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Shores reviews ethics policy

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — As was its intent when passed last year, city council revisited its ethics standards policy at its meeting Tuesday, July 19, and voted to keep it as a policy rather than adopt it as an ordinance.

The policy applies to elected officials, department heads, non-union employees, appointees, committee members and candidates for office and deals with things such as conflicts of interest, using one's position for personal gain, nepotism and use of social media.

It also requires those

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At the polls

Peggy Shine casts her vote at the Tompkins Center in Grosse Pointe Park, the new location for her precinct. "I tend to vote absentee, but I wanted to see the new location," she said. "It's fun to vote in person sometimes. You feel like you are part of the process. Plus you never know who you'll see at the polls." Find results from the Aug. 2 primary elections online at grossepointenews.com and in next week's newspaper.

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THE GROSSE POINTES — The second annual Grosse Pointe News Best of the Best contest is back and, dare we say, better than ever. Trust us, this will be the most fun election of the year!

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Winners will be announced in a special section to be published Sept. 22. All votes must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18. Voters are limited to one vote per day.

For information about the contest, email media@grossepointenews.com or call (313) 882-6900.

Pay station could be pricey

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A proposal to set up a kiosk in the lobby of city hall to let the public pay city and county bills during all hours of the day and night is on hold until it is affirmed its benefits outweigh the cost.

A contractor offered to set up a pay station at

municipal headquarters for a cost to the city of \$2,000 per month. In return, the city receives \$1 per transaction.

Although the \$2,000 monthly fee doesn't kick in for at least three months, that fee alone means the city needs to host 2,000 transactions per month to break even.

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GPP & EGLE re: EERV

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City officials are weighing the exigencies of time against the vicissitudes of fortune in what they consider is a common-sense bet to buy components of a storm sewer discharge system before the design is approved.

"This is the rock in the hard place," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee.

Wiener has been focused since his election last November on augmenting the municipal sewer system with an EERV, extreme emergency relief valve, to dump storm water into Lake St. Clair

that otherwise risks backing up into basements during exceptionally heavy rains.

"There are specific, custom components that need to be built for this," he said. "The lead time is long. We're being told we're looking at 36 to 38 weeks lead time on some of the components."

But the risk of flooding is as imminent as the next thunderclap.

Although there haven't been any storms this summer to match the pair in 2021, during which runoff into sewers backed into basements in the Park, City, Farms and much of eastside

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City PS contracts renewed for 3 years

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The time to re-up public safety contracts in the City rolled around recently, this time with the collective bargaining agreements for both public safety and command officers lining

up to run June 30, through June 30, 2025.

It's the first time Director of Public Safety John Alcorn remembers the two units being set up and expiring at the same time.

"In my career, I've seen contracts that took months to settle," he said. "I think there were times

it went over a year and these were settled fairly quickly and I think both sides were happy. The City was happy. The officers were pleased with it.

"Of course we'd love to give the guys a huge raise, because they're doing such a great job," he added, "but you have to be realistic. You have

to evaluate the whole situation."

Each group of officers did see raises in the form of a \$1,000 signing bonus, as well as restored longevity and retention bonuses to those who were exempt from them due to being hired after

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Neff explores pickleball, expanded programming

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — While holiday light tours, a board game cupboard at Neff Park and a spring flower swap may be among coming expanded parks and recreation programming in the City, those in charge of implementation are aware pickleball is at the top of the community's wish list.

The lack of space to build new facilities makes for a complicated issue to solve. Of the two most likely paths forward, city consensus seems to be leaning toward allowing pickleball on its platform tennis courts at Elworthy Field with an increased fee in membership to alleviate increased maintenance costs. The other option would be to tape out for pickleball usage one of the regular tennis courts at Elworthy, which are owned by and would require the approval of the school district.

"Once (city staff) have come to an agreement, then it will go to council and hopefully get approved by them," Parks and Rec Coordinator Rebecca Jenzen said of the efforts to bring more accessible

pickleball to residents.

For those looking for an immediate place to play pickleball in the City, the Neighborhood Club offers weekday drop-in play times for non-members at its pickleball courts.

Of the nearly 20 additional programming ideas put forth for consideration — many geared toward adults and seniors as the City's demographics are shifting toward an older population — those that could be implemented as soon as this year include a board game cupboard for families to borrow or swap out games; expanded outdoor game checkouts such as cornhole, bocce ball and badminton; and educational plants, birds and stars talks.

"(One) big thing for me when coming up with the ideas was utilizing our park that we have to the greatest potential," Jenzen said. "We have amazing natural resources down here like the different trees, the different plants. One of my favorite things ... is when the birds are migrating and you get to see these awesome different birds around. In the winter, especially, we see the bald eagles that



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The green space at Neff Park is largely unused, Parks and Rec Coordinator Rebecca Jenzen said.

are around here flying over all the time. ... I think it would be great for the youth and adults in Grosse Pointe to understand what natural resources we have down here in the park."

Also soon to be implemented, Chalk the Park Walks, where squares of sidewalk will be numbered for people to sign up and use as a sidewalk chalk canvas, currently are intended to begin next summer.

Making use of the large green space at Neff

Park, which Jenzen said is largely unused, was the inspiration behind programming ideas such as outdoor yoga or art classes in the park.

Others include a spring flower swap, first-aid classes, tie-dyeing at the park, themed pavilion events and meeting Santa at the park, as well as potential collaborations with the other Pointe communities for a self-guided holiday light tour and an annual outdoor battle of the bands.

A potential partnership

with the Grosse Pointe Public Library could pave the way for a concept called Library Storybook Strolls, where pages of a book would be presented on signs throughout the park and paired with a live-action character from the book and relevant craft.

"I would love to get to a place where I can implement as many of them as possible," Jenzen said.

While logistics would be more complicated for the final two ideas, their

creativity spans a Santa for Seniors concept, where Santa could visit seniors in their homes, and a Sailing at Sunset concept, which could be a joint project with the Grosse Pointe Boat Club where volunteers would offer short rides around the lake to residents who don't own a boat.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people who may not have the resources to have a boat to enjoy the lake in a different way," Jenzen said.

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2013. Additionally, a new incentive system will provide monetary rewards for command officers who take on extra and unrequired duties, training and certifications, while PSOs saw a 3 percent salary increase this year and will see another 3 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively, the next two

years.

Meanwhile, command officers will receive an increased annual payout for unused sick time — sick time often creates the need for overtime pay for other officers to fill the required staffing levels — and lateral hires from other law enforcement or fire agencies now can be attracted to the department with a higher-than-base salary, depending on length of

experience.

Language added in the PSO contract also includes a written limitation on consecutive shifts. Prior, officers potentially could have worked four or five 18-hour shifts in a row. Now, except in emergencies, they will not work three consecutive 18-hour shifts.

"Reasonableness was always a factor, so a supervisor, if he thought that somebody didn't

have enough sleep to safely work or they'd worked too many shifts, they could have stepped in and said, 'OK, too much is too much,'" Alcorn explained, "but there was no language in the contract."

A retirement study also built into the PSO contract states, prior to the next contract renewal, the City will pay for an actuarial valuation to determine the cost and

feasibility of two pension plan changes requested by officers: decreasing the normal retirement eligibility age from 55 to 50 and increasing the pension multiplier from 1.0 to 2.0 for years of service greater than 25.

"The newer hires, of course, would like to see that increase, so the city agreed to take a look at that to do a study and see if an increase to the pension is feasible or not,

meaning can the pension system afford to be taxed any more or to be increased a little bit more, or is it too detrimental to the system or too much of a negative effect?" Alcorn said. "All parties involved, both sides, know that's (a) difficult thing and pensions are getting to be more and more rare, so they want to make sure it stays in good shape for a long, long future for everybody."

EERV:

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Detroit's Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood, Wiener and his Park colleagues are in a hurry to guard the city against curtain calls.

EERV advocates at city hall are eager to move forward on aspects of the project while officials with the state department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, or EGLE, continue studying the design for approval, modification or rejection.

"If we're building this thing," Wiener said of the

valve, which he wants in place by this time next year, "if we want it to be functional, we need to start making purchases on some of the major components."

The history of rushing a solution into production during times of crisis, however, is loaded with reasons for not doing so. About 30 percent of Liberty Ships launched during World War II experienced hull fractures due to the untested use of welding brittle steel.

Park Manager Nick Sizeland has a piecemeal way around that type of systemic problem.

