethem Motor Village. Pictured are Jeff and Alysia Laethem.

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Golfers had the opportunity to earn prize money for the longest drive and closest to the pin. A hole-in-one on the par-three fifth hole meant winning \$25,000. Although a couple golfers came close, no one took home the big prize.

Top finishing teams were:  
 ♦ First place: Colin Degnore, Tommy Gebeck, Jack Estes and Bennett French.  
 ♦ Second place: Jeff Laethem, Alysia

Laethem, Matt Jankowski and Tripp Tracy.

♦ Third place: Kyle Johnson, Ryan Conley, Eric Knoll and Scott Thomas.

Boggs said the event would not have happened without the invaluable help and input from parent co-chairs David Katz and Clark Standish, alumni co-chairs Lore Moran Dodge and Bill Shelden Jr., and the entire committee.



## Dragon statue dedicated

Friday, June 10, on the Defer Elementary School front lawn, Trombly and Defer ele-

mentary schools celebrated the two communities joining together.

working.

Defer students watched the butterfly life cycle for a few weeks in class and during this celebration released the ones they had raised.

The Trombly PTO also is donating three new benches, which will be installed next fall and personalized with a dragon and a terrier — for the Defer Dragons and Trombly Terriers.



To commemorate the event, Patrice Arend, outgoing PTO president at Trombly, used the remaining funds from the Trombly PTO to donate a dragon statue to Defer — home of the Defer Dragons.

The statue will be placed in the new butterfly garden on which the Grosse Pointe Garden Center and Defer Beautification Committee are



Above, Walt Fitzpatrick, former principal at Trombly Elementary School, applauds when Patrice Arend, outgoing Trombly PTO president, unveils the dragon statue at Defer.

Left, second-grade teacher Steve Buckman attempts to release a butterfly from the tip of his finger; before flying off, it stayed put for about a minute, prompting students to cheer it on.

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Second-grade teacher Kyle Martin’s students are excited for this butterfly to fly off to the flowers, but it was busy eating sugar water.



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# Analysis: What did the 2022 GPPSS capital assessment report reveal?

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

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

At the June 27 Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, board members listened to a capital assessment report of the district's buildings from Robert Stempien of Plante Moran Cresa.

His team found that during the next 10 years, the district's buildings will need more than \$250 million of construction work or materials purchased for them, and some of the district's buildings are being used at a capacity as low as 50 percent, an analysis of building use found.

A majority of the work described in the needs analysis portion of his presentation — \$173 million of the \$252 million total — is critical needs work that will need to be addressed in the next one to three years; \$34 million of the total is deferrable maintenance, which will need to be completed in the next four to six years; and a final \$44 million of the \$252 million total is property enhancement work, which will need to be completed in the next seven to 10 years.

Some of the notable projects included in Stempien's presentation were roof replacements, fire alarm replacements, heating system upgrades, water mitigation services,

parking lot pavement, air conditioner installation, technology upgrades and the purchase of new furniture.

Although the list of needs is long, Superintendent Jon Dean said the board may choose to not address some of the projects because of their costs. Another option he mentioned for reducing the cost of the needs was substituting some of the projects for less expensive ones, such as replacing a slate roof with an asphalt one.

Dean said depending on how the board chooses to address the report's findings, decisions about the scope of the work likely would be decided from districtwide listening sessions. He also assured that a small portion of the work can be done through the district budget's annual sinking fund.

In conjunction with discussions about the critical needs analysis, questions were posed regarding the district's building use figures. Trustee David Brumbaugh noted that during the 2018 reconfiguration process, building use of 80 percent was the goal for all of the district's buildings. He questioned why the building use numbers — 50 percent at Grosse Pointe North High School and 66 percent at Grosse Pointe South High School; among middle schools, 73 percent at Brownell, 67 percent at Parcels and 63 percent at Pierce; and among elementary schools, 76 percent at Defer, 53 percent at Ferry, 74 percent at Kerby, 59 percent at Maire, 65 percent at Mason, 74 percent at Monteith and 69 percent

at Richard — were far below the previously outlined goal.

Dean said while the technical use numbers are low, the district has many policies and course offerings that use classroom space in a less traditional sense than this type of analysis can ascertain. He also noted that, in regard to elementary school classroom use, the board previously noted it likes class sizes to be smaller than the 27 pupil size a use analysis would classify as being fully used.

Overall, Dean said although many questions are being raised about these concerns now, decisions or discussions about the problems likely will not begin until later.

"We're not at that point of figuring out what the next step is in terms of funding these sorts of things," Dean said. "That's a future conversation. It's not a June 27 conversation. It's not even a this-year conversation because we're still involved in our current bond issue from 2018." He also noted that through conversations with board members, he understands neither the administration nor the board is interested in school closings to address problems of low building use.

Stempien, in regard to the possibility of deferring critical needs projects, noted that until decisions are made on some of these issues, the cost of solving them will continue to increase. The cost of the capital needs projects are expected to escalate at a rate of 8 percent in the next one to three years, 5 percent in the next four to six years and 4 percent in the next seven to 10 years.

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Claire Sheeren of Grosse Pointe and Stephen Stapleton of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the spring

2022 Dean's List at Wheaton College.

Grosse Pointe Woods student Colin Gudenu

graduated cum laude from Albion College, with a degree in finance with a minor in psychology.



Stephen Stapleton

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The House on the Hill will be featured as this year's Designers' Show House. Get a sneak peek of the house this weekend before work begins.

## 'Sneak-a-Peek' of 2022 Designers' Show House

### The House on the Hill opens July 15-17

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

In anticipation of this fall's Junior League of Detroit Designers' Show House reveal, the Junior League of Detroit is opening the doors of 205 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms so interested parties can check out the house prior to its facelift.

Every other year the JLD selects a prominent local estate and curates a team of local and national interior designers to transform the home into a Designers' Show House.

"From pre-renovation to the finale is a stark and amazing contrast," JLD President Kimberly Burke said.

Also known as The House on the Hill, 205 Lakeshore is a 5,985-square-foot estate perched on a half acre that features five oversized bedrooms, 6.5 bathrooms and well-proportioned living spaces. Built in 1988, this manor-style house is set on the city's highest elevated parcel of land, affording privacy and priceless views of Lake St. Clair.

"I was driving down Lakeshore and saw a house that had the best view and it was for sale," said Gabriella Boddy, who is serving as co-chair of the Designers' Show House with Shelia Minetola and Dianne Bostic Robinson. "I thought what a great opportunity."

After speaking with

Realtor Tom Lipinski, the homeowners were asked if the Junior League could use their house for the show.

"The wife was excited about doing something that would support the league," Boddy said. "She has been following what the league does in support of girls."

The sellers packed up and turned over the keys July 1, and meetings already have begun at the property, where renovations soon will begin.

Before they do, the curious minded are invited to Sneak-a-Peek Weekend, to see what the house looks like before it is transformed.

"Some people totally want to see what it looks like now," Boddy said, "but the big thing the show house provides is inspiration for what you can do with your own house. ... They'll do things you can't even imagine if you don't have that eye (for design). They go the extra mile. And this house lends itself to all kinds of changes."

Hand-picked designers, who will transform 18 interior spaces, have had access to the show house since July 11, so

Sneak-a-Peek guests may see a few paint cans while they check out the space. Work is slated to be complete the second week of August. The "big reveal" takes place

at noon Sunday, Sept. 18, with a gala planned Saturday, Sept. 17. "It's funny, when you talk to people about Junior League, they always ask, 'When is the show house?'" Burke said. "It's the thing we're known for in the community. People really rally behind it and get excited about it."

Those who hope to witness the process along the way are invited to visit the JLD YouTube channel, which will feature behind-the-scenes footage throughout the renovation period. "We'll go through the makeover experience," Boddy said. "People will be able to be connected to the whole process as it happens."

Updates also will be

posted on the JLD Facebook and Instagram pages @JLDetroit.

"Proceeds help fund, primarily, scholarships to women; we do 10 per year," Burke said. "Also,

we give grants to other nonprofit organizations and for the volunteer projects we do." An example of the JLD's work in the community is the establishment of the Empowerment Pantry at The Empowerment Plan, which teaches life skills to a specific sector of Detroiters in an effort to break the cycle of homelessness. The pantry provides free, healthy meals to 50 participants and since 2019 has worked up to providing 25,000 meals annually, Burke said. The pantry follows the JLD-supported Project EAT, providing education, access and tools to fight food insecurity.

The JLD has funded countless projects in and around Detroit dur-

ing the last 108 years, largely thanks to the Designers' Show House, its biggest fundraiser.

"It's amazing to think our organization has been around this long," Burke said. "Show House helps us be successful. It gives us the funds we need to fund community impact projects. ... Our first show house was in 1976. It's a tradition we've maintained all these years to help us be a successful organization."

The JLD has 450 members, 100 of them active. The others are "sustainers," who also are a dedicated group, Burke said.

"I joined this organization a little over eight years ago as a way to meet people and get involved in volunteer work," Burke said. "It

has had a tremendous impact on me in both ways and in so many others. ... It gives me opportunities to learn and grow."

Added Boddy, "I joined the league because it's all women. I felt like I was that bridge, that I could complete the gap between the sustainers — the older women from a different generation — and the younger members. ... To me, the league means I get to go with my friends of all ages to work on something that will make a difference. It's where I can learn from my mentors and teach what I know to other people."

This year's sponsors include Benjamin Moore Paint and Cambria Stone.

The Designers' Show House Sneak-a-Peek Weekend takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, July 15; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 16; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 17.

Tickets are \$20. For tickets or more information, visit [jldetroit.org](http://jldetroit.org).



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- ♦ Jessica Blue Designs — Chicago
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# Support needed as Operation Justice for Zion enters fifth week

The Detroit Public Safety Foundation is asking for additional support from the community as Operation Justice for Zion enters its fifth week. The multi-jurisdictional search is to recover the remains of 17-year-old Zion Foster, believed to be in a Lenox Township landfill. The tedious work of searching the landfill involves 65 to 70 first responders daily searching the landfill in various shifts. The cost to provide food and water for the workers is approximately \$450 to \$500 a day. The Detroit Public Safety Foundation is helping coordinate donations to cover this daily expense. The DPSF is asking for organizations, churches and/or restaurants to reach out and coordinate a meal or delivery. Breakfast foods, lunch, snacks and drinks are needed for the employees on site each day. In-kind donations may be coordinated directly with Patti Kukula, who can be reached at (313) 434-2761. Monetary donations also are being collected on

the Detroit Public Safety Foundation website — [detroitpublicsafety.org/donate](http://detroitpublicsafety.org/donate) — by clicking the tab, Justice for Zion. Checks, with “Justice for Zion” in the memo, may be mailed to Detroit Public Safety Foundation, 1301 Third Street, Ste. 547, Detroit, MI 48226. The Detroit Public Safety Foundation is a nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. “We are grateful for the generosity of the community, but as this endeavor continues, we need additional support,” said DPSF Executive Director Patti Kukula. “This is a heartbreaking operation, but the first responders remain committed to finishing the task and finding justice for Zion Foster. By providing these resources, the community can support this operation in a tangible way.” To learn more about the Detroit Public Safety Foundation or to donate to Detroit’s first responders, visit [detroitpublicsafety.org/](http://detroitpublicsafety.org/).



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Pictured from left are Chris Kaiser, “The Sound of Music” producer; Tim Higgins, “The Sound of Music” director and choreographer; Cierra Jones, Samaritas’ New Americans program; and Patricia Ellis, “The Sound of Music” publicity chair.

## ‘Sound’ success Grosse Pointe Theatre patrons donate supplies to Samaritas

“The Sound of Music” tells the story of the von Trapp family, who had to leave their homeland of Austria in 1938, to escape the Nazi takeover. Noting the parallels between the play and present day events in Ukraine and other areas, the cast and crew of Grosse Pointe Theatre’s production of “The Sound of Music” wanted to do something to help. At each of the theater group’s eight perfor-

mances, personal hygiene items were collected for refugee families resettling in southeast Michigan, who often arrive with very little. Thanks to the generosity of patrons of all ages, a total of 15 boxes of personal hygiene items were filled and will support refugees who will make metro Detroit their new home through Samaritas’ New Americans refugee resettlement program.

Grosse Pointe Theatre is honored to shine a light on others as it continues to connect, create and inspire communities through theater. Its 75th anniversary season begins later this year. For more information about ticket packages, upcoming performances, youth programming and educational opportunities, sponsorship opportunities and other ways to get involved, visit [gpt.org](http://gpt.org).

# AREA ACTIVITIES

### Ford House

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

- ◆ Story Studio, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through Aug. 30. Children can enjoy a snack and learn about a different animal each week. Cost is \$5 for children, \$4 for children of members.

- ◆ Teen Workshop: Art and Design, 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 18, to Friday, July 22. Cost is \$200 for members, \$250 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Lake St. Clair Science Fair, noon Saturday, July 23. Learn about geology, habitats, invasive species, water quality and more. Cost is \$5; children 3 and younger are free.

- ◆ Teen Workshop: Nature, 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 25 to 29. This week-long day camp is for ages 12 to 15. Cost is \$200 for members, \$250 for nonmembers. For tickets and information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

### 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:

- ◆ Creating Confident Caregivers, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, July 14 to Aug. 18, with Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited. Call (313) 642-1122 to register.
- ◆ Breakfast is Served, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 21. Cost is \$12 for members, \$14 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Protect Yourself from Financial Fraud, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 26, with Grosse Pointe Farms Detective Roger Wierszewski.

- ◆ Games on the Lawn, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Games are free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Chair Yoga, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Knitting for Charity, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays.
- ◆ Grief Work support group, 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month, with psychotherapist Frank Wilberding.
- ◆ Enhance Fitness, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays, with instructor Paul Clark. This program is free to members and nonmembers.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following

blood drives:

- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, July 15, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 22, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Library

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

- ◆ Treat Dreams Ice Cream Truck, noon to 2 p.m. Friday, July 15, at Central Annex, 120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Video Game Club, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July

- ◆ Trivia Shellebration Part 2, 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, July 18, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, at Ghesquiere Park, 19955 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 1,000 Hours Outside Walk, 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ GPPL at Osius Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.
- ◆ Hour of Code: Swim Like a Fish, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Anime Club, 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 22, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

**Reunion**

The Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 1982 will hold its 40th reunion at 7 p.m.

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# Longtime Grosse Pointe Theatre volunteers earn national honors

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Tim Higgins thought he had prepared for everything before the curtain rose on the June 26 matinee performance of “The Sound of Music.” However, the Grosse Pointe Theatre veteran, who served as director and choreographer for the production, was in for a surprise.

Minutes before the production began, he received a text message telling him he was needed backstage. From the shadows, he watched GPT President Danielle Caralis tell a crowd of more than 500 — including 40 of Higgins’s own family members — about his recent accolades.

Just recalling her words — “We are very honored to share with you ...” — stir up emotion in Higgins, who recently received the 2022 Distinguished Merit Award from the American Association of Community Theatre.

The award is presented to individuals and organizations in recognition of contributions made to promote and develop the highest standards for community theater.

“By then, I knew I had won it,” he admitted, noting he’d received congratulations from GPT board and general members. “But it was really sweet that my family was there and to celebrate with them. That was a surprise. I wasn’t planning on that.”