"There are a couple parts of the EERV that could be multi-purpose," he said. "If there was risk of the state permit not being approved, we could use certain parts for other sewer projects."

"We don't have a permit in hand, but there is cooperation with EGLE," Wiener said. "It's a big ask to put out several hundred thousand dollars without written confirmation, but I'm advocating for it. Talk is cheap. I want to see shovels in the ground."

The valve and accompanying plumbing are being designed for instal-

lation under Patterson Park. If and when storm water starts backing through sewers toward basement drain openings, the valve will be activated manually to vent volume into Lake St. Clair rather than through the regional system that funnels the region's storm and sanitary lines to a Great Lakes Water Authority treatment facility in southwest Detroit.

"We're doing everything we can so we never have to turn this thing on," Wiener said, emphasizing the "extreme" nature of the emergency relief valve. "EGLE

doesn't want to give us free reign to just dump in the lake. The EERV is intended as a parachute to be used in an emergency. That said, given the magnitude of what we dealt with, there's no denying the utility of having this. We're moving ahead full blast."

Wiener, Sizeland, the city's engineering consultants and EGLE officials have been meeting regularly to discuss the design's evolution.

"We said we are pursuing the EERV in parallel with all of the other work we're doing for the sewers and infrastructure — be it downspout disconnections, sewer separation, jetting pipes," Wiener said. "With each subsequent meeting, they're seeing the fruits of that, that it's not just lip service."

The latest meeting was July 19.

"We submitted our sewer and hydraulics models for their review," Sizeland said. "They look

at that to understand how the EERV would work at the level of a 50-, 100- or 200-year storm event."

Modeling is based on real-world flows measured during rainstorms which, unlike last summer, haven't been very big this year.

"Unfortunately, our hands are somewhat tied because we haven't had the weather we need," Wiener said. "We are accumulating data and working on additional modeling that will supplement our lack of information from the rain."

"EGLE is going to come back to us with comments about the size pipe we proposed, to determine if it is sufficient," Sizeland said.

Park voters will decide in November to approve or reject a proposed 10-year, 2.5-mill property tax increase, generating \$1,758,292 annually, to be spent on sewer and water system improvements.

Water projects include new water mains and fulfilling the state's unfunded mandate to replace lead service lines within 20 years, a roughly \$15 million project in itself.

"The millage bolsters the case we've been making (to EGLE) because it shows that we're really serious about systemically overhauling everything and reiterating the whole notion that the EERV is an insurance policy," Wiener said.

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Woods tears down two garages in one week

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Two court-ordered garage demolitions occurred last week, the first on Severn Road Tuesday, July 26, the second on Fairway Drive Thursday, July 28.

"It's not something we like doing," Building Official Gene Tutag said. "Our main function is to get compliance. We're not out to punish people."

Tutag said he visited both properties numerous times during the process before going to municipal court.

"We gave them every opportunity to make the corrections," he said. "They were eventually deemed to be dangerous structures under Michigan's building



Before and after pictures of a court-ordered garage demolition on Fairway Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods Thursday, July 28. The city also tore down a garage on Severn Tuesday, July 26.

codes."

Tutag said because both garages were full of personal items — furniture, lamps, rolls of carpeting — they led to rodent problems.

"The neighbors have been very patient," he said. "Shingles were

blowing off into other yards during some of the heavy storms we've had recently."

The tear-down July 28 got off to an unwanted start as a MedStar ambulance arrived around 9:20 a.m. with a fire engine and three



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patrol vehicles on site. A worker was hit in the face by a piece of metal while removing the garage door and was taken to Ascension St. John Hospital for observation.

Tutag said the city usually does one or two

garage demos per year and four years ago had to go to Wayne County Circuit Court to obtain an order to tear down a house on Hawthorne that was occupied until the week before it was demolished.

The city at the time

suggested the owners sell the house to a contractor who could either get the house up to code or redevelop the property. Instead, the owners ended up owing the city some \$27,000 in attorney fees and demolition costs.

Cost for the two garages is about \$6,500 each. Tutag said that would have been \$5,500 each if the owners had cleaned everything out first. There also is a 30 percent administrative fee.

"If the bill doesn't get paid, then it becomes a tax lien and the taxpayers get reimbursed when the property is sold," Tutag said. "When things get to this point, a lot of times people might just walk away and let the bank take over."

Fishing derby, picnic Saturday

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The annual fishing derby and city picnic are set for Saturday, Aug. 6, at Lake Front Park.

The fishing derby, for kids 16 and younger, offers young anglers a chance to sign up for one of two sessions, either 8 to 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. to noon. Registration is \$5 and those who signed

up before July 29 are guaranteed a commemorative T-shirt.

Prizes are awarded in three age groups for the largest and most fish caught.

"There are no set age groups because they divide it up equally," Recreation Supervisor Nicole Gerhart said. "It depends on how many kids sign up."

The fishing derby, which dates back decades, originally

started as the Jack Boni Perch Derby.

"That used to be held in June, but it was moved to coincide with the city picnic and perch aren't in season when the picnic is held," Gerhart said.

The pool opens at noon and lunch, including hot dogs, chips and a beverage, will be served noon to 2 p.m.

"There's no ticket or anything for lunch, but we ask that people only come through the line

once," Gerhart noted.

Also from noon to 2 p.m., chalk art will be available for kids of all ages on the pool deck.

"Anyone is free to give it a whirl," Gerhart said.

A 15-minute lifeguard demonstration will be held at 1:30 p.m.

"Our older staff will show what they do in the event someone suffers a head or neck or back injury," Gerhart said, "how they enter the water, approach the per-

son, things like that."

Gerhart also said the process will be explained over the loudspeakers.

"We think it's helpful for residents to know ahead of time in case they're ever at the pool and something happens," she said. "We'll explain what the lifeguards are doing and why, and how in a real event we'd close the pool to give EMS space to do their job and also respect the privacy of the victim."

The picnic ends at 5 p.m., although the pool, activities building and mini golf will remain open. The normal fee of \$2 for golf still applies.

Gerhart said around 800 people usually attend the annual event.

"It's for Woods residents and their guests, so the same pass rules apply like any other day," Gerhart said. "Two guests per adult pass holder or one guest under 18 for a youth pass holder."

City PS replaces vests, firearms

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Running down the list of needed updates and improvements, city council recently approved a number of purchases for the City's public safety department, pulling nearly \$60,000 from the capital improvement fund and other sources.

While its new public

safety building on Mack — replacing one built in 1928 — became operational in summer 2020, the City continues to work on a few finishing touches, one of which is the addition of an in-station radio system.

"It's a system designed so if an officer is in the fire bay or the locker room and they don't have a prep radio on — like the beginning of a shift or for whatever reason — they

can hear the radio coming through (the) building speaker system all at once," Director of Public Safety John Alcorn explained. "So just like (when) you're out in your scout car ... you'll have the same option at different areas of the building."

Department-issued bulletproof vests, which have a lifespan of five years once in use, are approaching their expiration dates and addition-

ally have prompted a department-wide overhaul with the purchase of 23 vests, or one per officer.

Going with a new model this time around, the main differences are a thinner and more flexible fit.

"That's always the push, is to have the same level of protection, but make it a little more com-

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covered by the policy to file an annual disclosure statement if they or a family member have a financial interest in any company with which the city does business or if they received a gift or loan — aside from banks and mortgage lenders — from a company with which the city does business.

Dr. Janice Pemberton, who chaired the committee that drafted the policy, urged council to convert it to an ordinance, which the committee originally suggested, in order to give it more teeth.

Councilman Donn Schroder, who was council liaison to the committee, said he thought keeping it as a policy was better for two reasons.

"An ordinance is not very adaptable because to change it you have to go through a process to amend it, whereas a policy can be changed quickly," he said. "And for council, the policy says we'd follow the city char-

ter to deal with it (removing a member from office), so it does have some teeth. The remedy would be the same either way."

The policy says ethics complaints and conflict of interest disclosures go to the city clerk first to determine if probable cause exists and, if so, get forwarded to city council, the city manager or the appropriate department head.

"Bupkus, nada, none," City Clerk Bruce Nichols said when asked if he had received any complaints or disclosures since the policy took effect last September.

Nichols also said if he ever received notice of something that went beyond ethics, meaning illegal activity, he would alert the public safety department and/or the county prosecutor's office rather than council.

Mayor Ted Kedzierski said he was surprised Grosse Pointe Park is the only other of the Pointes that also has a process to deal with ethics complaints.

"Particularly because they're more complicated with having business districts," he noted of the other cities. "They deal with things like

liquor licenses and different zoning issues."

Council voted 7-0 to keep the policy as is and revisit the matter in another year.



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MONDAY, AUG. 8

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Communications Committee meeting, 6:15 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Rescheduled Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 11

- ◆ Michigan Public Service Commission hearing, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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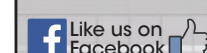
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Discipline, drive and coursework give Smith his daily dose of iron

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Coalter Smith attends college in Madison, Wis., quite possibly the most scenic and social campus in America.

He does not belong to a fraternity. He often has to miss tailgates, Big Ten rivalry football games and other typical rites of passage his classmates enjoy.

Instead, you will find the 2019 Grosse Pointe South alum at the golf course, doing the thing he loves most. And this collegian — who is set to play in his first-ever U.S. Amateur Championship Aug. 15-22 at Ridgewood Country Club and Arcola Country Club in Paramus N.J. — wouldn't change a single thing.

As one of the top players for the University of Wisconsin's men's golf team, Smith balances the demands of his double major in legal studies and political science with his love of the links. The rising senior finished fifth overall this spring in the 2022 Big Ten Championship and was named to the Big Ten All-Championship Team as he captured Big Ten All-Academic

honors.

"There are some things I miss out on," Smith said. "I was only in town for two football games last fall. I missed the Penn State game and the first game after we returned from COVID because we had tournaments.

"It's a trade-off though, because I get to go to places like Puerto Rico and whatnot," he noted.

But Smith's journey to

golfing greatness is hardly an overnight success story. It has taken years of practice, sacrifice and discipline for Smith to be among the country's top amateur golfers.

This hometown hero credits getting his start to his two grandfathers, Roger Powers and Philip "Pete" Smith, a former Senior Pro-Am golfer. Powers often would bring his grandson along as an "alternate" to his Saturday morning foursomes at the Country Club of Detroit and Pete Smith gave his grandson his first set of clubs at age 6.

But those clubs didn't exactly get used right away.

"We are tennis players," said Coalter's mom, Carrington Smith, about the sport favored by her and her husband, Andy. "We put the clubs in the closet. But one day, Coalter got them out, brought them to us and said 'I want to play.'"

"(Golf) has literally been his life since."

Golf, along with playing Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League, occu-

ried Smith's elementary school years until around age 12, when he officially chose golf as his one true sporting love.

"My parents have never pushed me, but they have always supported me," Smith said of his decision to pursue golf.

Carrington Smith said she and her husband have focused on letting their son determine his path in the sport.

"We let him dictate this from Day 1," she said. "We never pushed him. He had to fill out the applications (for tournaments) himself. ... He has always been very good about that. I think that's what has helped him maintain the focus and the drive."

Smith quickly found himself competing alongside the country's elite players, with a major achievement arriving in 2015, when he became a national qualifier in the Drive, Chip & Putt competition at Augusta National, home of the Masters Tournament.

As a high schooler at Grosse Pointe South, Smith grew his game thanks in part to a talented pack of friends and fellow teammates: brothers Patrick and Tommy Sullivan, of the City of Grosse Pointe, and Evan Theros, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The foursome grew up on the CCD golf course together and became high school teammates, winning the state championship in 2018, and finishing as state runners-up in 2016, 2017 and 2019.

Patrick Sullivan, the 2018 individual state champion and Michigan Junior Amateur winner, just completed an illustrious college golf career at the University of Michigan as an Academic All-American, while younger brother Tommy just finished playing his first year at



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Coalter Smith is one of the top players for the University of Wisconsin's men's golf team.

Michigan State.

Patrick Sullivan said the friendly competition drives each of them.

"... We all knew we could beat each other any given day, which made competing fun, but overall, just being surrounded by good golfers constantly helped all of our progressions with the game," he said.

Smith agreed.

"We hate losing to each other," he said. Carrington Smith said the CCD's willingness to let the boys frequently play the full course when they were young helped their development.

"They would play 36 holes, then 18 and then would go play nine more after dinner. Not every club lets you do that," she said. "It helped so much because it's just more practice."

Seeing Smith qualify for the U.S. Amateur is not a surprise, according to Badgers' head golf coach, Michael Wilson.

Wisconsin finished fifth in the Big Ten this season, after hovering near the bottom of the pack the two seasons before.

He said Smith is among the big reasons for the team's rise and he has "high expectations" for him to be one of the Badgers' "leaders and top guys."

"(Coalter) might be the hardest worker I've ever coached," said Wilson, who has more than 20 years coaching experience, including as head coach at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and Charleston Southern. "There's nights we have to tell him to go home. He takes his academics to a high level and loves golf."

Wilson said the goal of the U.S. Amateur is to make match-play and Smith is fully capable of it.

"If he putts well, he can make some noise in this tournament," he said.

Smith has another believer in his golf game, a person who has quite possibly influenced it the most — golf instructor Steve Brady, head golf

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Smith was gifted his first set of clubs at age 6 from his grandfather.



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Grosse Pointe Park

Passed out

Police arrested a 32-year-old Detroit man for drunken driving at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, July 31.

He'd been reported passed out behind the steering wheel of a vehicle parked on the sidewalk in the 1300 block of Audubon.

Failed car theft

Another attempted auto theft was reported late last month on Bishop.

In addition to thefts and attempted thefts reported July 18 through 25 on Bishop, Harvard and Grayton, someone between 6 p.m. Saturday, July 30, and 1 p.m. the next day broke into a 2000 GMC Sierra parked curbside in the 1300 block of Grayton and damaged the ignition column.

Bin taken

A blue recycling bin worth \$65 was reported stolen from the driveway of a house in the 1300 block of Three Mile.

The incident happened between 3 and 4:24 p.m. Friday, July 29.

Stolen credit cards

Several attempts were made to use multiple credit cards stolen between 9 and 11 p.m. Thursday, July 28, from an unlocked vehicle parked curbside in the 800 block of Lakepointe, according to police.

Fake \$20

Counterfeit currency

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

cropped up last week at a business in the 15000 block of Jefferson.

The proprietor discovered that a fake \$20 bill had been passed to the businesses sometime during Friday, July 23, and the following Monday.

— Brad Lindberg

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Less than 12 hours

After three black males were seen entering and driving off with a vehicle that had been parked in the 800 block of Neff at 3:10 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, two juveniles were arrested by the Macomb Auto Theft Squad at 2:30 p.m. the same day in Mount Clemens in connection with the crime.

Drunken speeding

A 48-year-old Detroit resident was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:40 a.m. Thursday, July 28, after speeding 47 mph at Mack and University.

Enough to count on one hand

Five inquiries for credit applications were made in a Grosse Pointe man's name at various banks

Friday, July 29.

Lights out

An unknown person cut a string of lights in the backyard of a home in the 600 block of Lincoln Friday, July 29.

Steering pillow

A 42-year-old Westland man was found slumped over the wheel of his running vehicle on Lakeland at 2:15 a.m. Sunday, July 31. Investigation revealed he was intoxicated, for which he was arrested.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Bunny hop

A resident in the 500 block of Woods Lane reported around 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 29, two bronze rabbit statues were stolen from her front porch. They were eventually returned, but officers do not know who took them.

Tire tracks

A resident in the 1800 block of Stanhope reported the tires and rims were stolen off his vehicle sometime between 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30, and 6:30 a.m. Sunday, July 31.

Both front doors were ajar and the vehicle was

left on brick pavers.

School daze

A 46-year-old Pontiac man faces breaking-and-entering charges after being found inside Mason Elementary School around 7 a.m. Sunday, July 31.

The suspect was found by construction workers lying on the floor of a classroom on the school's second floor. Officers believe he gained access through a first-floor window on the north side of the building.

A security fence surrounds the property with signs stating, "Danger Construction Site Keep Out."

— Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Open invitation

Between 6 p.m. Sunday, July 24, and 2 p.m. the next day, \$13 was stolen from two unlocked vehicles parked in the 300 block of Ridge.

A resident in the 300 block of McMillan also reported change was stolen from his unlocked vehicle between 11 p.m. Sunday, July 24, and 7 a.m. the next morning.