“... When you put this in a national perspective, it’s humbling and I’m grateful for the honor,” he added. “I’m so thankful that our organization picked up some national recognition.”

Higgins, who currently serves as director of strategic planning, joined GPT in 1985, “to meet new people,” he said. “The fun went to friend-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GPT

**Tim Higgins and Emmajean Evans recently were honored with national awards from the American Association of Community Theatre, for their years of dedication to Grosse Pointe Theatre.**

ships that went to family. The work we do — whether as an actor onstage or behind the scenes — that’s my passion. Taking something from an idea to a concept to a design to a performance is an amazing process.”

Since he joined, Higgins has acted in, directed and choreographed more than 30 productions, most recently, “The Sound of Music.” He also directed 2019’s “Annie.” With a degree in education from the University of Michigan, Higgins said educating children is what it’s all about.

“I love teaching responsibility, the importance of commitment and, most of all, kindness,” he said. “If I make just a little difference in young people’s lives — or adults’ lives — these are the attributes that come: Kindness, respect and collaboration.”

“We work hard,” he continued. “There are a

lot of people and a lot of energy involved. We’re all volunteers. We do it because we love the arts.”

Along with Higgins, 51-year GPT member Emmajean Evans also received national recognition for her love of the arts. She was awarded the Robert E. Gard Superior Volunteer Award, presented to individuals older than age 65 who have faithfully served community theater more than 25 years.

But she almost missed the opportunity.

“I didn’t know I had been nominated or anything about this award,” she said. “In fact, I had never heard of this award. So when I received the email stating AACT would like to honor me, I thought it was spam or fraudulent ... until I received a congratulations email from (GPT Executive Director) Linda (Zublick). Then I thought I should re-read the AACT email. My first thought was, ‘OMG’ and ‘What did I do?’”

She’s done plenty.

During her time with GPT, Evans has provided support in expanding nearly every aspect of the organization. She has worked in numerous capacities, including acting, directing, producing, makeup, props and costumes. She is a past board president, chair of social events and has served on several committees, including currently leading the outreach committee and working on the 75th anniversary committee. Evans has helped build and foster the Youth on Stage program by teaching leadership and theater skills to hundreds of students over the years.

“I love encouraging people to be the best they can be and, in turn, they bring out the best in me,” Evans said. “I stay involved with theater because it is the fuel I need to keep my mind and body intact. I am still growing and learning. Each time I am involved in a show, I experience something new. Many times this brings about challenging moments, but it’s all worth it. For 51 years I have been able to share my experiences with others.”

“Theatre brings joy to me, especially the youth program,” she added. “To help a student realize, ‘I can do it,’ that’s my joy.”

While Higgins received his award on the GPT stage before “The Sound of Music,” Evans picked up hers at the AACT WORLDFEST 2022 conference in Venice, Fla.

“I am honored and truly humbled that Grosse Pointe Theatre nominated me for this award,” she said, “and that AACT recognized my lifelong work.”

“Grosse Pointe Theatre congratulates these two pivotal members of our organization,” Zublick said. “It is their remarkable talent and dedication that continues to make Grosse Pointe Theatre a beacon in the community.”



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# OBITUARIES

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

## BethAnn McKeown-Lang

BethAnn McKeown-Lang, 70, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Monday, the Fourth of July, 2022, at Sunrise Memory Care Facility.

Beth was the beloved wife of Donald Lang for 35 years; mother of Christopher Paul Novak Sr. (Brie); grandmother of Christopher Paul Novak Jr.; and daughter of the late William and Mildred (nee Springfield) McKeown. She is survived by her sisters, Heather Schneider (Eric), Alexis Magill (Marty) and Jean Gates (Jack); brother, Robert McKeown; step-grandchildren, Nathan Lipka and Kylee Kipka; nephews, Cody and Tyler Magill; sisters-in-law, Lorie Calvano (Conrad), Kathy Stricker (Maryann) and MaryLou Lee (Rick); brother-in-law, James Lang (Diane); nieces and nephews, David Sargent, Jamie Hendrix, Justin Lang and Meredith and Megan Lee; great-nieces and great-nephews, Nick, Jolene, Madison, Gabrielle, Clare, Mya and Autumn; and many dear friends.

Beth will be remembered for her genuine smile, laugh and making anyone she met feel like they were the most important person in the world by celebrating their success, no matter the size. Beth was a lover of the humanities and generous with her talent and time, introducing children to the arts and an array of cultures, as reflected in her eclectic art collection and constant perusal of National Geographic.

Beth was a devoted physician liaison at St. John Hospital for 25 years, welcoming doctors to the area and ensuring their families were integrated into their communities so they would not just work in the area, but truly thrive. She took a leave of absence to devote her energy to the Coalition on Temporary Shelter as a successful fundraiser and, moreover, an empathetic support person for many people facing some of life's most difficult challenges, bringing her ever-positive attitude and advice. She loved her work and all the lives she impacted along the way.

A celebration of Beth's life will take place at 9:30

a.m. Saturday, July 30, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations in Beth's name may be made to Coalition on Temporary Shelter, cotsdetroit.org; Ascension St. John Hospital, healthcare.ascension.org; or the Capuchin Monastery of Detroit, solanuscenter.org.

## Joseph Thomas Coughlin

Joseph Thomas Coughlin of Grosse Pointe Park passed away Friday, July 1, 2022, at age 73.

Joseph was born June 11, 1949, in Detroit, to Francis and Ellen (nee Whelan) Coughlin. He attended Austin High School in Detroit.

After graduating in 1967, Joseph went to Dayton College and Wayne State University and joined the National Guard. He served as a CEO of a logistics company in Taylor, the F.X. Coughlin Company.

Joseph was a member of many clubs, including the Detroit Athletic Club and Country Club of Detroit.

When he wasn't spending time with his family or running his company, Joseph could be found enjoying his interests and hobbies, which included Detroit sports, golf, horse racing, travel and youth baseball.

He is survived by his wife, Donna (nee Sims); sons, Francis (Catherine), Kevin (Molly) and Carl (Meagan); grandchildren, Chloe, Margot, Mary Catherine, Everett, Penelope, Lucy and Joey; and sisters, Mary Ellen Stevenson and Michaela Hector. He was predeceased by his parents, Francis and Ellen; sister, Anne Chevalier; and brother, Francis Xavier "Rip."

A funeral service took place July 6, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Coughlin Family Foundation St. Louis Children's Hospital through Fickle: bit.ly/3utPgPA.

The family added, "He is, however, still alive in today's Pick 6 at Gulfstream Park."

## Arthur Hoover Engstrom

Grosse Pointe Park resident Arthur Hoover Engstrom, 102 years old, passed away peacefully Monday, July 4, 2022.

He was born June 5, 1920, in Duluth, Minn., to Oscar Peter Engstrom and Ebba Svensen Engstrom. Arthur developed his work ethic as a young boy delivering newspapers in Duluth in addition to working for the Civilian Conservation Corps. Arthur attended the University of Southern California, studying mechanical engineering. He fondly remembered his summers as an undergraduate working as a lineman at the newly constructed Hoover Dam.

During World War II, Arthur was selected by the Henry Ford Naval Training School in Dearborn to be an instructor of diesel engine operation, maintenance and repair. After the war, he built his career around his love of diesel engines, working in several lead engineering positions at companies, including Ready-Power (generators), Packard Marine Division (mine sweepers) and Continental Motors (marine and tank engines). Arthur and his family moved to New Jersey where he was chief engineer at Purolator Filters. Later he and his family happily returned to Grosse Pointe Park when Arthur became a chief engineer at Teledyne-Continental Motors. Professionally he was active in the Engineering Society of Detroit and Society of Automotive Engineers.

Arthur and his wife, Marilyn, met at the Detroit Boat Club while she was teaching children to swim. As active members they enjoyed dancing, dining, swimming and raising their three daughters, Lynn, Margie and Wendy. He served on the board of directors for the club and they were swim team chairs. Arthur and Marilyn later became members at Lochmoor Club, enjoying many social activities and dining. In 1996, Arthur joined the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and the Woodworkers group. He greatly enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie of the Woodworkers until his passing.



BethAnn McKeown-Lang



Joseph T. Coughlin



Arthur Hoover Engstrom

Arthur and Marilyn Smith married Feb. 22, 1947. They enjoyed 64 years of marriage prior to Marilyn's passing. Arthur is survived by their three daughters: Lynn Engstrom-Heller, her sons, Marc Heller and Derek Heller (Michele), and their daughter, Valentina Harley Heller; Marjorie Engstrom, her husband, Emilio DiPietro, their son, Michael Arthur DiPietro, and daughter, Emily, and her husband, Blake Williamson, and their three children; and Wendy Engstrom Gutermuth, her husband, Terry Gutermuth, and their sons, Erik Gutermuth (Lisa) and Brian Gutermuth.

Arthur was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother and dear friend to many. He loved sharing his many life stories and telling jokes. He enjoyed gardening, tinkering with his cars and home projects.

He is joyously reunited in heaven with his wife, Marilyn; his parents; brother, Rinehart Engstrom; sisters, Bernice Branting and Violet Thibault; and good friends who have gone before him.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or at stjamesgp.org.

## June Songe

June Songe passed away peacefully Friday, July 1, 2022, in hospice, with her daughter at her side.

She was born April 12, 1929. She worked as a registered nurse until she got married. She had three children. Then, after 20 years away from nursing, she took her nursing boards a second time, passing with flying colors, and took a job at the Chrysler Jefferson plant. She retired just before turning 70.

June is survived by her daughters, Jan Songe and Fay Songe. She was predeceased by her son, Bill Songe. The family would like to thank the hospice medical team at



Thomas Raffail, D.D.S.

American House—Grosse Pointe for their professionalism and dedication to their work.

No service is planned at this time.

## Thomas Raffail, D.D.S.

Thomas Raffail, D.D.S., 87, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away Saturday, July 2, 2022. He was born Feb. 27, 1935, in Detroit.

Thomas is survived by his beloved wife, Katie, to whom he was married for 62 years; his loving children, Dr. Dennis T. Raffail (Jocelyn), Dr. Nicholas T. Raffail (Lia) and Cynthia Raffail Czech (Robert); and loving grandchildren, Nicholas D. Raffail, Lucas G. Raffail, Andrew D. Raffail, Dr. Thomas N. Raffail, Christina L. Raffail, Alyssa C. Czech, Joseph T. Czech and Anna R. Czech.

Thomas graduated from the University of Detroit and went on to earn his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Detroit School of Dentistry. He then furthered his orthodontic specialty at the University of New York at Buffalo, where he obtained a master's degree.

Thomas had his own orthodontic practice in Roseville for 45 years. He also served two years in the U.S. Air Force.

Thomas was a devoted family man and enjoyed vacationing with his wife, children and grandchildren. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed going on daily walks with his wife, Katie. Thomas also served as a council member and treasurer at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

A funeral service for Thomas takes place at 11



Alison Mary Lorkowski

a.m. Thursday, July 14, with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m., at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, go [assumption.org](http://assumption.org).

## Alison Mary Lorkowski

Alison Mary Lorkowski, 60, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022.

She was born Sept. 12, 1961, in Detroit, to Herbert Raymond Zalopany and Mary Ann Pudlo, both now deceased.

A 1979 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, Alison was self-employed and the founder of Vote Biblically. She is survived by her daughters, Alana and Morgan Lorkowski; and son, Chad Lorkowski.

A memorial begins at 10 a.m., with the service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Memorial

### Glen Burkett

A Celebration of Life for Glen Burkett, who died Thursday, May 5, 2022, will be held Saturday, July 23, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Family will receive guests in the parlor at 10 a.m. with service to follow at 11 a.m. His obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News May 12, 2022.

## New Hope Center hosts children's grief camp

Thursday and Friday, July 21 and 22, New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering its seventh annual Kids Camp at Maybury Farm, for children who have lost a loved one. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and is packed with activities such as yoga, equestrian horse therapy, obstacle courses and art. Each activity is designed to open a dialogue about the emotions of grief.

The tools Kids Camp provides not only help children through their grief journey; they also can be applied to other challenges and lead to overall improved mental health outcomes for children affected by grief.

While grief is a universal experience everyone shares, the way in which it is experienced, however, is unique to each person and each relationship lost. The mission of New Hope Center for Grief Support is to bring hope, healing and new beginnings to children, families and adults grieving the loss of a loved one.

At Kids Camp, children engage with others their age with similar experiences, learn about the emotions of grief and healthy coping skills, and grow through the experience with a stronger support system. They have the opportunity to share their stories and hear others, so they know they are not alone.

This year, the theme for Kids Camp is "Ruffled Up in Grief." It is a common misconception that birds ruffle their feathers when they are upset or distressed. This is not the case. Birds ruffle their feathers to regulate their temperature and keep themselves comfortable. Campers this year will learn to cope with grief, regulate emotions and comfort themselves and others too.

Kids Camp is free and open to any child ages 5 to 14 affected by a loss. Teens who have experienced loss are encouraged to volunteer at camp.

Visit [newhopecenter.net](http://newhopecenter.net) or call (248) 348-0115 to register or for further information.

## Learn to recognize and avoid scams

"Oh, that'll never happen to me."

That's what so many think when they read about people losing money to phone and online scams. Yet, it keeps happening and older adults are more likely to be the victim.

From 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 26, Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Detective Roger Wierszewski will be at The Helm to teach participants how to recognize scams, as well as simple tips to

avoid becoming a victim. He also will discuss the most current scams, as well as seasonal scams — the ones that pop up around the same time every year. Knowing what to look for, paying attention to who is doing the asking and what is being asked are keys to avoiding financial loss through these types of activities.

This lecture is free to members and future members. Registration is required at [helmlife.org](http://helmlife.org) or by calling (313) 882-9600.





COURTESY PHOTO

Joanna Stroz performs the next carillon recital at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

## Grosse Pointe Memorial presents free carillon concert

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, continues its annual Summer Carillon Recital Series at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19.

The performer is Joanna Stroz, a Polish-born percussionist, carillonneur and vocalist who graduated from the Music Academy in Cracow in 2003. She studied dramatic arts in southern Denmark and graduated from the Scandinavian Carillon School in Denmark in 2015.

As a soloist, ensemble musician and percussionist, Stroz has performed throughout Europe and the U.S. Her solo album, "Nordic

Wave," was released in 2010, and another, "Drums & Bells," came out in 2015. She also performed an extraordinary PR stunt for 20th Century Fox as an addition for the premier of the James Bond movie "Spectre" in 2015.

Recitals are played on the church's refurbished set of 48 tower bells. Listeners are invited to gather on the front lawn of the church. Some listeners bring a picnic dinner to enjoy during the music. A closed-circuit television is provided so the audience can see the performer at the playing clavier in the tower. The 45-minute concerts are free and are presented rain or shine.



## Historic Fort Wayne open for season

The Historic Fort Wayne Coalition recently announced Historic Fort Wayne is open for the 2022 season, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, at 6325 W. Jefferson. Onsite, secured parking is free.

The coalition is working with the City of Detroit Recreation Department to offer 90-minute walking tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays. Tours are \$8 per person. All monies raised will stay on site to continue to help the coalition and city with interpretive efforts at the fort. Due to limited capacity, reservations for Saturday tours are required and must be booked at least 24 hours in advance by emailing [historicfortwayne@detroitmi.gov](mailto:historicfortwayne@detroitmi.gov). Place "HFW Tour" in the subject line. City staff will reach out for information and provide an invoice. Tours are capped at 15 participants.