Fruity Pebbles

Vandalism was discovered inside a caged area housing athletic equip-

ment at an athletic field at Grosse Pointe South High School Monday, July 25.

Vulgaritys were spray painted in the space, while food and beverages including Fruity Pebbles and Crush soda were stashed inside.

After previously being vandalized approximately two years ago, the space was fenced off.

Dog dispute

A woman contacted officers Monday, July 25, to report she felt threatened by her ex-boyfriend's repeated attempts at contact regarding the ownership of a dog the couple shared when they were together.

The 44-year-old Park man texted she would regret it if she did not answer his calls. The woman claims to have proof of ownership.

Ex-employee threat

A Farms resident received a threatening text stating, "I know where you live and I will be seeing you soon," from a former employee Thursday, July 28.

The 51-year-old Saginaw man has sent similar threatening messages in the past.

Missing wallet

After his wallet went missing a few days prior, a 74-year-old Farms man was alerted that \$300 had been charged to his credit card at a gas sta-

tion Thursday, July 28.

In plain sight

A black 2020 Jeep Wrangler was stolen from the 400 block of Maison between 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 29, and 7:30 a.m. the next morning. Identifying stickers on the rear tire cover include "Enjoy Pleasantrees" and "Goodnuff."

The vehicle was left unlocked with the key fob inside a cupholder.

Night vision

A 49-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs after a runner reported him stopped at a Kerby stop sign in a yellow Corvette that was emitting a strong smell of marijuana at 9:44 p.m. Saturday, July 30.

While the man said he was just enjoying the scenery, the officer reported it was dark out and nothing on the lake could be seen.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— Ted O'Neil

Report information about crimes to the Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department, (313) 881-5500.

POINTER:

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pro at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. Brady has worked with Smith since he was a seventh grader.

"(Coach Brady) is someone I trust and I value his opinion on what he has to say," Smith said.

Brady said he uses a teaching method with Smith that continues to work for them: keeping it simple.

"Once (Coalter) could troubleshoot his game on his own, that is when his game got better," Brady said.

In the spirit of keeping it simple for the U.S. Amateur, Smith will have an entourage of exactly three traveling with him, including his mom, dad and younger sister, Alston, a sophomore at Michigan. He said he plans to use his father as his caddy.

"He helps calm me down and loosens me up," the golfer said of his dad. "It works better for me to just play golf. Once you put that yardage book in your pocket, you just gotta play."

After the U.S. Amateur, Smith has two dates circled on his calendar. Sept. 1 is the first day the Badgers can officially practice together and Sept. 8 is the first day of classes for the fall semester. Smith plans on staying at Wisconsin two more years, using the COVID year of eligibility granted to all collegiate athletes.

After college, he hopes

to turn pro, armed with his undergraduate degree.

"Everyone who plays golf says they want to win the Masters, but that's more of a dream," he said. "But really, I want to play pro golf. There's a lot of ways to get there. It's just judging what the best way to do it is."

In the meantime, the Garden State of New Jersey and the U.S. Amateur is calling. Brady said the key for Smith in this tournament will be to slow down his game.

"If he could take half a step slower, especially

on a big stage when you know a camera is on you. Everyone ramps up in that situation," he said. "If he can slow it down and take an extra second or two, that will be important."

But deep down, he said, Smith has what it takes.

"He hits it plenty far, has a good short game, hits different shots and is not afraid of the pressure," he said.

"I'm totally impressed with his game. He can hit it as well as any kid in his league."

While the University of Wisconsin will be

closely associated with Smith wherever he goes, Grosse Pointe, he said, remains front and center.

"I am proud of where I am from," he said. "(My teammates) are all Packers fans, so hope-

fully the Lions will do something good soon.

"I bring them back to Grosse Pointe and to CCD when I come home in the summer. Madison is awesome in the summer, but I come home because I love it here."

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OUR VIEW

Interns gain real-world experience, enhance our newsroom

Any of us with even a skosh of work experience understand the value of learning by doing. This is why internships are so essential for young adults. They offer a great introduction to a particular industry or career you may be considering. You enter an environment where you have the ability to practice your interests, make mistakes, learn from them and hopefully, bolster your skillset.

For example, it's one thing to read about how to write a newspaper article. You can read all you want about grammar, conventions and AP Style. You can read about how to make your lede engaging, while answering the who, what, where, why and how about your topic.

But it's another thing entirely to actually do it. And by doing something, not just thinking about it, well, that's the whole heart of the matter.

The Grosse Pointe News has been fortunate this summer to have two fantastic summer interns, both from Grosse Pointe North High School — new alum Clare Ramsdell and rising senior Grace Cueter.

Both young women are excellent, self-motivated writers who meet deadlines, follow directions and take pride in their work. Perhaps as importantly as anything, each brings a positive attitude and professionalism to our workplace every day.

So how have they contributed to our paper this summer? Let us count the ways.

In just two short months, our interns have tackled the gamut of tasks here, including writing social media posts on news and local businesses, sports features, senior living stories, food and television show reviews; conducted countless interviews; gathered information for our graphics team; provided keen sailing expertise; worked on our fashion magazine ad sales and photoshoots at local stores; modeled in ads; created newsletter content; photographed items for our special sections; edited videos and proactively offered new story ideas.

Whew. And they still have a few more weeks to go in our newsroom.

Without a doubt, these interns have made impactful contributions to the paper and added value to our workplace. In turn, we showed our trust in them by giving them real work, not pencil-pushing projects, and taught them, in just two short months, things that might take an entire year's worth in a journalism classroom.

When you do things, you learn things. Internships are vital to our next generation of

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Pure Grosse Pointe

A fundraiser took place Thursday, July 28, at Marge's Bar for the Radgowski family, whose home on Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park burned down. More than \$800 was raised to help the family. Pictured during the fundraiser, from left, are Laura Radgowski, Larry Radgowski, Grosse Pointe Park Lt. Terry Hayes and Grosse Pointe Park PSO Jim Thompson. "I am honored to have our photo taken with these police officers," Laura Radgowski said. "The officers and the community have helped us so much and have been so generous. We are very grateful."

workers. The latest data shows at least 60 percent of college students have participated in internships in each graduating class since 2013.

And the news gets better, as approximately 70 percent of employers offer their interns full-time jobs. And this will make you smile, parents: Students who completed an internship are 15 percent less likely to be unemployed in the first years after college.

If you own a business in Grosse Pointe, or anywhere for that matter, consider implementing an internship or co-op program with high school and college students. Trust us, it's a win-win.

And to our outstanding interns, Ms. Ramsdell and Ms. Cueter: Use this editorial as your official letter of recommendation from us. Well done!



Grosse Pointe News summer interns Grace Cueter, left, and Clare Ramsdell bring professionalism and positive vibes to the newsroom.

LETTERS

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Choice creates diversity

To the Editor:
 I was interested to read the article on the potential for a public charter school to open in our area. I like choice, lots of choice. Choice creates diversity. I think that's why people go to malls, where there are numerous shops from which to choose. Those varying wants and needs can be met all at once in close proximity to one another. In a wonderful community like Grosse Pointe I cannot think of a better addition. More educational choice will lead to a focus, by all schools, on the needs and wants of their constituencies. Schools, like shops, will remain successful when they meet the demands of the purchaser.

A lack of educational diversity can result in a few people deciding

that test scores alone prove outcomes. Happy, productive, creative and helpful citizens should be the desired product of public education. If students can show these qualities then they will be able to read and write well, do simple math quickly and easily, and be able to listen to others without losing their emotional composure. They should show devotion and enthusiasm toward their beliefs without trying to void others. These abilities make communities strong and welcoming.

If Grosse Pointe wishes to be an inclusive community then we should encourage efforts toward developing good, kind, thoughtful, capable, problem-solving students rather than looking only to test scores as a way to measure outcomes. Adding more choice to the educa-

tional offerings should help redefine the metrics of a school's success.

AMY MACKETHAN
 Grosse Pointe Farms

In support

To the Editor:
 I am in support of the charter school — The Hill Pointe School. Parents have the right to choose the education they want for their children,

BARBARA
 COTTINGHAM
 Retired educator
 City of Grosse Pointe

Concerned about fairness

To the Editor:
 Our family moved to Grosse Pointe Park eight years ago for the same reason so many other residents move to the Pointes — because it is a great place to raise a family. We are thrilled with all the wonderful amenities the city has to offer, including strong public safety, beautiful parks and libraries, and excellent schools.

Last summer my husband and I decided to subscribe to the Grosse Pointe News, as we were interested in becoming better informed about important issues that impact our community and we wanted to learn more

about candidates who were running for office.

Unfortunately, I was surprised and disappointed to discover biased reporting about the November election. I was not opposed to the paper's ringing endorsement of a particular slate of candidates for Grosse Pointe Park City Council. I did, however, object to the relentless criticism aimed at their opponents.

And now I'm concerned about how the Grosse Pointe News will report on candidates for the GPPSS School Board.

In his farewell op-ed as publisher in the July 14th issue, owner Sean Cotton noted that the paper feels "true to the spirit of public service." And he committed to making sure "the trends that are decaying the newspaper industry do not happen in Grosse Pointe." Under new leadership, I hope the paper will reflect this commitment. The Society of Professional Journalists encourages reporting that "strives to ensure the free exchange of information that is accurate, fair and thorough." As a paying customer, I expect nothing less from our local newspaper.

MARIA WILLIAMS
 Grosse Pointe Park

I SAY By Brad Lindberg



Trains and ribs in Fostoria

recipe, which I'm not going to tell you," said Aaron Brady, 42, Dell's manager and son of owner Patrick Brady.

Train watchers know of Fostoria, Ohio. Hungry train watchers in Fostoria know of Dell's restaurant.

About 70 trains pass through Fostoria each day. The busiest times are mornings. Due to track maintenance during summer interrupting regular flow, traffic declines mid-day but surges, often one, two, three mile-long freights in a row, starting after 3 p.m.

Dell's specialty, ribs, boast five Ohio State Fair grand championship ribbons and two people's choice awards since 2004. The restaurant's pulled pork earned four state champion ribbons since 2008.

"Our family has a sauce

The number of freight trains passing through Fostoria daily is a guesstimate of late, down from the often-cited nearly 100 trains. Lower numbers are due to precision scheduled railroading, a relatively new management philosophy of operating fewer, but longer trains, thereby saving personnel costs. Multiple locomotives hauling 200 freight cars are common these days, replacing the 70-car trains of a few years ago.

Fostoria, southeast of Toledo about 100 driving miles from Grosse Pointe, is the nexus of three sets of doubletrack main lines:

- ◆ the former Nickel Plate southwest-northeast mainline, now operated by Norfolk Southern;
- ◆ the former Baltimore & Ohio east-west main-

line, route of the bygone National Limited passenger train between Washington, D.C., and St. Louis, on rails now operated by CSX; and

- ◆ the former Chesapeake & Ohio north-south mainline, also the modern property of CSX and still the route of muscley, exhaust-spewing locomotives hauling hopper after hopper of Appalachian coal to the Port of Toledo and energy plants in Michigan.

The ground shakes — and sometimes chunks of coal fall out of open-top hoppers and corn kernels dribble from the bottom hatches of covered hoppers — as trains rattle across each other's tracks and switch from one to another at Iron Triangle Railpark, a public viewing area created in the center of where the trio of main lines form a three-sided perimeter of iron rails.

Actually, rails are made of steel. But mainlines

retain the description of high iron because main lines are made of heavier steel and thereby stand a little taller.

Dell's is about one-third of a mile from the park.

"The railroads are huge for us," Aaron said. "We have at least 200 regular railroad fans that come from all over. They've come from Australia, Great Britain, South Africa and South America. I wish I had a ledger of everybody who came in from watching the railroad."

The fenced and lighted park has a large, paved parking lot with a special area for RVs. A metal awning shields benches and tables on a raised, cement viewing platform. Heated restrooms with sinks and running water are tended daily. The grassy grounds are mowed and a handful of decorative trees don't impinge on sightlines. A former B&O caboose is

open weekends.

"The railfanning hobby has become one of Fostoria's top tourist attractions," according to railfanlocations.weebly.com. "People from all over the world make this pretty much isolated town their destination, or at least an important part of their trip. You can see all three rail lines, and you're in a safe and legal spot."

Designers of the rail park put in as much effort as the Bradys do with their ribs.

"Preparation is the thing," Aaron said. "We smoke the meat with green cherry wood and keep the temperatures down. We get them all rubbed up, seal them and let them sit before smoking them."

Restaurant décor consists of historical photographs and a lunch box collection started by Aaron's father.

"The most counterfeited lunch box is Howdy

Doody," Aaron said. "There are six different kinds. The inside should be white. If it's silver inside, it's counterfeit."

There's only one dumb question to ask of someone at the triangle: Have you been here before?

Everyone's been there before — a Union Pacific fan from Nebraska, a Pennsylvania Railroad lover swinging by Fostoria while on his way to the Horseshoe Curve in Altoona, toddlers in the company of their grandparents from Columbus who were at the game when John Glenn dotted the "i" of The Best Damn Band in the Land, a truck driver from Illinois taking his mandatory break, photographers with lenses as long as forearms and techies with scanners monitoring conversations between dispatchers and engineers.

Iron Triangle Railpark is open 24/7. Dell's operates daily 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1947

75 years ago this week

PARK REVIVES CONVERSION ISSUE: For the first time since 1942, the agitation for the conversion of the Village of Grosse Pointe Park from an incorporated village into a city has come out in the open. At the meeting of the Board of

Park Commissioners, a resolution was passed asking the Municipal League to prepare a report for the village showing the pros and cons on the advisability of the change.

YOUNG POINTERS CYCLE 585 MILES: Two 15-year-old Pointe boys have completed a bicycle trip to the Northern Peninsula during which they pedaled 585 miles. The youngsters, Stewart

Friesman of University Place and Roger Ellis of Harvard Road, left the Pointe on July 3 and returned last Saturday, July 26.

1972

50 years ago this week

FIREMEN GIVEN AIR CONDITIONER: Pointers really care. Take for instance Dr. and Mrs. Albert Steinbach of Vendome, who after read-

ing the article in last week's NEWS regarding a grievance filed by the City of Grosse Pointe Fire Association requesting air conditioning, walked into the fire station and offered their 19,000 BTU air-conditioning unit to the men. Of course, the men accepted it gratefully.

1997

25 years ago this week

PARK ASSESSES STORM DAMAGE TO TREES: Grosse Pointe Park city forester Brian Colter completed his count of the number of trees that were lost in the July 2 windstorm that knocked out power in the city for two days. The final figures are in and the news isn't all that good. "The Park lost 196 trees located on city easements between the street and curb," Colter said. "I estimate an additional 200 trees owned by private residents were also lost."

2012

10 years ago this week

TENNIS COURTS RECEIVE UPGRADES: A tennis tournament will ensure that renovated courts at Osius Park are christened with love. Three of the park's four cracked and wavy courts were cleaned, patched, leveled, resurfaced and finished with three coats of paint.



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School board candidate pool finalized

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

By the July 26 deadline to register as a candidate for one of three seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System school board, five more candidates registered, bringing the total number of candidates to 10.

William Broman, Sean Cotton, Clint Derringer, Joseph Herd and Christopher Lee are the most recent candidates to file, with Terence Collins, Je Donna Dinges, Virginia Jeup, Timothy Klepp and Valarie St. John filing in earlier weeks.

Herd and Lee are the only two incumbents running, indicating that Margaret Weertz will not run for another term and will step down from her role on the board at the end of this year.

This year's school board election will be markedly more competitive than the most recent election in 2020. Although there were three more candidates in the last race, the proportion of candidates to



William Broman



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Christopher Lee



Valarie St. John

open seats is higher this time around.

Five of the 10 candidates — Broman, Collins, Herd, Jeup and Lee — indicated their campaign committees plan to file reporting waivers for the election,

exempting them from filing pre-, post-, quarterly and annual election finance statements because they do not expect to spend or receive in excess of \$1,000. While this offers an indication of the can-

didates' fundraising intentions, it does not preclude them from having to file these statements later. If any of the candidates breach the \$1,000 threshold, they will have to file accompanying reports.

The other five candidates — Cotton, Derringer, Dinges, Klepp and St. John — did not file reports, indicating their campaign committees plan to spend or receive more than \$1,000 in donations.

Editor's Note: Cotton is the owner of the Grosse Pointe News, but three weeks ago left his role as publisher and officially removed himself from day-to-day operations at the paper.



To learn about the fish in Lake St. Clair, staff members Nico Swan and Kendall McKinley helped visitors "fish" for native species with a fun hands-on game.