The guided tours include the Star Fort and barracks built in the 1840s, as well as the Spanish-American War



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Historic Fort Wayne is open for the season at 6325 W. Jefferson.

Guard House.

The fort's regular hours continue each Saturday now through Oct. 29. Parking and admission are free.

In addition to the Saturday tours, Vintage Base Ball with the fort's resident team, the Early Risers, is scheduled for the following days in 2022:

◆ Sunday, July 17, vs. Dexter — 1 p.m. tentative first pitch;

◆ Saturday, July 23, vs. Vintage Base Ball Day, featuring a multiple team tournament with a 1 p.m. tentative first pitch;

◆ Sunday, Sept. 18, vs. Brooklyn — time to be determined.

The Early Risers have been Historic Fort Wayne's team since 2009, and its name is derived from one of the earliest base ball teams in Detroit (and yes, base ball was two words in the 19th century).

The Historic Fort Wayne Coalition is dedicated to preserving the history of Michigan men and women who served their country between 1845 and 1973, who either sent material to or personally passed

through Historic Fort Wayne as a place of induction to United States military service. It helps the fort's caretakers, the City of Detroit Recreation Department, with this effort.

Built in 1845, Fort Wayne was strategically located to guard and protect the Detroit River during a period of tension with the British. Once that threat diminished, its role changed to a U.S. Army induction and training center. During World War II, the fort served as the primary motor vehicle procurement and parts depot for the Allied war effort throughout the world. After 1945, the fort continued as an induction center for troops during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. In 1948, the Army began decommissioning buildings and transferring them to the City of Detroit Historical Department. In the 1970s, Historic Fort Wayne opened to the public as a multifaceted attraction with exhibits, outdoor programs and special events.

## VBS vibes

Right, nearly 100 children celebrated God's monumental love for all during Vacation Bible School at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. The week was filled with Bible story adventures, Red Rock games, arts, crafts and daily snacks at the Cactus Cafe. This year, there was a wonderful sense of community and family, with children attending from at least four local Catholic parishes. The program also was blessed to have helpers from six junior high and high schools participating together.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Far left, rising fourth graders, Nmeso Nwoke and Alyson Camaj, stay busy painting birdhouses. Left, Priscilla McCabe looks forward to serving as a helper each year. Her favorite part of the week is singing songs with the children.

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9:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

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7 p.m. - Worship Service  
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**EVENTS:**

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Saturday, July 16, at Bayview Yacht Club. The event includes '70s/'80s music, heavy appetizers, an open bar and a professional photographer. Organizers also are working on a school tour Saturday in advance of the reunion. Visit the GPS Class of 1982 Facebook page or call Kary Standish at (312) 343-0046 or Lydia Barry Kelley at (312) 403-0437 for information and to purchase tickets.

**Beaumont**

Beaumont Health, AmeriCorps, Wayne State University and Detroit Abloom present Story Time in the Garden, from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturdays, July 16 and 23, at Detroit Abloom, 248 Manistique, Detroit. Ages 10 and younger are invited to hear a story, eat a nutritious snack and enjoy activities related to health and nutrition. Space is limited. To register, email [belizabeth@michiganfitness.org](mailto:belizabeth@michiganfitness.org) or [aw7645@wayne.edu](mailto:aw7645@wayne.edu).

**Family Center**

The Family Center presents Toddler Fun in the Sun, from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, July 20 and 27, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Structured playtime includes parachute games, songs, stories, crafts and more, led by Danielle Mitchelson. Registration is appreciated at [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).

The Family Center presents Family Book Club, from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at

Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. The group will discuss "Thrivers: Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine," by Michele Borba. RSVP at [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).

**Community Chorus**

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents "Dinner Cabaret: Music from the 1940s," at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. A buffet dinner is catered by Marchiori. Tickets range from \$40 to \$45. For tickets, call (586) 779-6111 or visit the Assumption office. Visit [grossepointecommunitychorus.org](http://grossepointecommunitychorus.org).

**Neighborhood Club**

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers Self-Defense Training for Women, from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 24. This comprehensive approach to safety training includes awareness, risk reduction, posture and verbal skills, as well as physical fight skills. Instructor Joe Ferrera has more than 30 years of experience in martial arts and defense tactics. Ages 16 and older are welcome. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Registration is required by Friday, July 22, at [neighborhoodclub.org](http://neighborhoodclub.org).

**Men's Club**

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 26. Brig. Gen. Rolf Mammen, commander of the 127th

Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, speaks. To reserve a seat, email [gmcattendance@gmail.com](mailto:gmcattendance@gmail.com) or call (313) 550-9661.

**Mini Picassos**

Mini Picassos, 21520 Harper, St. Clair Shores, offers several programs and classes. To register, visit [minipicassosstudio.com](http://minipicassosstudio.com).

◆ Two-Day Full-Day Art Camps, for students in kindergarten through sixth grade, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 27 and 28, and Aug. 29 and 30. Cost is \$110 per person.

◆ Half-day summer camps, from 9 a.m. to noon, July 18 to 22, and Aug. 22 to 26. Campers will be divided by age. Cost is \$195 per camper for the week.

◆ Three sessions of Kinder Art Camp, for ages 4 to 6, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. July 18 to 20, and Aug. 22 to 24. Cost is \$95 per session.

**Healthy GP**

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. Those interested in attending meetings should email Sasha Murphy at [smurphy@careofsem.com](mailto:smurphy@careofsem.com).

**Toastmasters**

Northeastern Toastmasters meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.



*Saturday, July 23rd*

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# LIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Fundraiser a fourth-year success

The fourth annual Run, Walk 'N Roll 5K, which took place June 18, at Grosse Pointe South High School, showed an outpouring of love, generosity and support from the community.

More than 770 people registered and more than 50 volunteers lent support at the event. Other tallies included 600 donations, 120 chip-timed runners, 73 corporate and family sponsors, 67 donated auction items, nine Warrior Awards for palliative care patients and more.

All proceeds benefited Elizabeth's Courage Fund at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Palliative care is a comprehensive approach that focuses on the physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of patients with chronic or life-threatening illnesses, to improve the quality of life for patients and, in turn, families.

Run, Walk 'N Roll was established in 2019, by Claire Sheeren, whose sister, Elizabeth, has an incurable immune disease and has greatly benefited



Scott Watkins and his daughter, Bella, wearing her 2022 Warrior Award, race across the finish line.

from the work of the palliative care team at Mott. "This group has had a profound impact on Elizabeth and our family is honored to support the important work they do,"

said Julie Sheeren, Elizabeth and Claire's mother, in an email. "We are so honored to have this chance to support other families facing difficult battles. Together we



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left, Claire Sheeren, Louisa Pietrowsky and Elizabeth Sheeren, the latter two of whom have spent many long days at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

are stronger and the load feels a little lighter. We are so blessed by the amazing Grosse Pointe community, who has made all of this possible."

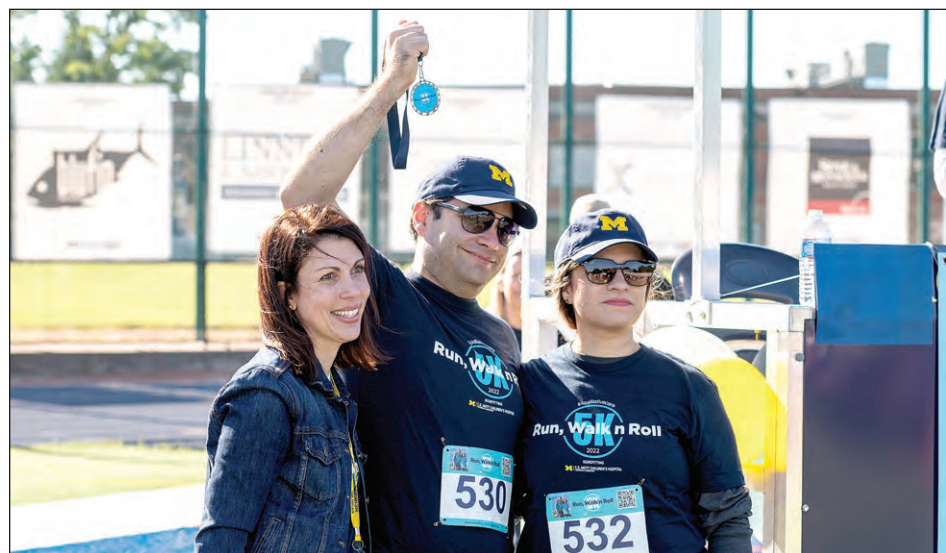
In 2022, the Sheeren family has raised more than \$185,000 for Elizabeth's Courage

Fund. This year, Claire Sheeren presented medals to children from the palliative care program who attended the event. At least six families from Mott came with their medically fragile children and 2022 Warrior Awards

were announced during the opening ceremony.

Also during the ceremony, Mott COO Luanne Ewald announced that Elizabeth's Courage Fund is officially fully-endowed.

To learn more or donate, visit [run-walk-roll.org](http://run-walk-roll.org).



Julie Sheeren, left, stands with Jose and Karla Cordoba of Northville, who received a 2022 Warrior Award in honor of their son, Carlos, 3, who passed away November 2021.

### ASK THE EXPERTS By Newport Academy

## Slowing down for summertime

**Q: What are some ways our family can unplug, slow down and enjoy the summer together?**

**A:** Spending time outdoors is healthy for mind, body and spirit. Maybe you've experienced it yourself: Taking a walk or a swim when you're feeling irritable or blue can totally transform your mood. That goes for grumpy teens and restless kids as well. There are scientific underpinnings to these positive effects.

The Proven Benefits of Time Outdoors

- ◆ Research shows spending time outside reduces anxiety and depressive thoughts.

- ◆ Time in nature has been shown to reduce stress by lowering the stress-associated chemical cortisol.

- ◆ Scientists at Stanford University found that memory and cognitive function are improved by outdoor activity.

- ◆ Physical exercise improves mental health in adolescents.

- ◆ One study showed that extended time in nature, away from social

media and email, enhanced creativity and problem-solving ability by 50 percent.

- ◆ Unplugged time in nature helps regulate mood disturbance and nervous system arousal caused by too much time in front of screens.

- ◆ Studies show that nature activities reduce the symptoms of ADHD in children.

During the school year, when everyone's on a different schedule for work, school, sports and activities, eating together can be nearly impossible.

Take advantage of summer to eat lots of fresh, local food and have more mealtimes as a family. Studies show the benefits for kids eating meals as a family on a regular basis include:

- ◆ better grades
- ◆ a healthier diet;
- ◆ good eating habits later in life;
- ◆ a decreased risk of smoking, drinking and drug use;
- ◆ lower rates of depression and
- ◆ a more positive outlook on life.

Make family dinner a priority by planning it a few days in advance and involve kids in the process of deciding the menu, setting the table and helping in the kitchen.

Finally, remember summertime is meant to be enjoyed. Rather than policing the family's activities, approach each day as an opportunity to bring more fun, curiosity and connection into your life together.

*Adapted from mental health resources provided by Newport Academy. Newport Academy is a series of evidence-based healing centers for adolescents and families struggling with mental health issues, eating disorders and substance abuse. Visit [newportacademy.com](http://newportacademy.com) for more information.*

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

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Take the money and... hide it?

**Dear Gabby:** My husband is spending too much money, while not saving nearly enough.

The kids only have a few years left before college and I don't know how we will pay for it, and at this rate we will never be able to retire.

I don't know what to do at this point — please help. — **Panicked in the Park.**

**Dear Panicked,**  
**Gabby:** This must be extremely unsettling.

There are many reasons why some people choose to overspend and under-save, and chances are your husband has not grasped the consequences. The time is now to get back on track (or get started on the right track).

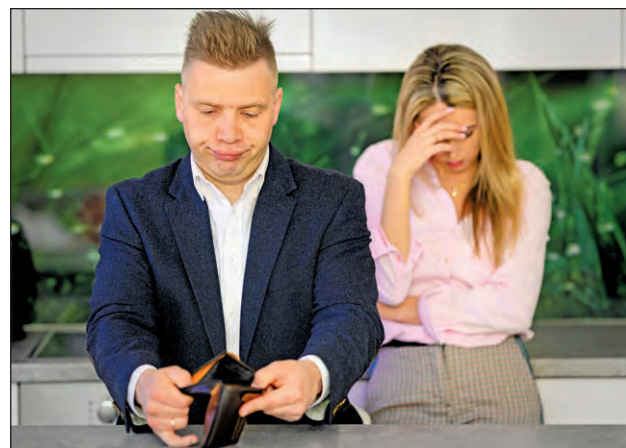
Number one, find a financial planner whom you trust and who you feel your husband will

respect and listen to. Sometimes an outsider is the best way to get both parties aligned and it doesn't feel like a personal attack.

Number two, though many of us hope to take on the financial burden of college for our kids, it is not something worth doing if you do not have the means. Allow yourself to unload this from your mind — plenty of people put themselves through

college and many find they appreciate the importance of college more when they are footing the bill themselves.

Number three, talk to your husband about the things you see yourselves doing after retirement. Visualizing what you want and realizing what you will need might just be enough of a kick in the pants to stash some cash rather than burning through cash on



things you don't actually need.

We love problem-solving

and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to [advice@grossepointenews.com](mailto:advice@grossepointenews.com).

## Classic Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** Thank you for alerting careless waitresses and waiters to the fact that caffeine can be harmful to some people. In your list of conditions that make coffee a threat, you missed one. I have Meniere's disease, and my doctor is firm about no caffeine. It promotes dizziness.

I get around the problem by using coffee substitutes. A small plastic bottle of instant decaf is practically weightless, and I carry one in my purse. If I don't feel like herbal tea, I can order hot water and make my own coffee. Then, I know I'm safe. — **Dizzy Dame** in Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan, Canada

**Dear Dizzy:** I had no idea that caffeine could be such a nemesis for some people. Read on for more:

**West Caldwell, N.J.:** Thank you for calling attention to the problem of caffeine. Not only is it a big headache for some coffee drinkers; it also aggravates a serious condition suffered by many women — cystic breast disease.

During my last year as a regular coffee drinker, I had to have seven breast cysts aspirated or drained. Women who have had this procedure will testify that it can be excruciatingly painful. I decided the rush from caffeine wasn't worth it.

Now that I have been caffeine-free for several years, I have not had a single cyst problem. I can tell within 15 minutes if I am served caffeine by careless or lazy waitpersons because I develop a severe headache and suffer from mild nausea.

**Reedley, Calif.:** May I add to the comments from "Caffeine-Free in Indianapolis"?

I was a waitress for nearly 30 years and often witnessed the mixing of decaf and regular coffee when the pots ran low.

There are so many health problems that are made worse by caffeine. I know because I suffer from interstitial cystitis. Those of us with this bladder problem should refrain from ingesting caffeine. Although it is not life-threatening, caffeine can irritate the lining of the bladder, which results in pain and the constant urge to urinate.

Please, waiters and waitresses, take note. A little caffeine CAN hurt — a lot.