A second-year science fair success

Approximately 700 visitors of all ages enjoyed science activities, art projects and games, while learning about the ecology of the lake at the annual Lake St. Clair Science Fair at Ford House on July 23.



Volunteer Mickey Kurap and staff member Lauren Clune help kids assemble boats to race in a raingutter regatta.

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The Grosse Pointe News will be conducting interviews of all participating candidates for the school board of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, starting after all candidates have declared. Please submit your questions to the Grosse Pointe News at editor@grossepointenews.com.

The editorial staff will pick one or more of the questions to be used during the interviews.



Left, Ford House sustainability intern Avery Rutland, a fisheries and wildlife student at Michigan State University, helped kids test water samples to learn about clean water in the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Below, young artists used Lake St. Clair as their inspiration to watercolor paint at the fair.

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Pictured during a Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event in June are, from left, Carolyn Stolarski, chamber director of membership; Nicholas Bojarczyk and Michael Bojarczyk; Sheila Tomkowiak, City of Grosse Pointe mayor; new owner Jennifer Bojarczyk; Meaghan Bojarczyk; and Jody Ingle, chamber board chairman.



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Customized solutions

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon-cutting event for Valia Design, 21151 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Valia Design offers design solutions customized to clients, but also based on years of expertise and refined skills. As a licensed boutique and interior design firm, Valia Designs offers extensive experience and success to cater to clients' needs. Learn more by calling (248) 205-6690 or visiting valiadesign.com.

Pictured at the chamber event are, from left, Carolyn Stolarski, chamber director of membership; Dana Vagnetti, owner of Valia Design; and Jody Ingle, chamber board chairman.

Honored for nursing excellence

Madelyn Torakis of Grosse Pointe was honored at Oakland University's 34th annual Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excellence.

Torakis won the Nightingale Award in the Nursing in the Community category. She is employed by Henry Ford Health.

The event took place May 11, in the Oakland Center Founders Ballrooms, on Oakland's

main campus in Rochester Hills.

Each of the Nightingale Award winners received a check for \$1,000, a solid bronze statue of Florence Nightingale and a Nightingale ceremonial pin.

Honorees were nominated by their peers, supervisors and patients in recognition of their superior nursing expertise.



Madelyn Torakis



COURTESY PHOTO

VESTS:

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portable and a little more lightweight," Alcorn said. "We carry a lot of equipment on our body."

Offset by a \$9,200 grant secured through the U.S. Department of Justice Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership, the City's cost of \$12,535 will be covered by the capital improvement fund and the department's uniform budget.

It also has been close to 12 years since the department last purchased new pistols, surpassing the 10-year replacement period commonly followed.

During the last group purchase in 2010, the department switched from Glock to Smith &

Wesson, which it decided to stick with after forming a test and evaluation committee.

The purchase approved by council in June includes 30 Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm M2.0 compact duty pistols and 30 M&P 9mm Shield Plus Performance Center micro-compact administrative carry pistols.

Each officer will be assigned one full-sized duty weapon and a second, smaller version to be carried as a back-up weapon, during plain clothes assignments or for off-duty carry.

The additional seven purchases of each pistol will be used for future hires and the department's VirTra training simulator.

"We're going to be adding red dot optics to our

pistols," Alcorn said. "That's going to be something new, but from the research we did, it looks like that's a trend that's heading in the mainstream, like the common purchase for a lot of police departments, so we'll do some training on that to get (acclimated) with them."

The final set of purchases is a request that has been waiting in the budget for a little while, Alcorn said. By equipping the department with eight additional MSA cylinders, or air bottles for firefighting, the officers will have more capability for extended operations.

"It's more precautionary, but we should have a certain amount," Alcorn said. "We want to make sure we're at the ready for everything."

STATION:

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"The fee schedule presumes the minimum monthly transactions will reach at least 1,000 within the first year of this agreement," according to terms tendered by DivDat kiosk operator. "Should the number of transactions not reach 1,000 per month within such time, DivDat may, at its sole discretion, terminate this agreement on 30-day written notice."

The more city council members considered the idea during their July 18 meeting, the less willing they were to buy in.

"Why don't we table it?" Mayor Michele Hodges asked.

Everyone agreed, having raised questions about operating costs.

"Motion carries to table the proposal subject to additional review and evaluation," Hodges said.

City Manager Nick

Sizeland and Finance Director Jane Blahut presented the kiosk as a convenient way for residents to pay water and tax bills, plus anyone to pay municipal court violations.

"This is a tool being used at county facilities, also Detroit, Ecorse, Wayne and other communities to the south of us," Sizeland said. "The kiosk machine can be used after hours."

The Park city hall lobby always is open because it doubles as the lobby of public safety headquarters.

DivDat also has a mobile application.

"You can pay on your phone," Sizeland said. "Other benefits are instead of having to go down to the county to pay, you can pay your taxes at the machine."

Users are charged \$3 per transaction, of which DivDat gets \$2 and the municipality \$1.

Users also face a 3.5 percent fee per credit or

debit card transaction. "I'm not opposed," Councilman Max Wiener said. "My fear is we have a net red on the bottom line."

"There is a risk," Sizeland said. "No other Pointe has this machine."

Here to help

In January, Independent Emergency Physicians, or IEP, opened IEP Urgent Care Grosse Pointe at 19815 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Owned by Grosse Pointe neighbors and ER physicians Drs. Daniel LaLonde and Dr. Steven McGraw, IEP provides a higher standard of urgent care from ER-trained providers. For more information, call (313) 880-1220.

Pictured during a recently Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, Jody Ingle, chamber board chairman; Dr. Steven McGraw, ER physician owner of IEP Urgent Care; Frank Schulte, city administrator of Grosse Pointe Woods; Dr. David Hall, president and CEO of IEP; Arthur Bryant, mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods; Dr. Daniel LaLonde, ER physician owner of IEP Urgent Care; and Christine Conway, president and executive director of the chamber.

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TO VOTE ONLINE:
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Ballots will also be available in the August 4th, 11th and 18th print editions of the Grosse Pointe News.

Completed ballots must be received by deadline and can be dropped off in person or mailed to:

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Renovations to the pool, above, and lagoon, right, at Ford House were revealed during a VIP ceremony Monday morning.

Making a splash

Ford House unveils complete restoration of historic lagoon, pool

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores continues making strides in its restoration efforts, this week unveiling a newly restored pool and lagoon on the estate's grounds.

Both features originated with the rest of the estate in 1926, and were the efforts of landscape architect Jens Jensen and architect Albert Kahn. They designed the area to feel like the woods of northern Michigan with native shrubs and trees, while maintaining a view of Lake St. Clair. Over the years, however, the landscaping has become overgrown and the pool developed irreparable leaks since its installation more than 90 years ago.

The team at Ford House, with help from Albert Kahn Associates, collaborated on the effort to reconstruct the pool and restore the area to its 1930s glory.



Mark Heppner, president and CEO of Ford House, addresses guests during the unveiling.

"Our timeframe was the 12 to 15 years of when the family lived here and used (the pool),"

said Karl Koto, Ford House director of landscapes and project manager. "... While the family lived here, they made alterations. The deck changed. So every step of the project, we would look and make choices of what we wanted to restore. It was quite a process. We would have lively conversations about what the design would include and what we'd leave out. Today, this is a pool Edsel and Eleanor and the family would recognize as their own."

Using historic records and modern engineering, the team spent three years designing,



researching, demolishing and rebuilding the 185,000-gallon, kidney-shaped pool. Albert Kahn Associates applied new technologies to implement significant rehabilitation of the swimming pool's structural integrity, plumbing and mechanical systems.

"We had to make it look like the photograph from the 1930s, but use modern technology and construction techniques to make it last for another 100 years," said Stephen White, principal and director of landscape architecture and urban design for Albert Kahn Associates.

To achieve historical accuracy, the architects relied on Ford House's extensive archives and team of researchers. They were able to reference the original plans, architectural drawings, historical photographs, family films and other historical records.

"From family letters, stories, home movies and photographs, we know this was an important area for the Ford family," said Mark J. Heppner, president and CEO of Ford House. "It was a special area that created fond memories and years of enjoyment."

"Over decades things change and you lose the hands of Jens Jensen," White noted. "One hurdle was the pool — the condition it was in, the quality. Was it worth the restora-

tion? If we put in the energy, would it last another cycle?"