**Chicago:** Please tell your readers that coffee isn't the only substance that contains caffeine. Some soft drinks, chocolate, tea and

pain relievers also have caffeine in them. People should always check the ingredients.

**Omaha, Neb.:** One thing you didn't mention about coffee is that caffeine also affects glaucoma patients.

I have eye trouble and can tell immediately when I am not served decaf, as requested. I hope those people who work in restaurants and coffee shops will have mercy on us and take the time to prevent us from having unneces-

sary pain and suffering.

**New Bedford, Mass.:** I'd rather have a problem with caffeine than alcohol. "Let's have a cup of coffee" is a lot more sensible than "Let's meet for a drink." It's also a lot less hazardous.

If you have "one too many" and the beverage is coffee, you may wind up in the bathroom more often than you'd like, but you will not end up in the morgue.

Gem of the Day (sent in by Constant Reader of the Estevan Mercury in Saskatchewan, Canada):

This fellow who was sitting next to me, eating his soup, leans over and says, "Hey, Mac, do you need any help?" I asked, "What kind of help are you talking about?" He replied, "From the slurping sounds you were making, I thought maybe you wanted to be dragged ashore."

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## Family struggles to grow roots amid frequent moves

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, my child and I have moved six times over an eight-year period. Some of the moves were within months of each other. All of them were for financial or emotional reasons. The last one took us an hour and a half away from where we had been living for many years.

We had formed relationships there, and our child had built friendships. We loved the area and school. We decided to buy a house after renting, but we struggled to find a place in our price range. Instead, we found one back in an old area we liked.

We have been here three months now, and we all regret the move. We miss our old friends, our child misses the old school

and we are unhappy in the new house. I think my child and I may have developed depression. Our child's grades have slipped, and they have made no new friends.

We are debating returning to the area we loved so much. Family and friends are giving us grief about all the moves, and I know they'll do it again.

We are at a loss as to why we moved away and would like an outside honest opinion. Is it OK to move back to an area we loved and established roots in? — **WANDERING IN INDIANA**

**DEAR WANDERING:** You state that finances had a lot to do with your nomadic lifestyle. That's a valid reason for mov-

ing. I do not think you should quickly move again. All of the moves you mentioned may be the reason your child is having difficulty establishing friendships, which takes time.

The administrators at your child's new school may be able to help if you explain to them what you think is going on.

As to your own depression, if you can afford it, I'm suggesting some sessions with a licensed psychologist or social worker for the time being. If, after that, your family still cannot adjust, return to the community from which you came without making apologies to anyone (and with my blessing).

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been working with a therapist on creating healthy boundaries with my family.

I moved out of state with my husband to ensure that those boundaries are met because my parents have alcohol and verbal abuse issues.

My younger sister "Maya" became engaged recently, and she is at a very exciting time in her life, planning her wedding.

Here's the thing: I have no interest in hearing about, helping to plan or being a part of the wedding because Maya and I have nothing in common other than our parents. She's self-absorbed and rude.



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

Her fiancé is an introvert, so getting to know him is incredibly difficult.

How do I politely convey this to Maya or (more importantly) my mother without causing hurt feelings? — **MOVED AWAY IN THE MIDWEST**

**DEAR MOVED AWAY:** You may not be able to avoid hearing about the wedding if you are in communication with your mother and sister. But you have the advantage of living far away from them. If you are asked

to assist in planning Maya's wedding, politely, logically (and regretfully) explain that your busy schedule AS WELL AS THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTANCE make your involvement impossible.

You should, however, attend if you're invited.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

## 'Your puppy or your job' is not the answer

**Q:** I wasn't allowed a dog in my childhood, so as soon as I found a job and moved out, I got one. I didn't know anything about taking care of a dog, but I wanted one for so long that I felt I had to.

I took off a couple of personal days to get him settled and went back to work. When I got home that day, I had a nasty note on my door saying he screamed and cried all day.

I called work that next morning explaining I had to stay home for a few more days to calm down the puppy. My boss was worse than my parents. He said, "I can't tell you what to do but you should have thought about that before getting a dog. I need you at work." I agreed with him and apologized, but also told him about my childhood. He wasn't sympathetic and said I can't keep

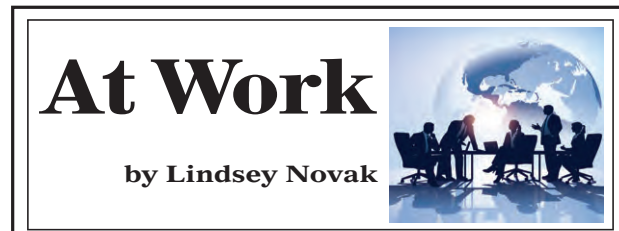
taking off since I didn't have any time coming to me. Then he asked, "What are you going to do?" I told him I'll figure it out and I'll get back to him. I really don't know what I am going to do. It's a job. Not a great job but it's in an area I am interested in, and I could grow with the company.

**A:** Your boss is right; you should have planned every-

thing before you bought or adopted the dog, but that doesn't solve your problem now. It sounds like you think playing it by ear will work with your boss. It may for a day or two, but only if you can tell him of a plan.

You also sound like you believe your choices are to give up the dog or to find a new job immediately, but both are extreme and unnecessary.

You absolutely want and



## At Work

by Lindsey Novak

need to keep the dog, so that is the condition to work with. You also need a decent job, which you have, at least for the immediate future.

Returning to your parents' house is out of the question, plus it would not be good for a few reasons.

No. 1: Your parents are not dog people. No. 2: Turning them into dog-friendly people might be possible, but that would require a well-developed strategy and time to implement. No. 3: Even if

See ATWORK, page 8C



# Summer inspiration

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Traveling during the summer is very inspiring for me, foodwise.

Recently I came across the best mussels I have ever tasted. Fresh mussels are sweet, succulent and best of all cheap.

My kids are expected to eat whatever I make for the entire family and mussels are always a win. It's a fun and interactive way to eat.

One of the kids sticks her nose up at this dish which is why I chose to include lots of sliced sausage. The sauce has a good amount of lemon and white wine to enhance all the flavors of the mussels and sausage. Fennel, tomatoes and garlic add great body, depth and texture to the sauce.

Village Food Market

has 2 lb bags of fresh mussels for \$9.99 each. Also, they sell my favorite sausage which is the New York style. It has lots of green, red and yellow peppers in it which really pairs great with everything else in the dish.

You can use any sausage you like. Sweet, hot, chorizo and kielbasa will all be delicious.

I use the tried and true Boston method of cleaning mussels (see directions below). When you get the mussels back home, take off the plastic covering so they don't suffocate. Place the mussels in the netted bag, on a plate, in the fridge until you're ready to cook. A cold salt bath lets them open up and release any sand inside. Call Blue Bay Fish &

Company or Village Market. They are tender and absolutely worth the effort for a wonderful outside dinner.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Mussels with Sausage and Fennel

2 lbs of fresh mussels

4 sausages

1 large fennel bulb, core removed and sliced

3 vine tomatoes, chopped

4 minced garlic cloves

¾ cups dry white wine

Juice of 2 lemons

2 tbsp chopped parsley

1 tsp salt

Pinch of red pepper flakes

### Good bread for serving

Start by cleaning your mussels. Pick out any mussels that are open or damaged. Keep the closed ones and place in a large bowl with two tbsp of salt and cover with water. Soak in the fridge for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, strain everything in a colander and give them a good wash. Set aside.

Meanwhile, in a large stockpot, brown the sausages until mostly cooked through. It takes about six to seven



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minutes. Remove the sausages and set aside.

Add the sliced fennel and cook for another 5 minutes or until softened.

Next add the tomatoes, salt, garlic and red pepper flakes. Let everything simmer for another five minutes.

Pour in the wine and lemon juice and let the liquid bubble away for just a few minutes.

Once everything is incorporated, slice the sausage into one inch pieces and add back into the pot along with the mussels. Cover and cook until the mussels open, which takes about five minutes.

Garnish with fresh parsley and serve in large bowls with lots of bread for soaking up the delicious sauce.

## Beyond's new frozen lemonade is infused with a summer flavor

By Clare Ramsdell and Grace Cueter  
Grosse Pointe News Interns

Looking for a fresh summer drink to keep you cool? A frozen infused lemonade from Beyond will give you the delicious, refreshing boost you need in the current 90 degree temperatures. This customizable frozen drink is Beyond's newest addition to their summer features.

The base of the drink is a cold pressed lemonade made with organic cane sugar. The lemonade is infused with your choice of fruit: blueberry, strawberry, pineapple, peach, mango, raspberry, ginger, mint.

We tried one infused with strawberries, mango, and peach and it was the perfect summer drink.

It tasted fresh and was packed with flavor, but wasn't quite as thick as a smoothie. No part of the drink is hidden. The lemonade flavor is recognizable, but does not overpower the variety of

blended fruits. The combination created an ideal level of sweetness, making the drink something that we could both finish without being overwhelmed by the flavors.

Our choice of strawberries, mango and peach, combined with the ice and lemonade, produced a vibrant pink/orange color. It was definitely insta-worthy, as the look of the drink itself screamed summer. The beverage's appearance matched that of the juicery.

Beyond's aesthetic and atmosphere is simple, clean, light, and uplifting. This description goes hand in hand with the frozen lemonade, fresh and mood-boosting. Along with the positive environment, the service was quick and the employees were friendly.

Beware of the brain freeze. The drink comes how it's advertised: frozen and I think I experienced at least five brain freezes from the one drink. Although, that

could have also been in part due to my fast eating tendencies. However, if you are outside in the hot weather it's better to drink it fast, as it did not take long for the slush to melt into a liquid. While this may seem like a negative, even when melted, the drink remained chilled and refreshing.

The drink is \$5.50 for a regular size and \$7 for a large. You can add as many or as little amounts of different fruits from the list of selections to your drink. The regular cup size is not stingy, and we thought it contained the perfect amount to go along with a wrap or salad.

Naturally, we both chose the strawberry, mango and peach flavor combination because those were our favorite fruit choices and the flavors blended seamlessly together. But, if you're not as big of a fan of this blend of fruits we have some other flavor combinations we think would be a delicious pairing.

If you are looking for

something similar to a classic smoothie in taste, a strawberry, blueberry, and raspberry blend may be perfect.

For a cleansing and healthy option you could go for a mix of mint, ginger and pineapple. But truthfully, there is no way to go wrong with any fusion of flavors.

The next time the Michigan summer heat gets to you and you need a drink to refresh you, head over to Beyond and pick up one of their new frozen infused lemonades. Area locations and menus can be found at <https://beyondjuiceryeatery.com>.

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## Developing your palate

Professional wine judging isn't all that it seems to be. It sounds like a lot of fun, but it rarely is — and it's also hard work.

And it usually involves at least 10 years of experience before you even understand how to be a decent judge.

Any particular wine is really a reflection of how winemakers choose to impose their will on various grape varieties, which can prevent Mother Nature from having anywhere near as much impact as she once had.

I'm relatively savvy about California regional characteristics, similar to the topic addressed here a week or two ago in a column titled "Regional Palates."

That article said East Coast wine buyers appreciate Chianti far more than do people on the West Coast because of their upbringing and

because of transportation limitations decades ago. This essay is slightly different from that.

While I was judging a set of pinot noirs, I began to notice certain regional aromas, which played a part in the way the wines seemed. One was interesting: it seemed to be from the Russian River Valley because it had some of that region's characteristic strawberry aroma.

Another wine was slightly more citrusy and its aroma had leafy elements. I thought it was from Santa Barbara because of the leafy-ness.

When the wines were revealed, the one I thought came from Russian River actually came from Carneros. That was a surprise — I rarely get strawberries from there. And the wine I assumed was from Santa Barbara actually came from the Anderson Valley in Mendocino, a region I

almost never see leafy characteristics from.

In spite of the fact that I've been judging wine for 41 consecutive years now, none of this surprised me. No matter how good a taster is, Mother Nature has a way of confounding the best of our visions and sensory memories.

Learned wine knowledge is a shifting target. No matter how experienced a person is, there is only so much that the brain can retain and adjust for — such as vintage variations, winemakers' aberrational strategies and the human factor. We're all imperfect.

There is thus a benefit in knowing that no matter how much wine knowledge we acquire, it will be inadequate in many cases to draw any particular conclusion. Especially if a wine was served to us blind.

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# Woods hosts Music On the Lawn

Grosse Pointe Woods held its first of three Music on the Lawn events June 18, on the front lawn of city hall. The event included a food truck, games, music and dancing.



David Staperfenne, Lucy Belvedere and Savannah Gyi play Connect Four.



Vin, Myles and Madison Listenbee take a break on a blanket before running around with friends.



Lynn and Jerry Wiszowaty dance to the music of Vavoom.



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K.J. Craig gave it his all when he tossed the bean bag playing cornhole.



Finnegan Merkel had more fun stacking the rings on his arms than playing the game.

# EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

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| <p><b>THURSDAY, JULY 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>ArtLab - Jellyfish Friendship Bracelets</b><br/>Ewald Branch, 3-4 p.m.<br/>15175 E Jefferson</li> <li>» <b>Candle Making 101</b><br/>Ewald Branch, 6-7:30 p.m.<br/>15175 E Jefferson</li> <li>» <b>Demetrius Nabors</b><br/>Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.<br/>97 Kercheval.</li> <li>» <b>GPPL at Windmill Pointe</b><br/>Offsite, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br/>grossepointelibrary.org</li> <li>» <b>Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit</b><br/>Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.<br/>311 E. Grand River Ave.</li> <li>» <b>Kevin Hart: Reality Check</b><br/>Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.<br/>2645 Woodward.</li> <li>» <b>Movie Nights in the D</b><br/>Campus Martius Park, 6-10 p.m.<br/>800 Woodward Avenue.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>Music on the Plaza</b><br/>The Village - Kercheval &amp; St. Clair, 7-8:30 p.m.<br/>630 St. Clair Ave.</li> <li>» <b>My Fair Lady</b><br/>Detroit Opera House, 8 p.m.<br/>1526 Broadway St.</li> <li>» <b>The Wedding Singer</b><br/>The War Memorial, 7:30-10 p.m.<br/>32 Lake Shore Drive.</li> </ul> <p><b>FRIDAY, JULY 15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>Bill Engvall</b><br/>Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m.<br/>2211 Woodward Ave.</li> <li>» <b>Demetrius Nabors at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe</b><br/>Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.<br/>97 Kercheval.</li> <li>» <b>Dionne Warwick</b><br/>Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.<br/>350 Madison St.</li> <li>» <b>Friday Beach Party at Campus Martius Park</b><br/>Campus Martius Park, 4-10 p.m.<br/>800 Woodward Ave.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit</b><br/>Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.<br/>311 E. Grand River Ave.</li> <li>» <b>Kevin Hart: Reality Check</b><br/>Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.<br/>2645 Woodward.</li> <li>» <b>My Fair Lady</b><br/>Detroit Opera House, 8 p.m.<br/>1526 Broadway St.</li> </ul> <p><b>SATURDAY, JULY 16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>Demetrius Nabors</b><br/>Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.<br/>97 Kercheval.</li> <li>» <b>Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit</b><br/>Lighthouse ArtSpace , 10 a.m.-9 p.m.<br/>311 E. Grand River Ave.</li> <li>» <b>My Fair Lady</b><br/>Detroit Opera House, 2 &amp; 8 p.m.<br/>1526 Broadway St.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>Video Game Club</b><br/>Ewald Library, 2-4 p.m.<br/>15175 E Jefferson</li> </ul> <p><b>SUNDAY, JULY 17</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>Woman Evolve with Sarah Jakes Roberts - Volunteers</b><br/>Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 1 p.m.</li> <li>» <b>Harvest &amp; Heal</b><br/>The Jam Handy, 12-4 p.m.<br/>2900 E Grand Blvd.</li> <li>» <b>Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit</b><br/>Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.<br/>311 E. Grand River Ave.</li> <li>» <b>My Fair Lady</b> Detroit Opera House, 2 &amp; 7:30 p.m.<br/>1526 Broadway St.</li> </ul> <p><b>MONDAY, JULY 18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>Elton John</b><br/>Comerica Park, 8 p.m.<br/>2100 Woodward Ave.</li> <li>» <b>Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit</b><br/>Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.<br/>311 E. Grand River Ave.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>Nurses Inspire Nurses Nurse Giveback Night 2022</b><br/>The Eastern, 5-11 p.m.<br/>3434 Russell Street Ste. 501.</li> <li>» <b>Three Days Grace</b><br/>The Fillmore Detroit, 6 p.m.<br/>2115 Woodward Ave.</li> <li>» <b>Trivia Shellebration Part 2</b><br/>Ewald Branch, 2-3 p.m.<br/>15175 E Jefferson</li> </ul> <p><b>TUESDAY, JULY 19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit</b><br/>Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.<br/>311 E. Grand River Ave.</li> <li>» <b>My Fair Lady</b> Detroit Opera House, 8 p.m.<br/>1526 Broadway St.</li> <li>» <b>Noah Jackson &amp; Full Circle</b><br/>Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.<br/>2030 Park Ave.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>Boney James</b><br/>The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.<br/>2600 E Atwater.</li> <li>» <b>Chase Atlantic</b><br/>The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.<br/>2115 Woodward Ave.</li> <li>» <b>Gene Dunlap</b><br/>Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 97 Kercheval.</li> <li>» <b>Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit</b><br/>Lighthouse ArtSpace , 10 a.m.-9 p.m.<br/>311 E. Grand River Ave.</li> <li>» <b>My Fair Lady</b><br/>Detroit Opera House, 8 p.m.<br/>1526 Broadway St.</li> <li>» <b>Storytime with Miss Rachel</b><br/>Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m.<br/>grossepointelibrary.org</li> </ul> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>1,000 Hours Outside Walk</b><br/>Ewald Branch, 5-6 p.m.<br/>15175 E Jefferson</li> <li>» <b>Archery Wednesdays</b><br/>Woods Branch, 1-2 p.m.<br/>20680 Mack Ave.</li> </ul> |
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# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I originally discovered Babe Lash on Instagram when a blogger I follow suggested it. I'm usually a little skeptical of influencer content because it's usually sponsored. Sponsored content means the user gets paid to promote a certain product, which means their reviews aren't usually that honest.

But, as usual, I am willing to try any product once. I ordered Babe Lash via Amazon and it showed up on my front porch later that afternoon. I have always had super short

eyelashes and with my wedding coming up in a few short months, I figured I should try it out. The instructions couldn't be simpler: You apply the serum every night directly to your lash line on clean, dry skin. Seems too good to be true, right?

Well, I have been using Babe Lash around three months now and all I can say is WOW! My lashes have seriously never been longer. We are talking two to three times longer. The other day at the grocery store, I actually got asked



if I had eyelash extensions, so I definitely know it's working. My eyelashes have

never looked better and the change is noticeable.

Every night, I put one swipe on each eye. I keep it right by my toothbrush so I don't forget to apply the serum and that's it. A few years ago, I tried a similar product that claimed to have amazing results, but it irritated my eyes and made my eyelids itchy and red. This serum has absolutely no side effects for me and I cannot rave enough about it.

It's not super cheap — it costs around \$65 for a

three-month supply on Amazon — but it's way more affordable than some of the alternatives, like eyelash extensions.

I love how easy this product is to use, how incredible the results are and that it actually works. I will continue to use this product for the foreseeable future and I recommend it to all of my friends and family. I rate this product 4.5 out of 5 alligators because it

is a bit pricy, but, in my opinion, it is totally worth it.

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

4.5 Out Of 5



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From left, Keeley Hawes as Patricia Neal, Darcy Ewart as Olivia Dahl, Hugh Bonneville and Isabella Jonsson as Tessa Dahl in the 2021 Film "To Olivia," directed by John Hay.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
"To Olivia"  
2021 - Not Rated  
1 hr 39min

I have many fond memories of reading to my two daughters when they were growing up. I especially enjoyed reading them the books of Roald Dahl, including such creative and imaginative works like "James and the Giant Peach," "Matilda," "The BFG" and of course, his epic, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Like many people, I knew next to nothing about this brilliant author. Thanks to screenwriters John Hay (who also directs) and David Logan, we have the film "To Olivia," which provides an inti-

mate peek into Dahl's life, during the period leading up to the writing of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Dahl is played by Hugh Bonneville (Downton Abbey) and his wife, the famous American actress Patricia Neal (played by Keely Hawes). We first encounter the couple at a pub, where Dahl plays a prank on one of his friends.

We then jump ahead in time when they're married and have three young children—Olivia (Darcy Ewart), her younger sister Tess (Isabella Jonsson), and their younger brother Theo (played by brothers Alfie and Tommy James Hardy).

The family lives a

seemingly idyllic life in rural Buckinghamshire, England. Dahl spends his day working on a new book and playing with his daughters. He loves fabricating stories for them and we get a glimpse of his creative mind at work.

Then, tragedy strikes. Olivia is stricken with the measles. When her fever doesn't subside, she's taken to the local hospital. At this time, little was known about treatment for this disease, and a vaccine was a



couple years away. Her illness turns into encephalitis and she dies.

The Dahl family is absolutely devastated. Neal has to work through it and bravely carries on. Roald simply can't deal with it and takes to drinking heavily. He is so effected he can't even say her name out loud.

It's during this period when Hollywood begins courting Neal to play in the film "Hud." The director pays her a visit and tries to convince her to take the part. She's reluctant at first but realizes she has to get on with her life. And the part is perfect for her.

She eventually agrees and heads to Hollywood to begin filming. Sam Heughan plays the young Paul Newman and I have to admit, the resemblance is quite striking. Especially when you consider what a unique face he had.

During this time the couple's relationship was strained to say the least. They quarreled, but there were also long periods of silent brooding, and the feeling you get as a viewer is unsettling.

Both Bonneville and Hawes do a remarkable job pulling it off. The young Tess also adds to the tension, lashing out because she felt Olivia was her father's favorite and ignored her. She and Ewart deliver noteworthy performances.

Of course this film has a happy ending. No spoilers here since everyone knows what a huge success "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" became. Not only did the book sell millions of copies and became a beloved classic, it was turned into two immensely popular blockbuster movies.

And anyone who's a movie buff knows what a hit the film "Hud" became. And did Ms. Neal win the Oscar for her role in the movie? Well, I'm not going to give everything away. You'll just have to see this little gem of a film and find out for yourself.



Currently streaming for free with your library card on both Kanopy and Hoopla. Also available to rent on Prime Video.

★★★★☆

**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.*

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# The cocktails of summer,



## DIRTY LEMONADE

Lemonade is hands-down the official summer drink. Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe has its own version of this classic thirst-quencher. Made with raspberry vodka, citron vodka, pomegranate liqueur and simple syrup, you'll smack your lips with this cool sipper.



## ORANGE VODKA CREAMSICLE

The Red Crown bartenders have outdone themselves with this frosty summer favorite. The creamy, melt-in-your-mouth smoothness of this cocktail is paired with the sweet taste of nostalgic childhood ice cream truck memories. With this beautiful presentation, it's perfect. Cheers to a fantastic summer!



## RED CROWN FROSÉ

This frosty rosé concoction is courtesy of Red Crown. Summer imbibers are always looking for a light, airy drink to cool down without feeling weighted down. This is the perfect solution to that little dilemma. So pretty, too.

## Drink in all that the Pointes have to offer this season

By Anne Gryzenia  
and Donna Zetterlund  
*Special Writers*

Getting a great trending cocktail doesn't have to mean leaving Grosse Pointe. The mixologists around town have a wide variety of delicious drinks to wet your whistle as you work your way around the Pointes for food, fun and great summer libations.

The menus are getting seriously fashionable too, from fig-infused vodka to orchids and more, you will definitely not run out of interesting new things to try.

Our dedicated team made the grand sacrifice to research this topic and sample some of these delicious cocktails, and it was truly worth it to be able to bring them to your attention. We think you'll find as many new favorites as we did!

From innovative frozen cocktails to unique spins on the classics, Grosse Pointe has every bit of creative genius as New York or Los Angeles.

Enjoy exploring these pages and then getting out to taste and explore on your own. It's a great way to discover everything the Pointes have to offer the community in summertime fun and flavor.

Happy sipping, Grosse Pointe.



**Bronze Door's Phantom of the Farms cocktail, above, looks as good as it tastes.**

**Their Jalapeno Cocktail and Black Orchid cocktail, paired with a scrumptious calamari appetizer, right, are the picture-perfect way to enjoy a summer afternoon.**



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# Grosse Pointe style!

Check out these friendly neighborhood mixologists' creations, designed to quench your summertime thirst and make this the best season ever:



## WILLIE'S "KILLER JOE" PUNCH

Talk about summer in a glass! This Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe creation has all the elements of a dog day afternoon: The mix of Amaretto, Southern Comfort, Watermelon Pucker, orange juice, pineapple juice and a splash of Grenadine will remind you of summer picnics and lazing on the grass.



## THE BRICK'S BONNIE COCKTAIL

When you're ready for a summer break, it's time to hit The Bricks. Their "Bonnie" cocktail hits the spot on a hot day. Made with Blanco Tequila, thyme simple syrup, grapefruit, lime, and soda, it's a refreshing surprise for yearning taste buds. The Bricks is open to quench your thirst at 5 p.m. daily for the remainder of the summer.



## IRISH COFFEE

Experiencing an AC overload? Sometimes that happens, and when it does, that means its time for a nice, warmup drink like an Irish Coffee from (you guessed it!) Irish Coffee. Nobody does it better, and paired with a famous burger, you'll be warm down to your toes in no time.

## These cocktails are something to celebrate

## Where to drink:



It's hurricane season at Fishbones, and that's a good thing! Their fruity Hurricane cocktail, above, is Fishbones' signature drink, best enjoyed on their beautiful patio on a warm summer day with some delicious appetizers. *Laissez les bon temps rouler!*



Park Grill is taking on summer thirst one delicious cocktail at a time! Pictured above is their so-pretty Grapefruit Gimlet with vodka and a delightful Cucumber Smash with gin. Can't you just taste that icy coolness? Park Grill really knows how to do summer.

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# Ford speeds toward all-electric, connected future in Europe, Valencia Spain

COLOGNE, Germany – Ford announced another important stride toward an all-electric future, confirming that it has chosen its plant in Valencia, Spain, as the preferred site to assemble vehicles based on a next-generation electric vehicle architecture. Pending product approval, the Valencia plant could produce breakthrough electric and connected vehicles beginning later this decade.

Ford is also moving forward with a \$2 billion conversion of its Cologne, Germany, operations to begin producing electric passenger vehicles starting in 2023. Ford's European strategy calls for an exciting line-up of electric vehicles, including an electric version of the popular Ford Puma and extending its leadership in the commercial segment with electric Ford Pro vehicles and connected services. By 2026, Ford in Europe plans to sell 600,000 electric vehicles annually.

"We are committed to building a vibrant, sustainable business in Europe as part of our Ford+ plan, and that requires focus and mak-

experience, ultra-lean operations and a talented and motivated team."

Continent-wide electric vehicle sales continue to grow rapidly (up 65 percent to 2.3 million in 2021) and the European Parliament voted earlier this month to set new CO2 targets for light-duty vehicles, including a requirement that new sales be 100 percent zero emission vehicles by 2035.

"We are accelerating our transformation in Europe, reimagining how we do business and building a future where amazing vehicles and relentless focus on customer experience goes hand-in-hand with protecting our planet," said Stuart Rowley, chair, Ford of Europe and chief transformation & quality officer, Ford Motor Company.

"Bringing our all-new electric vehicle architecture to Valencia will help us build a profitable business in Europe, secure high value employment and increase Ford's offering of premium electric, high performance, fully connected vehicles that meet the demand of our

Ford Focus passenger car, while the company is also evaluating options for future site concepts.

## Ford reiterates its commitment to Germany

Ford also reiterated its commitment to Germany as the headquarters of its European Model e business and the site of its first domestic European electric vehicle production. The state-of-the-art Cologne Electrification Centre will start production in late 2023.

"Ford is investing heavily in electric vehicle manufacturing operations in Germany, and we are committed to the country as our headquarters location in Europe," said Rowley. "We look forward to progressing this work with our partners in Germany and across the whole region. To secure new product in Europe we need winning product designs, outstanding technology and engineering, optimized sourcing and an evolution of our industrial operations to ensure they are fully oriented to an electrified world."

Next generation architecture a critical component of Ford's all-electric future in Europe

The next generation architecture is a critical step in the transformation of Ford in Europe to achieve an all-electric future and build a thriving business while making a positive contribution to society and reducing emissions in line with the Paris Climate Agreement.

Ford's plans for all-electric future in Europe supports the global goal of 2 million+ annual production of EVs by 2026 and 10 percent company adjusted EBIT margin by 2026.



Ford plant in Valencia, Spain.

ing tough choices," said Jim Farley, Ford president and CEO. "The European auto industry is extremely competitive, and to thrive and grow we can never settle for less than unbelievably great products, a delightful customer

European customers. The decision announced followed the conclusion of comprehensive consultations with teams in Valencia, Spain and Saarlouis, Germany. Ford's plant in Saarlouis will continue to produce the

## AT WORK:

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your parents were dog people, moving back home would likely set you back in your level of emotional intelligence. It's hard to live as an adult when you are back at home and in the category of child.

If you ever planned on converting them, emphasize the positives dogs bring to humans: teaching children the responsibility of taking care of someone they love, experiencing unconditional love as only a dog can demonstrate and learning to live a balanced life of giving and receiving, which is not centered on the material world.

trustworthy day care. And that leads to your best resolution: dog day care.

Pricing will depend on the location and conditions of the dog day care facilities, but in this situation, you may have to cut down on expenses in other areas of your life.

The safety of the children, and in this case, dogs, is the main feature. Paint color, furniture style, and room decor are meant to impress the clients. Dog day care necessities are different from those for children, but for both types of day care, safety is critical.

Here's a list to follow when calling to compare. The safety and security of the location — secure drop-off and pickup so if a dog

outside play areas only in favorable weather conditions; separating dogs by similar ages and sizes so large dogs don't accidentally injure small dogs; and testing the temperament of each dog before allowing them to mix with other dogs.

Last, the quality of the employees. Jobs with the fewest requirements are known to pay less, but less pay doesn't mean a lower quality of employee; meet the employees taking care of the dogs.

Are they mature enough to rescue your dog if a conflict arises? Do the employees seem alert and aware or are they holding their phones in one hand to read Facebook? If you don't feel good about them, find another dog day care center.