"... The underlying theme here is restoration; this is not a fresh new design," he added. "We had to research hundreds of photographs to reestablish Jens Jensen's work."

One detail not overlooked is the new diving board, a replica of the Fords' 1936 diving board, custom designed by Jensen and created by A.G. Spaulding. It was the fourth or fifth diving board the family owned and is made of Douglas fir.

"We have access to the shop drawings," said Rebecca Torsell, director of historic preservation at Ford House, noting the replica is based on the original dimensions,

color and fabric.

The replica board was created by Mikel Tube, a vendor in Belgium and "the only one person left in the world who still makes wooden diving boards," Torsell said.

In addition to the pool, the lagoon also was restored to its look some 90 years ago.

"The lagoon originally opened to the lake, but by the late '30s it was closed off," Koto said, noting that erosion occurred over the years. "The whole slope was armored with rocks and broken concrete. The slope was altered. The contractor reshaped the lagoon to reflect its original shape and reset all the stones."

Guided onsite by a his-

See SPLASH, page 8B



From left, Edsel B. Ford II, past board chairman; Cynthia N. Ford; David Hempstead, board secretary; Lynn Ford Alandt, board chairwoman; and Mark J. Heppner, Ford House president and CEO.



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Benson Ford gets comfortable on the diving board in a photo from the Ford House archives.

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Library board 2022-23 officers elected

New at-large trustee appointed

The Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees elected officers at its July 28 meeting. They are Megan Conrad Sczygielski, president; Susan Higman Larsen, vice president; Bob Allen, treasurer and George Lapastora, secretary.

Sandra Ambrozy, of Grosse Pointe Park, is

the new at-large member of the board. Her term expires in 2026. With almost 40 years of experience in philanthropy and nonprofits, Ambrozy is an expert in human services, arts and culture, green buildings and civil legal justice. She dedicated her career to accelerating social and economic mobility for

low-income individuals. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian studies from Tufts University.

"I'm looking forward to working with this year's officers," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "And am thrilled to have Sandra join our board with her extensive nonprofit experience."

The board elects officers for one-year terms at the July meeting. Library trustees serve four-year terms. Each Grosse Pointe municipality and Harper Woods appoint representatives to the board with one additional at-large member. Board members are responsible for hiring and evaluating the library director, as well as overseeing the fiscal management and policies of the library.



Megan Conrad Sczygielski is the president of the library board.



Sandra Ambrozy is the new at-large trustee for the library board.

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.

◆ Poolside Party, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4. Spend an evening alongside the newly restored pool and lagoon. Cost is \$45 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

◆ Poetry Tour, 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. InsideOut poets continue their series with poems written about Ford House. Cost is \$12 for members, \$15 for nonmembers.

◆ Concerts on the Lake: Michigan Philharmonic, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. Cost

is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers. Ages 12 and younger are \$10. Premium seating also is available.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

◆ Sand, Stars, Wind & Water: Field Notes from Up North, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, with author Tim Mulherin, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Nerf After Hours, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Bubble Pop-In, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Mobile Arts Workshop for youth at War Memorial

The War Memorial welcomes Mobile Arts Workshops to the back lawn of the Alger House from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9. The summer art series is an annual collaboration between Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, James Pearson Duffy Department of Art and Art History, the Carr Center and the Detroit Parks and Recreation Department. The department provides one-day workshops for youth at various community sites throughout Detroit. Local musicians working in a variety of genres perform throughout the duration of each workshop.

"We are excited to bring Mobile Arts to The War Memorial this year and connect with colleagues who have been very supportive of the program," said Tom Pyrzewski, director of galleries and special

programming. "Visiting The War Memorial is a great way to expand on our mission and embrace the energy that is felt within the community. The centers and our volunteers are looking forward to creating meaningful art that will be on exhibit in our department's Art Department Gallery at WSU."

Mobile Arts Workshop participants learn about abstract art and basic design fundamentals through a variety of art-making processes using reclaimed materials provided by the Mobile Arts Workshop staff. Each workshop includes warm-up sessions followed by extensive collaborative projects, accommodating approximately 10 to 15 participants ranging in age from 12 to 18 years old.

Although each workshop is different, there is shared excitement among all participants.

"Many are in awe over their cre-

ations as well as their ability to make something," Pyrzewski said. "We often encounter students who are timid about the arts and don't know how to approach the process of creating, but by the end of our session, they are very excited to share what they have made."

Artworks created during the workshops are collected by the Mobile Arts staff and installed at the Art Department Gallery for its annual Mobile Arts Workshop Exhibition in the fall. The exhibition opens with a celebratory reception that is free and open to the public.

To register for Mobile Arts at The War memorial, visit warmemorial.org/communityevents/mobilearts.

For more information about Mobile Arts Detroit and Wayne State's James Pearson Duffy Department of Art and Art History, visit art.wayne.edu.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ ArtLab Creatures of the Deep Circuits, for ages 10 to 17, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, Roseville Public Library, 29777 Gratiot, Roseville.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 15, Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, 22360 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. Michael Unsworth, retired history librarian at Michigan State University, speaks about the World War II Japanese balloon attack on North America. Thousands of high-altitude hydrogen balloons armed with incendiary

and high-explosive bombs, designed to follow the westerly winds of the upper atmosphere and drift to the western coast of North America, were deployed. Most were found west of the Mississippi, but two managed to make it to Michigan. Men and women visitors are welcome to attend the meeting. Cost is \$20, paid at the door. To reserve a seat, email gmcattend@ gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

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:

◆ Meet the Author: Catherine Collison, 11

a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 9. Collison is the co-author of "Meet the Pets: Presidential Animals from A to Z."

◆ BBQ on the Lawn, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

◆ The movie "Belfast" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Sandy Stanley, president of the American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.



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‘No Bad Days’ for Farms author

JT Mestdagh shares joy, positivity in second book

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Following the success of his 2019 memoir, “Untethered: Inspiration for Living Free and Strong No Matter the Challenge,” Grosse Pointe Farms resident JT Mestdagh recently released his second inspiring tome, “No Bad Days: How to Find Joy in Any Circumstance.”

While “Untethered” told Mestdagh’s personal story of overcoming challenges — he has a life-threatening syndrome called VATER/VACTERL, had 16 major surgeries before age 16, has severe dyslexia and short-term memory loss, but has climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, drove the Autobahn and accomplished numerous other extreme bucket-list items — in “No Bad Days” he shares others’ stories of triumph.

“This book came about when I saw that ‘Untethered’ had some success,” he said. “A lot of it was my story about overcoming hardship. But during COVID, we all had hardships and challenges. And this is about bringing joy into your life. It emphasizes individual stories and how it’s important to share our stories. It encapsulates people in my life and outside of my life who have been able to learn from their hardships.”

One such story — one of Mestdagh’s favorites — was shared by former Sesame Street writer Emily Kingsley. She wrote the letter “Welcome to Holland” after the birth of her son, who has Down syndrome. In her letter, Kingsley shares about a trip she had planned to Italy. She packed the perfect clothes, had a detailed itinerary of all the sights she wanted to see, learned the language and was perfectly prepared for her Italian getaway. When the plane landed, she was greeted with, “Welcome to Holland.”

She was confused, disoriented, but began to figure things out. She made a new itinerary, bought new clothes, learned a new language and found new things to see — and discovered a world of beauty in Holland. When she arrived back home, everyone was talking about their own trips to Italy; she told them all how wonderful her trip to Holland was.

“She’s explaining to a friend (in the letter) about having a child born with Down syndrome,” explained Mestdagh. “Doctors were telling her that her son wouldn’t be able to do this or that, but she found the beauty in him and found out what he could do and, on top of that, he was doing things they said he never could do.”

“... When I was born, this letter was given to my parents in the hospital,” he added, noting he has since interviewed Kingsley. “I got to hear her take on her experience. They both found joy in life — her and her son. “... In life, joy is so important,” he added.

“I’ve learned you have to find joy in life and figure out what it is that brings you joy.”

Another anecdote Mestdagh shares in “No Bad Days” is about one of his role models, his ski coach, Ladi Lettovsky.

“The first day I met him, he said, ‘We’re going to learn how to fall,’” Mestdagh said.

Though he didn’t understand why they were intentionally falling from a ski lift, a lesson Mestdagh first thought was silly began to sink in.