If your salary just covers your day care, it is worth it. You get to keep your dog and your job for now. As you get into your routine, you can evaluate your job as well and make changes as you see fit.

Email life and career coach Lindsey Novak@yaho.com with all your workplace questions and experiences. For more information, visit www.lindseyparkernovak.com.

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You are about to relate more to the experiences that single mothers face in working, raising a child alone and finding safe and

gets loose, it cannot run into the street; safe and secure rooms inside and safe and secure fences for outside play areas; releasing dogs to

# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 4:30 a.m. EDT today (1:30 a.m. PDT), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Aquarius.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 14, 2022:

You are a sensitive, caring and generous person who will help those in need. Although you appear lighthearted, privately you are a serious person. This year is the end of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to wrap up things and finish projects. Let go of whatever is holding you back. Take inventory.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

Today you might be lost in daydreams and fantasies, which can be fun because it's an escape from your everyday world. However, the real world still exists. Caution about making promises that you cannot keep. Tonight: Home and family.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

Be careful of financial decisions, because things might not be as they appear. Today, wishful thinking will not necessarily make it so. Be extra cautious if shopping for luxurious, frivolous items, because you might regret these purchases later. Keep your receipts! Tonight: Clear communications.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

Today you might give in to wishful fantasies when dealing with others, which can set up a situation where you will feel let down. We all have daydreams, but the reality of our daily world is something quite different. Furthermore, unexpressed expectations almost always lead to disappointment. Tonight: Organize your possessions.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

Today you might seek escape from the responsibilities of your everyday world. We all have moments like this. Sometimes it's possible to delay the inevitable, but generally, your life will run more smoothly if you are prepared for what is really going to happen. Tonight: You're in charge.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

When relating to friends and groups today, make sure to keep your expectations on a realistic level. If you expect too much of others, invariably, you will be disappointed.

Remember, we are all frail mortals doing our best to deal with our own reality. Tonight: Solitude.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today it's easy to misunderstand what a parent, boss or someone in authority might expect of you. Make no assumptions. Be clear with this person. Tell them what you think they want from you so that you're both on the same page. Make sure you know what they expect from you. Tonight: Enjoy friends.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Be careful not to fall for grandiose ideas propagated by someone, especially if you have doubts. Many people say things that have no basis in reality. They say things that people want to hear even though these things have no bearing to the facts. If you think something fishy is going on, it is! Tonight: Show respect.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a tricky day for discussions about shared property, insurance disputes or how to deal with an inheritance, because people are prone to wishful thinking today. This means they might refuse to see the real facts of the

matter. Don't be the Queen of Denial. Tonight: Explore!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Although Venus is opposite your sign, which can promote warm relations with others, today, Neptune in the picture will cloud things and create confusion. Neptune can encourage manipulation and guilt. Don't even go there. Value and respect your friends. Tonight: Check your finances.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If people are going to help you with a project or your job, be grateful. If you think someone is doing a guilt trip on you, avoid them. Be straightforward and show your appreciation if someone helps you. Avoid sentimentality or insincerity. Tonight: Cooperate.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Because the Moon is in your sign today, you will feel stronger emotions about things. These feelings could relate to romantic relationships as well as matters connected with your kids or a social outing. Stay grounded and realistic. Tonight: Work.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

Because we have so much invested in our families, family life can be our greatest area of disappointment and misunderstandings. Today you might feel disappointed with a family member. Ask yourself if you told them what your expectations were. Tonight: Socialize.

## BORN TODAY

Actress, comedian Jane Lynch (1960), actress Phoebe Waller-Bridge (1985), actor Christoffer Ertvaag (1987).

# Contract Bridge

## FAMOUS HAND

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ K J 7 6 3 2  
♥ K 5 3  
♦ J 8  
♣ Q J

**WEST**  
♠ Q 5  
♥ 10 6  
♦ K Q 10 7 3 2  
♣ A 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ A 10 9 8  
♥ 9 4 2  
♦ 4  
♣ 10 9 7 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 4  
♥ A Q J 8 7  
♦ A 9 6 5  
♣ K 8 6

The bidding:  
**South** 1♥  
**West** 2♦  
**North** 2 NT\*  
**East** Pass

\*heart raise  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The United States scored the most lopsided victory in the 70-year history of the Bermuda Bowl, routing Brazil 506-288 in the final of the 2000 world team championship. The margin (in International Match Points) and the winning team's IMP total were both records for the event.

The 16-day competition, which started with 20 teams, came down to a showdown between the U.S. squad, composed of Bob Hamman,

Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Nick Nickell and Richard Freeman, and Brazil's Gabriel Chagas, Marcelo Branco, Ricardo Janz, Miguel Villas-Boas, Joao-Paulo Campos and Roberto de Mello.

The final was a virtual runaway for the Americans from the very outset. Today's deal resulted in a 12-IMP pickup for the winners.

At the first table, Meckstroth, playing in four hearts, won the king-of-diamonds lead with the ace and led the spade four to dummy's king. East won and returned a club to West's ace, whereupon West cashed the queen of diamonds and continued with the deuce.

Meckstroth trumped the diamond with dummy's king and ruffed a spade, felling West's queen. Declarer then drew trump, crossed to the club queen and discarded his remaining diamond on the spade jack to make his game.

At the other table, Chagas, one of the world's great players, became declarer at the same contract. He had played nearly every deal for two weeks and showed signs of his fatigue by making the fatal mistake of drawing three rounds of trump after taking the diamond ace at trick one. He then guessed the spade position correctly, playing the jack after West followed low. But East took the ace and returned a club to his partner's ace, and West's Q-10 of diamonds set the contract one trick.

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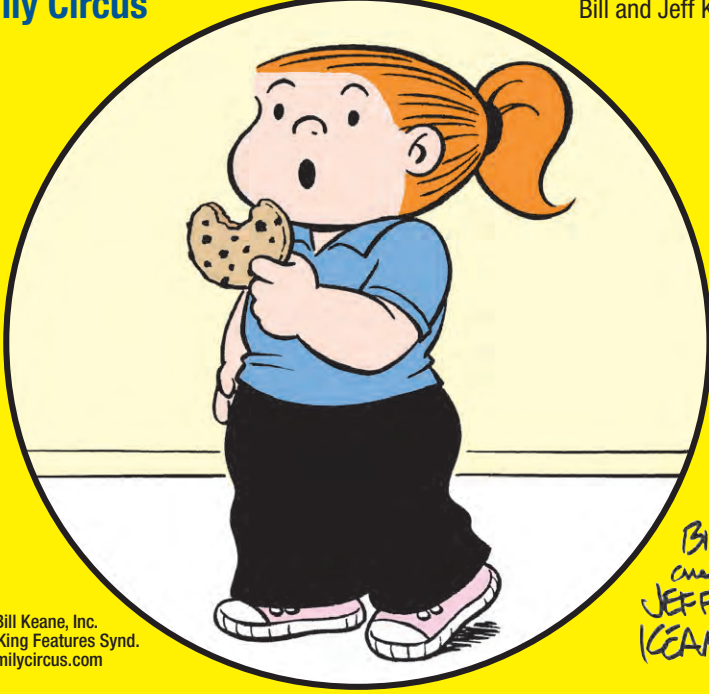
by Steve Becker



# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



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**"Mommy, are these brown things calories or just chocolate chips?"**

## Garfield

Jim Davis



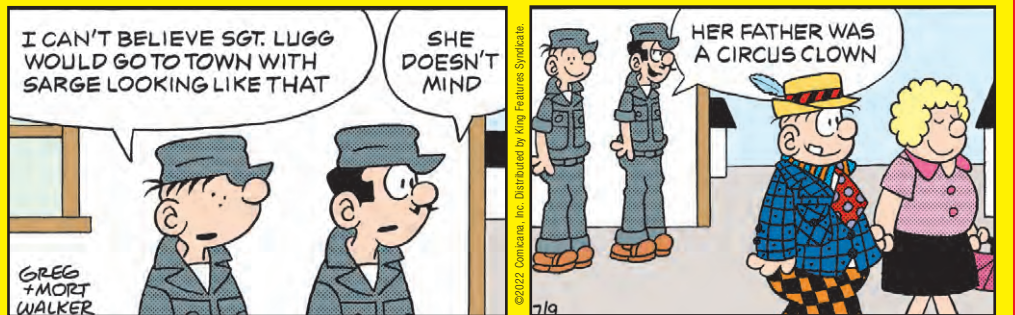
## Dilbert

Scott Adams



## Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



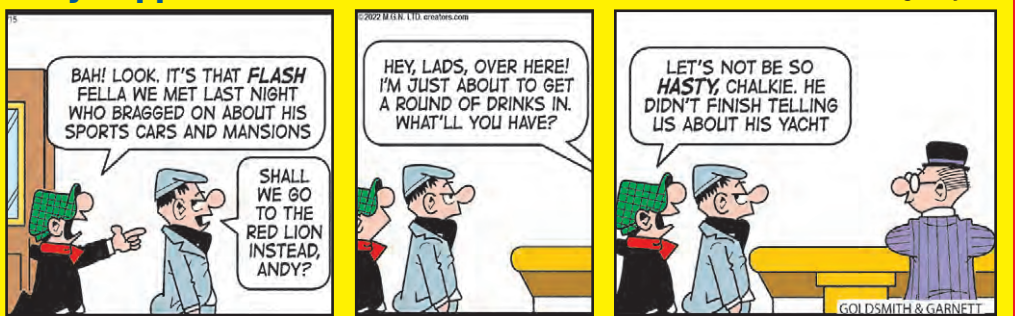
## Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



## Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



## Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

1			5					
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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

### Previous puzzle solution

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 14, 2022

- ACROSS**
- 1 Made do
  - 6 Mother's Day VIP
  - 10 Charitable giving
  - 14 Money, informally
  - 15 Move tediously
  - 16 Dab with a napkin
  - 17 Snarky criticism about an afghan?
  - 19 Singer Barenilles
  - 20 "The Bluest Eye" writer Morrison
  - 21 Mini-albums, briefly
  - 23 Cosmetics brand
  - 24 Skinny
  - 26 Chat about feathers vs. foam?
  - 30 Oklahoma city with a Deco District
  - 32 CAPTCHA target
  - 33 Makes simpler
  - 34 Every last bit
  - 35 Curds' accompaniment
  - 37 Common game show prize
  - 38 Thumbs-up for Linus' security item?
  - 44 Wholly acknowledge
  - 45 Chicago mayor
  - 46 Lightfoot
  - 47 Is for you?

- 50 Apt-sounding name for a brooder?
- 51 Long parts of guitars
- 53 Tale about tucking someone in?
- 56 Word before "transit" or "exodus"
- 57 Brooding rock genre
- 58 Expected
- 59 Mark up with a red pen, say
- 61 Polka
- 63 Falsehoods about quilts?
- 68 Brainstorm goal
- 69 Search for treasure
- 70 Garlicky mayo
- 71 "Happiness" director Solondz
- 72 Tablet in a modern classroom
- 73 Pulls hard

- 11 Woolly animals that spit
- 12 What team building is meant to boost
- 13 Libraries' storage areas
- 18 Drink sample
- 22 Take the word of?
- 24 Wild guess
- 25 Calm period
- 27 "Ha, ri-i-ght"
- 28 Always sticking by
- 29 Root in a Cantonese cake
- 31 Cringeworthy
- 36 "Little red" fowl
- 37 EMT's specialty
- 39 Brief message
- 40 Serve, as wine
- 41 Reason for an out-of-office message
- 42 Noah's boat and others

- 43 "I couldn't care \_\_\_\_\_"
- 47 Nailed a test
- 48 \_\_\_\_\_ dragon (reptile)
- 49 Words on a sticker for the civically engaged
- 50 Meet the moment
- 52 Clarke of "Game of Thrones"
- 54 Dinner rolls?
- 55 Supporting vote
- 60 Make-or-break time
- 62 Facebook reaction with a teardrop
- 64 Protein synthesis molecule
- 65 Takeoff guess: Abbr.
- 66 Deer sacred to many tribal nations
- 67 First roomie, maybe

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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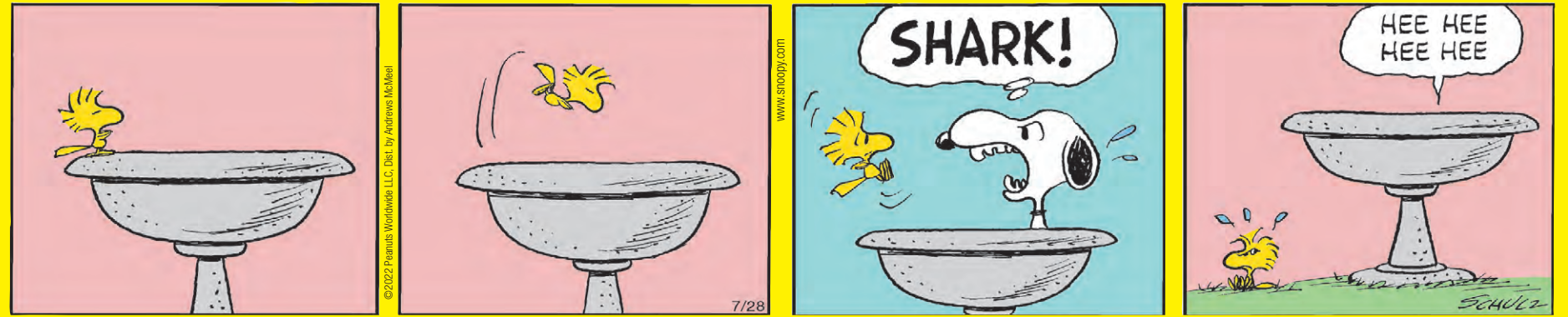
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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



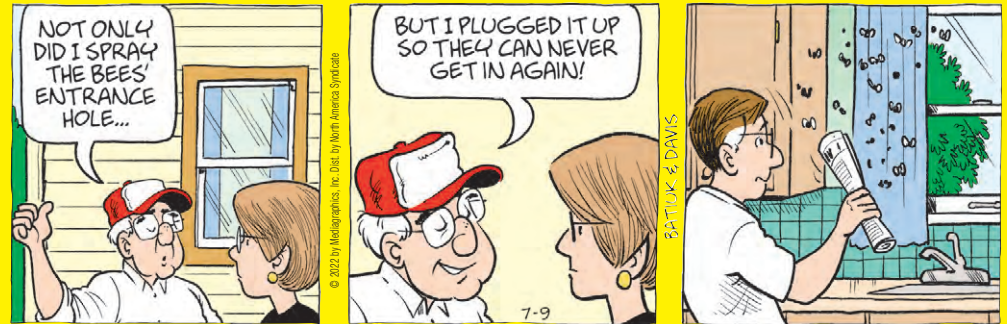
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Dik Browne and Chris Browne



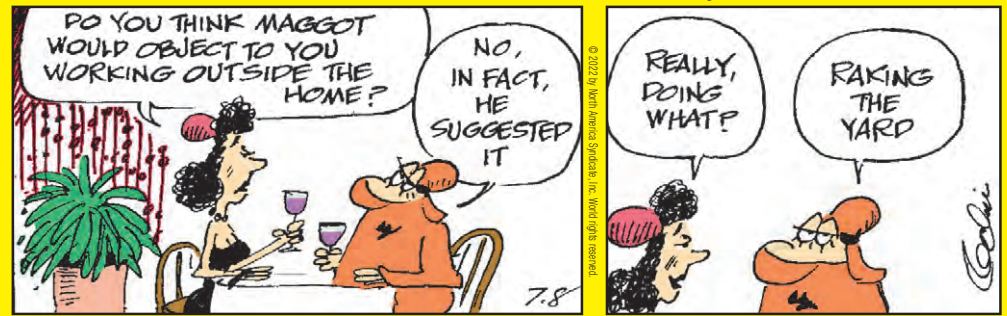
## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



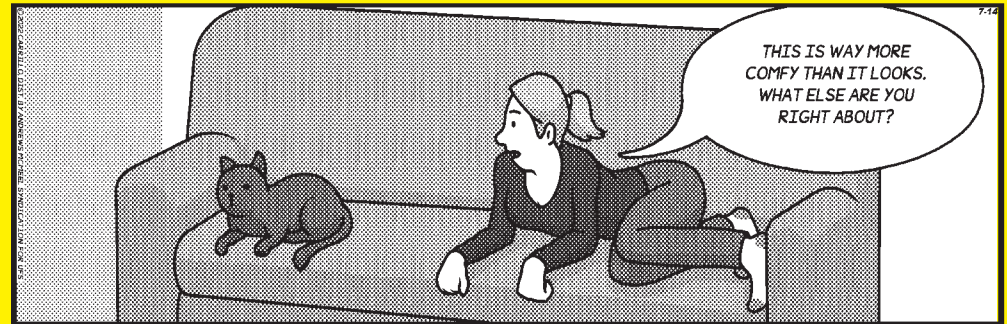
## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



## F Minus

Tony Carriolo



## Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



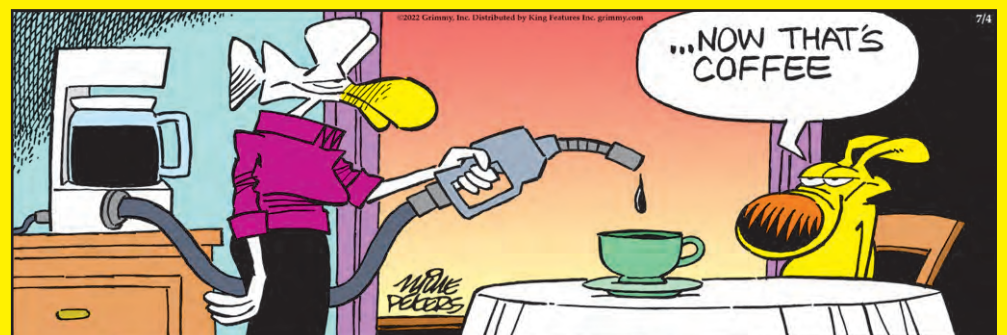
## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



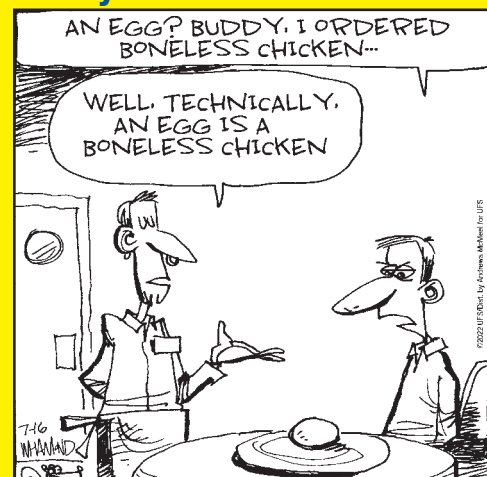
## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



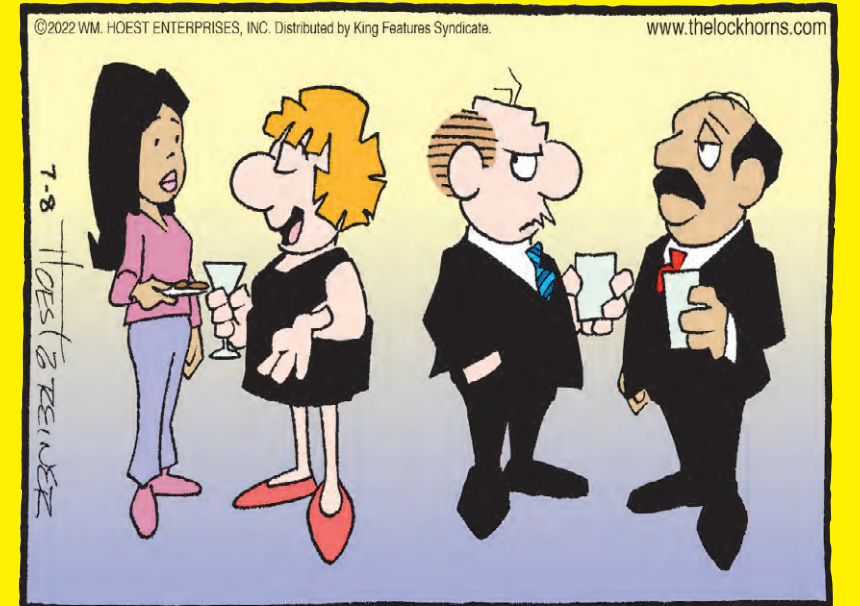
## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"YOU SHOULD EXPECT THE SAME THING FROM A MAN YOU'D EXPECT FROM A MUTUAL FUND... HIGH EARNINGS AND LONG-TERM APPRECIATION."

## Close To Home

John McPherson



"I'm married. I don't get to have an opinion."

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Stop complaining it's too well done. Most owners won't even grill dog food."



# SPORTS

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# Best in the nation!



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The Grosse Pointe South boys swim and dive team was named Dual Meet National Champions in Class 2 by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association, crowning it as the country's best program for the 2021-22 season.

## South boys swim and dive wins dual meet national championship

By Michael Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

The Grosse Pointe South boys varsity swim and dive team made a major splash this month as the Blue Devils were named the Class 2 Dual Meet National Champions from the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA).

NISCA released its end of the year honors and rankings, not only naming South national champs, but also awarding four swimmers and one diver with All-American honors for their performances in the pool this season.

"We knew that this was something we were capable of because we've gone for the dual meet championship before, and have finished in the top ten and even got second one year," head coach John Fodell said.

"This is about not just the state qualifiers, but the third and fourth swimmers (too). I knew we were good, I knew we were really good and that this could be interesting."

The Dual Meet National Championship is determined by NISCA using a system of "power points," based on the fastest dual meet times submitted by a coach throughout the season.

Placed in Class 2 based on school size, the Blue Devils finished first in the 2021-22 rankings, outpacing runner up Western Albemarle High School in Charlottesville, Va., by more than 100 points.

Finishing in its class as the country's best in this year's rankings is a first for South's program. The Blue Devils also placed 25th overall out of six different classes.

For Fodell, seeing his swimmers reach an accomplishment like this is a testament to the team's hard work and dedication to the sport.

"It would take more than just four or six or

ten guys," he said. "It was the whole season that made the team come together and train really tough and create a culture that drove us to get to where we wanted to get."

Some of the key pieces of South's national championship-winning team also were honored by NISCA when the association released its 2022 list of All-Americans. Blue Devils junior Logan Hepner was named All-American in one-meter diving, an impressive follow-up to the state championship he won in diving at this year's Division 2 state finals.

South's 200 medley

relay team of Keiran Rahmaan, Tucker Briggs, Jake Vallan and Drew Vandeputte can add another All-American line to their resumes as NISCA also honored them for their achievements in the event. The team captured the state championship for the relay, set a new state record for Division 2, and swam the fastest time among all divisions this year.

"When my teammates and I earned our All American status I couldn't have been more excited and proud of what we had accomplished," Briggs said. "It reflects all of the dedica-

tion and hard work that we have been putting in since our first time in the water freshman year.

"Our competitive team culture created the perfect environment for our relay to go as fast as we did," he added. "The status is the final piece of our legacy that we've paved at GPS and we couldn't be any more pleased with our results."

The team of Briggs, Rahmaan, Vallan and Vandeputte also received a second All-American nod from NISCA in the 200 freestyle relay. The foursome placed 54th overall out of 100 teams nationwide that made the list.

## Athlete of the Year contest sparks voting frenzy



In less than one week since the Grosse Pointe

News kicked off its inaugural Athlete of the Year scholarship contest, nearly 4,000 votes have been cast by readers in support of their favorite male and female athletes.

The contest will crown four local athletes with Athlete of the Year honors, each of whom will

win a \$500 scholarship. Winners will be determined by two methods: The Grosse Pointe News staff will name one female winner and one male winner, while you will determine one male and one female winner as "Readers' Choice" selections.

Voting takes place

now until 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4. Votes can be submitted one of two ways:

Electronically at [grossepointenews.com/athlete](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete). Or, by filling out a ballot and dropping it to our offices, located at 16980 Kercheval, in The Village. You may also send a photograph of

your completed ballot to [media@grossepointenews.com](mailto:media@grossepointenews.com), found this week on page 11A.

Thanks to the buzz and excitement of the contest, the Grosse Pointe News is now offering framed and matted PDFs of your favorite Athlete of the Week from 2021-22 for

purchase. There also is a PDF-only option available. Head to our online store for this and other GP News merch at <https://www.grossepointenews.com/gift-shop>.

The race for Athlete of the Year is on, so make sure to have your voice heard and vote today!

— Meg Leonard

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GROSSE POINTE SUMMER SWIMMING

# Get set, go!

The Lakefront Swimming Association includes six teams from Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores, who compete against each other throughout June and July. The Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas, City of Grosse Pointe Norbs, Grosse Pointe Park Mutants, St. Clair Shores Sea Serpents Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks and Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors battle for bragging rights at season's end, where one of the six teams is crowned Swim Finals champion.

This week's featured teams are the Mutants and Warriors.

## Park makes a splash

By Clare Ramsdell and Grace Cueter

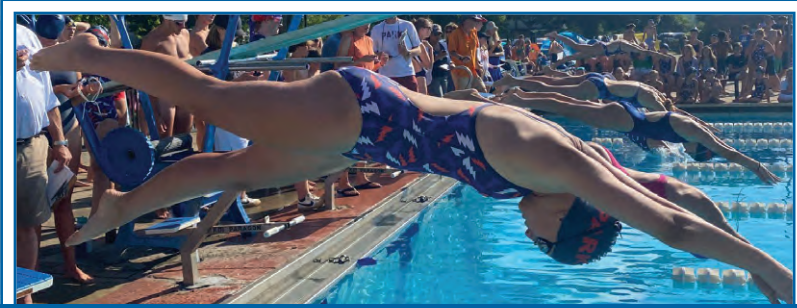


The Grosse Pointe Park Mutants are one of six swim teams that compete in the Lakefront Swimming Association. The team has practices Monday through Friday at Windmill Pointe Park, where approximately 220 swimmers are competing for the team this summer. The Mutants always are looking to enjoy their time in the water and take home a win whenever they can.

We asked Mutants assistant coach Dailey Jogan to tell the Grosse Pointe News a little more about the 2022 team:

- Name:** Grosse Pointe Park Mutants
- Team colors:** Red, white and blue
- Coaching staff:** Head coach Jackson Jogan and assistant coaches Tommy Drawbaugh, Joey Drawbaugh, Millie Gates, Claire Zaliwski and Dailey Jogan
- Favorite tradition:** Coaches dressing up for finals and revealing the theme to the kids
- Biggest rival:** Grosse Pointe City Norbs
- Claim to fame:** Winning against Grosse Pointe Farms by 0.5 points in the finals meet when it was hosted at Grosse Pointe Park

**Goal(s) for the 2022 season:** To win while having as much fun as possible



Mutant swimmers dive into the water at the start of an individual medley race at Windmill Pointe Park.



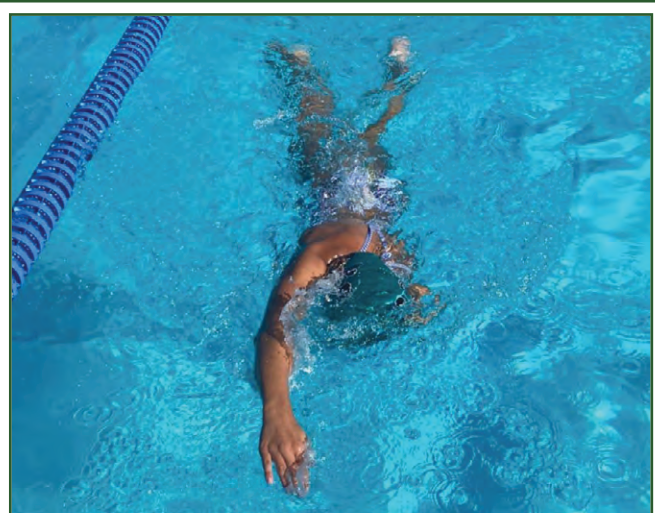
Grosse Pointe Park swimmers decorate their backs with a sharpie to show their team spirit before their meet against the Grosse Pointe City Norbs.



From left, Grosse Pointe City Mutant coaches Claire Zaliwski, Joey Drawbaugh, Millie Gates, Dailey Jogan, Tommy Drawbaugh and Jackson Jogan exude team spirit as they don red, white and blue outfits to take on the Norbs on their home turf.



Mutant coaches lead the pre-meet team song with their swimmers to show Park pride before they hop in the water for their meet against the City.



A member of the Grosse Pointe Woods swim team practices her freestyle stroke during morning practice.



A Warrior pulls herself out of the pool on the starting block after practicing each of her four strokes in preparation for an upcoming meet.

## Warriors ready for battle

By Clare Ramsdell and Grace Cueter



The Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors are one of six swim teams who compete in the Lakefront Swimming Association. The team has practices four times a day for different age groups, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer at Lake Front Park. This summer, 220 swimmers are competing for the Woods.

The team makes sure to focus on maintaining positive attitudes and prides itself on sportsmanship.

We asked Warriors head coach Greg Wolff to tell the Grosse Pointe News a little more about his 2022 team:

- Name:** Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors
- Team colors:** Green and white
- Coaching staff:** Head Coach Greg Wolff and assistant coaches Alex Agius, Sydney Agius, Gabe Loper, Ava Boileau, Jaden Payne, Katerina Pirker and Andrew Peabody
- Favorite tradition:** Cheers before meets
- Biggest rival:** Whoever they are against on meet day
- Claim to fame:** Good sportsmanship
- Goal(s) for the 2022 season:** Win the league meet (also known as finals)



Woods swimmers await their turn on the starting blocks, listening to head coach Greg Wolff's advice on how to improve their dives.



Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors work in pairs to perfect their relay starts, diving off the block at the exact moment their partner reaches the end of the pool.



# State tournament shines spotlight on local Little League softball

By Michael Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The eyes of Little League in the state of Michigan are once again on the Pointes.

After Grosse Pointe played host to Little League baseball's 12U state tournament last summer, the spotlight switched to softball this past week, when the Pointes hosted the Little League softball 12U state tournament July 8 through 13 for the first time in league history.

After years of growing the program, Grosse Pointe Little League softball feels like it is finally capable of playing host to such a large tournament. Winning last year's state championship was certainly a major boost as well. Bringing the eyes of the state's softball community to the Pointes is giving even more pride to a growing organization.

"Hosting this tournament where everyone in the state comes to you, Grosse Pointe now has a bigger footprint on the softball map in the state of Michigan," said Nate Dodson, president of Grosse Pointe Little League Softball. "It puts more spotlight on our program. Our girls don't have to travel anywhere

and knowing that all the teams in the state are coming to their hometown, it gives them a lot of pride."

The tournament began on Saturday and ran through Wednesday, with the championship game scheduled for after press time.

Despite the recent upgrades and renovations to some local Little League softball diamonds like Field 2 at Elworthy, Grosse Pointe Little League Softball made the decision to have all state tournament games hosted at University Liggett School.

"The facility has everything we need and we want to make sure we put on a first-class event for every team," Dodson said. "People invest a lot of time and money in this tournament... We've spent a lot of money over the years to develop our Little League fields but we don't have enough fields together with parking, bathrooms, concessions and stuff like that. Liggett helped host the boys state tournament last year and got rave reviews so we figured if it's not broken, don't fix it."

Last year's 12U state baseball tournament was scheduled to take

place at newly-renovated Kerby Field in Grosse Pointe Farms, but a massive rainstorm on July 16 flooded its grass fields the day before the tournament's start. The flooding forced a move to University Liggett, whose facilities have field turf and are capable of draining and clearing rain.

Regardless of where in town the games are being played, hosting this year's Little League softball state tournament is another testament to the role that sports like baseball and softball play in the community. For softball especially, it is a way to showcase how the game has grown on the youth level in recent years here in the Pointes.

Grosse Pointe Little League softball includes players from all of the Pointe communities. For Dodson, community is really what hosting this year's tournament is all about.

"Our program is made up of all the Pointe communities," Dodson said. "Having it here and knowing the way our program is, it helps bring what's already a close community program even more united as one community and one team."



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**Top:** Grosse Pointe pitcher Makenzie Waterson and catcher Piper Obermok celebrate as they win their third tournament game, making it to the semi-finals. **Bottom:** Maeve Shine lays down a perfect bunt for Grosse Pointe, bringing home a runner from third base.



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**420 sailors Skipper Sophia Gualdoni and Crew Erin DeGrazia race on Day 1 of the GPYC regatta.**

## Junior sailors navigate way to victory

By Cindy Logan  
Special Writer

Sailboats of all shapes and sizes dotted Lake St. Clair July 6 and 7 when local junior sailors from Bayview Yacht Club (BYC), Crescent Sail Yacht Club (CSYC), Detroit Yacht Club (DYC), Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (GPYC), and Pontiac Yacht Club (PYC) competed in the annual GPYC regatta.

Sponsored by the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association, these junior regattas have graced Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River since 1956. Officiated by U.S. Sailing-certified judges George Griswold and Ed Theisen, this year's GPYC regatta saw 100 competitors, ages 7 to 18, racing 79 boats in six different classes on three different courses.

Forced to contend with Michigan's ever-changing weather conditions, these skilled, young competitors adjusted their sails to navigate

their way through light rain and strong wind on Day One to sunny and light wind conditions on Day Two.

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#### LASER FULL:

- 1ST Jacob Doll (PYC)
- 2ND Nicole Torkos (PYC)



# 'Tri' hards: Grosse Pointe family pushes each other to racing greatness

By Clare Ramsdell  
and Grace Cueter  
Staff Interns

Continuously trying to keep up with her two older brothers, Rebecca Caulfield has always had a competitive spirit at heart.

In 2008, the then 32-year-old took her love of biking and running to the next level when she decided to compete in a sprint duathlon, a race that combines running and cycling in a run, bike, run format. A typical sprint duathlon event might look something like a 3.1-mile run, followed by a 12.4-mile bike, finished with a 1.5-mile run.

"I loved biking and then I started running,"

said Caulfield, who lives in Grosse Pointe Park. "So I thought, oh, maybe I'll give this a try. I did one and was like, okay, this is kind of fun, and I got hooked on it."

Six years later at the age of 38, Caulfield added swimming to her list of skills when she competed in her first triathlon. Similar to a duathlon, a triathlon combines running, cycling and swimming. There are two different types of triathlons: sprint distance and Olympic distance. Sprint distance is typically a 0.5 meter swim, a 10 to 13 mile bike, and a 3.1 mile run. The Olympic triathlon is a more intense competition with a 1.2 mile swim, followed by a 25 mile

bike, and finishes with a 6.2 mile run. After hours of swim practice, Caulfield took on both of these types of triathlons with confidence.

After tackling triathlons, Caulfield decided to take it up one more notch by competing in a few half Iron Man competitions, which consist of a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike, and a 13.1 mile run. Her first one being the Michigan Titanium half ironman distance (70.3 miles) in August of 2018.

These multisport events give Caulfield the opportunity to tie multiple aspects of her athletic life together. Biking has always been an activity that she enjoys. She bikes throughout all sea-

sons, including winter, and even teaches spin classes. As for running, she makes sure to maintain her speed and endurance, running throughout the winter and competing in half marathons to train her mind and body for long distance racing. Out of the three skills required for a triathlon, swimming has always been Caulfield's weak point. She didn't know how to swim when she began training for her first triathlon, so she enrolled in adult swim lessons at the Neighborhood Club to learn.

Now, during the off-season, she swims at Three Mile Park in a wet-suit, as the water remains cold until summer months. Additionally, she works to perfect her swimming skills at the Neighborhood Club's indoor pool.

"I'm lucky enough to work at the Neighborhood Club," Caulfield said. "So in the winter, I take advantage of the pool there as much as I can. Swimming is not my favorite thing. It's my weak, weak, weak part and I don't love it."

In contrast to her mom, Caulfield's 14-year-old daughter, Chloe, has been a swimmer from the start. She swam for the Grosse Pointe Park Mutants summer swim team and the Grosse Pointe Gators swim club in the winter months. Last September, Chloe Caulfield decided that she wanted to take part in her first triathlon for her 14th birthday. They settled on a relay rather than committing to a full triathlon. Chloe swam, Caulfield's son, Tommy, a runner for Grosse Pointe South's cross country team, took on the running leg, and Rebecca biked.

Putting all their strong suits together, the team came out in first place.

"She was, like, so impressive," Rebecca Caulfield said. "This tiny

little thing. (Chloe) went in with all these big guys, and was right up in front with them. She comes running out of water, yelling at me. She's like 'GO!'

"She's a good swimmer," her mom added. "I would say swimming is definitely her strength. Biking is definitely my strength. And for my son, running is his strength, so it was the perfect team."

After seeing how well her daughter performed in the relay, Rebecca Caulfield felt confident that her daughter could take on her own triathlon, so they signed her up for the Tri Goddess Triathlon. The Tri Goddess Triathlon is an all-women race in Grass Lake, Mich. The course features an inland lake for the swimming portion, a welcoming environment for first time racers, but the nerves were still present as Chloe got ready to take on her first triathlon.

"She was nervous when I said you know what, I still get nervous," Rebecca Caulfield said. "No matter what, I still get nervous before and she crushed it. She did awesome in the water."

"(The Bike (portion) was really good, considering she has my old road bike. And then her run was awesome too. So she did really good."

While each race is different in its own way, there are many constants in the process including, training, eating habits and mindset. The night before a race, Rebecca Caulfield eats her signature pre-event meal: a pasta dish with hard boiled eggs, tuna fish and peas. Although a strange combination, the meal combines all forms of energy that she needs: carbs, hard boiled eggs and tuna for protein, and peas as a source of vitamins and fiber.

Nerves are a given for any athlete before every event. Even experienced

triathletes feel nervous before a race. Those nerves can be little jitters, butterflies or even stomach upset. Once the race begins, those feelings can turn into pain, numbness and exhaustion, according to Rebecca Caulfield.

However, as a personal trainer and health coach, she knows that those feelings are mental, and can be overcome. The feeling of crossing the finish line ends the sense of pain experienced during the race, she said, while adding she always feels accomplished and proud of herself at the end of an event, as she successfully pushed her limits.

"The pain is only temporary, it's not going to last forever," she said. "You're prepared just to push a little bit harder than you usually do."

Rebecca Caulfield is incredibly humble when it comes to her huge feats and top standings when she competes in any race. She usually makes the podium, which means she ended in the top three of her age group. But in many cases, including the relay she competed in with her family, she has won races overall.

She recalled a time a few years ago, when she took first place in a race that seemed almost impossible to finish. She was in the middle of a trail run during a triathlon when she fell and began to feel what she thought was a sprained ankle. However, she persevered, getting up and winning the race.

Thankfully, she had a friend with her at the race, who also happened to be a foot doctor, to get her help after the event. She later found out that her injury in fact was not a sprain, but she had actually torn all the ligaments in her ankle – yet she still won the race.

"I ended up having

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From left, the Caulfield family, including mom, Rebecca, son, Tommy, and daughter, Chloe, bask in the glow of taking home first place in the Motor City Relay. The family team capitalized on its strengths with Chloe taking on the swimming leg, Rebecca competing in the bike segment, and Tommy rounding their team with the running leg.



## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Regular Meeting	Monday June 13, 2022	7:00 p.m.
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A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022, by Mayor Louis Therios.

Present: Mayor Louis Therios, Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly, Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donaven, Neil Sroka, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood. Absent: None.

Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 9, 2022.

Council held a Public Hearing and approved the proposed Site Plan for Café Nini, 98 Kercheval Avenue to use an on-street parking space for an outdoor dining platform.

Council received an update regarding the Master Plan Process from the City's planning consultant McKenna & Associates.

Council approved a request from the City Manager to confirm the appointment Tim Rowland as City Finance Director.

Council approved budget amendment #3 for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022.

Council approved an MEDC grant from the State of Michigan to fund emergency repairs to Wayne County's Lake Shore Road Seawall.

Council approved a resolution to temporarily relocate the polling places at Precinct 4 – Kerby Elementary School and Precinct 5 – Brownell Middle School to Grosse Pointe South High School's gymnasium for the August 2, 2022 State Primary Election due to construction.

Council approved the Consent Agenda.

- Consideration of a request from the Parks & Harbor Commission to appointment Alexandra Horst, 481 Shelbourne; Bridget Christian, 183 Lakeview Avenue; and Richard Smith, 32 Edgemere Road to the Parks & Harbor Committee for a three-year term ending June 2025.
- Consideration of a request to approve a Special Event Application for the Junior League of Detroit's 2022 Showhouse to be located at 205 Lake Shore Road.
- Consideration of a resolution declaring June 2022 "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" and June 18, 2022 as "GP Pride Day" in Grosse Pointe Farms.
- Consideration of a request from Administration to approve a collective bargaining agreement with the Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association of Michigan.
- Consideration of a request to approve May 2022 invoices.

Council received the April 2022 and May 2022 Public Safety Reports.

Council held public comment.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager and City Clerk

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Chloe Caulfield makes long strides during her 3.1 mile run at the Tri Goddess Triathlon, Sprint Distance.



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surgery a couple of weeks later and was in a boot for like three months," Caulfield said. "So yes, I'm not a huge fan of trails. I mean, it was a nice change of scenery, but I'm just always a little leery when we're running trails."

When Caulfield is in the zone, she doesn't hesitate to give everything during every race, regardless of the circumstances. Each duathlon, triathlon, or Iron Man in which Rebecca Caulfield

competes becomes a new challenge that she must conquer.

She is excited to keep racing, especially now with her daughter by her side, continuing to fuel her competitive spirit. She hopes to maintain her speed over her daughter, as Chloe has been training with daily swim practice at the park, followed by a bike ride to South for a cross country run.

"Seeing my kids do it and Chloe get the bug, now I've been able to focus on her and I think that's gonna be my goal, actually, for this last one

was just to beat Chloe," Caulfield said. "So we were pretty close but I still managed to get it."

Rebecca Caulfield cheered on her daughter, who competed in the Grand Haven triathlon on July 10 and finished first in her age group with a time of 1:28. Rebecca will then compete in the Michigan Titanium event on August 14 near Grand Rapids.

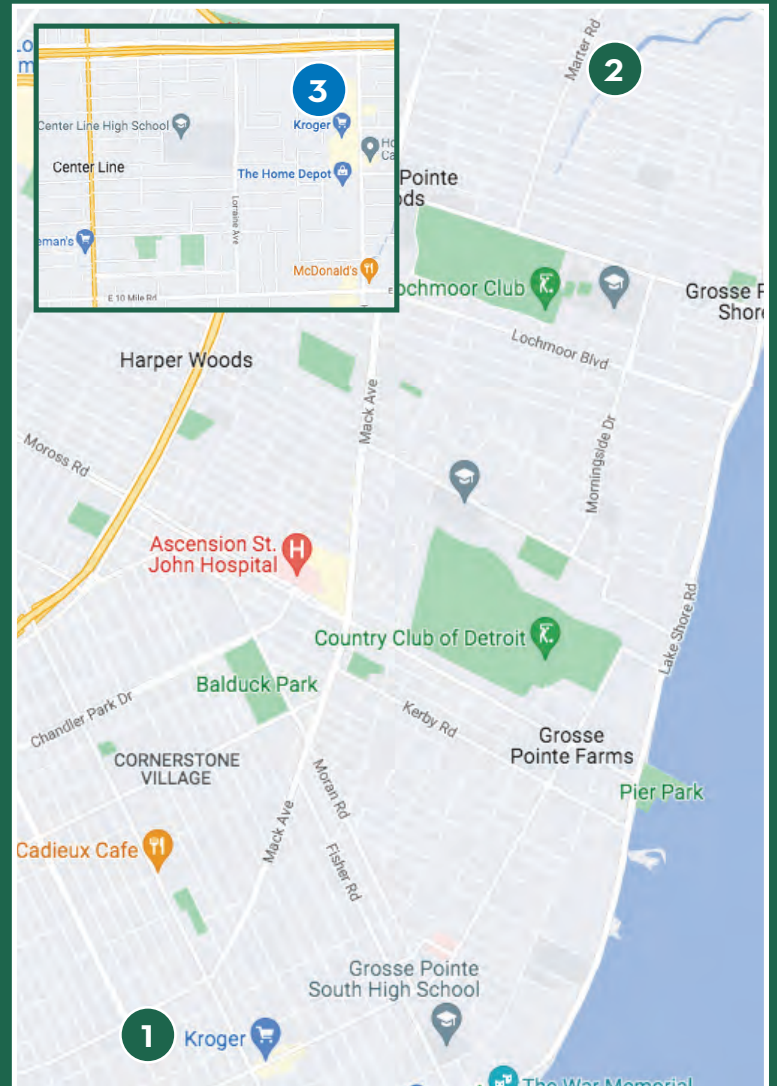
As the true competitor she is, she doesn't see an end in sight, she said, and will continue to maintain her "game on" mentality.



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From left, Chloe Caulfield and her mom, Rebecca, stand on the podium with pride after completing the Sprint Distance Tri Goddess Triathlon.

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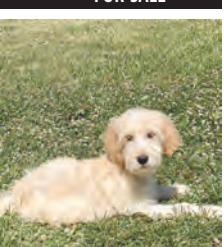
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