“As the day went on, I realized ... I was learning how to get back up, how to prevent falling, how to prevent injury,” he said. “But the bigger story was, you’re going to fall in life. When you fall, you can’t belittle yourself or be mad at yourself for falling. You learn from that. You grow from that. And you have to have your tribe to lift you, to drive you.”

Having a tribe is one of the values Mestdagh shares in his book.

“We’re all going to have hard days when we don’t want to get up and get going,” he said. “But finding your tribe is going to be your biggest support. Having a tribe gives you someone to lean on during tough times.”

Mestdagh’s tribe is headed by his faith in God, followed by family and friends.

“I’ve been blessed with my family,” he said. “They’ve been a huge factor in being here for me and being an advocate for me when I was younger. ... First, the good Lord, then my family and friends.”

Another value Mestdagh describes is shared in the first chapter: Tell Your Story.

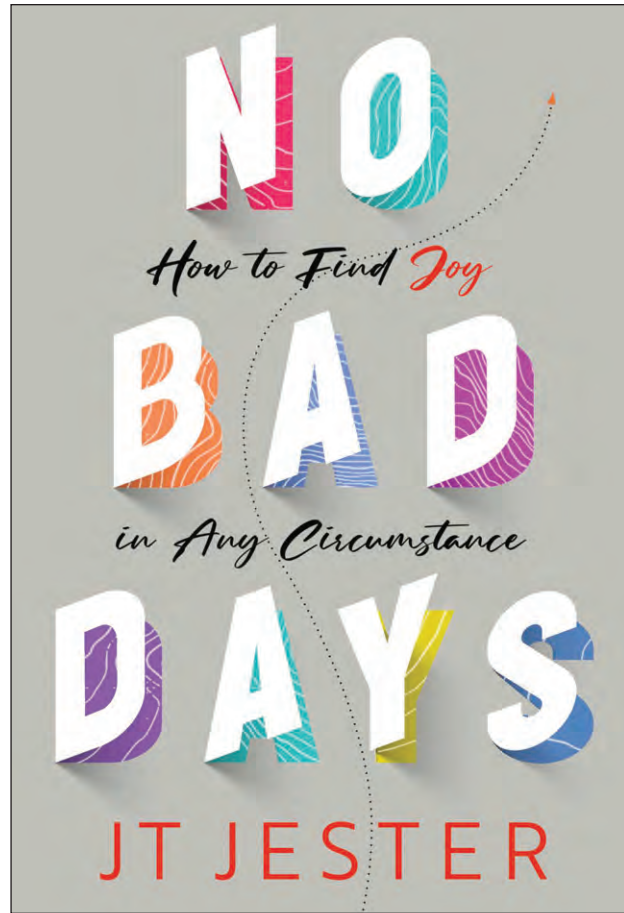
“We all have a story to share, so get out and share your story,” he said. “A lot of people learn to be reserved and not talk about what’s causing their challenges. But by sharing, I’ve found so many supportive people to help me through this journey of life. ... I’m letting everybody know we all struggle. Throughout these difficult challenges, we get through them together.”

“When you share your story with someone, it also allows them to open up to you and share their story too,” he added. “You create relationships that are so strong. It gives you the ability to have someone you trust.”

The stories shared in “No Bad Days” cover a variety of topics, from medical and educational to other hardships and successes. A memory from Mestdagh’s childhood helped create the book’s title.

“There was a time when I was in the hospital for surgery,” Mestdagh said. “One time, my dad leaned over me and said, ‘I’m so sorry for what you’re going through.’ I said, ‘It’s OK. There are no bad days, only hard days — and we get through them.’”

“No Bad Days” is available anywhere books are sold, under Mestdagh’s pen name, JT Jester. Partly based on the children’s book, “The Jester Who Lost His Jingle,” and partly due to his own hospital stays, Jester became Mestdagh’s nickname



my main doctors — to help children with colorectal issues. ... The medical supplies they need are not covered by insurance. We saw a need, so our goal is to give support to these families.

“I also spent months in Ronald McDonald House,” he continued. “The foundation donates to Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. It allows families for \$25 a day to stay there. We help cover some of those families.”

Additionally, the foundation has an educational arm, providing support with tutoring programs for students with dyslexia.

“And there’s a Christian piece,” Mestdagh noted. “Young Life of Grosse Pointe is near and dear to me. The foundation supports that as well in some capacity.”

Those interested in further supporting the foundation are invited to donate to a paddleboarding event this fall. Mestdagh and friends will paddleboard in September from the Blue Water Bridge to Belle Isle. Donations may be made at jtmestdaghfoundation.org.

Additionally, Mestdagh soon will release a third book, “How the Sailfish Got its Name.”

“I wrote (this) story when I was 7 years old and am publishing it in the next couple of months,” he said. “Some of the proceeds will be going directly to the JT Mestdagh Foundation and I hope to get it into local bookstores, Ronald McDonald houses, libraries and the hands of all ages who love to imagine.”

years ago.

“When I was in the hospital, I’d come out of anesthesia and the doctors and nurses would say, ‘JT always wakes up with a smile. He makes the nurses laugh and tells jokes. He’s always giggling.’”

Both of Mestdagh’s books and merchandise are available online at jtmestdaghfoundation.org and jtjester.com. He also can be found on Instagram @jtjester-speaks. His podcast, JT Jester Speaks, also may be found on YouTube.

“The podcast content goes with the book — individual stories, people sharing stories about overcoming hardships,

their successes,” he said.

“It covers lots of genres, from medical challenges to people in the community to sports figures to musicians.”

Upcoming podcast interviews include a Blue Angel pilot who flew for the new “Top Gun” movie and Kingsley.

Proceeds from Mestdagh’s book and merchandise sales benefit the JT Mestdagh Foundation, which provides support for a number of causes.

“The JT Mestdagh Foundation supports children and families with colorectal issues,” he said. “We partner with Children’s Hospital of Colorado — they were

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GPAA's 'A Morning Out' uses art to start conversations

Do you remember how Mrs. Dodge would wave from the backseat of her chauffeur-driven convertible as they drove along Kercheval on Saturdays? Her wave was like Queen Elizabeth's — regal, classy and controlled.

Mrs. Dodge, who was among the world's richest women, died in 1970, but there are participants in A Morning Out who remember her well.

"The A Morning Out program uses art to engage people, get them talking," said Karen Pope, president of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, which sponsors the program. "Whether it is to reminisce, critique the art in the gallery or make art to take home, the mornings are planned to encourage everyone's participation."

A Morning Out meets 10:30 a.m. to noon the first and third Fridays of the month in GPAA's gallery and art studio at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The programs are planned by a team of volunteer artists.

The morning always starts in the gallery,

where the group discusses the current exhibition and pieces from other collections in the same genre. For instance, a recent discussion about portraits included an update on Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, "Mona Lisa." Art historians and scientists in England contend that the portrait noted for its mysterious smile is not of a woman, but a self-portrait of da Vinci in drag.

From the gallery, the group goes to the art studio to flex their creative muscles. The projects run the gamut from paper weaving to collage to painting. Always there is a project to take home and talk about with family and friends. All materials are provided.

"Our A Morning Out program is modeled after other successful programs for senior citizens in Chicago and New York City," Pope said, "but we have learned that in our area, seniors like to bring friends and family and for us that means a very lively morning."

For more information about the program, call GPAA at (313) 881-3454.



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Top, a few simple materials become cute and colorful homages to artist Frida Kahlo.

Center left, Left, an undersea painting of fish by Emily Virga and Gene Mulier. Center right, the group enjoys working on their woven paper artwork.

Above left, a crayon-resist project was brought to the group by Josette Giuliani. Left, Andrea Fleming, a metal sculptor, gives a group talk on the subject of Dadaism.

Grosse Pointe Artists Association
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 Location: At the War Memorial
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'Mornings' are busy and fun at GPAA

GPAA's 'A Morning Out' program covers a variety of artistic subject matter and activities for eager groups of creative seniors. From presentations on different aspects of art and art history to hands-on arts and crafts, there is always something interesting to do, explore or learn.

"Combining creativity and community" is the motto of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. At GPAA, art helps keep seniors engaged and provides an environment where friendships can flourish along with budding talent.

In addition to providing programs for seniors and their caregivers, the Association also organizes and staffs artmaking programs for military veterans and students of area high schools..

True to its mission, the GPAA partners with many community groups to create programs that leverage the power of art to solve problems, meet challenges and introduce creativity and culture to all interested in art. It's a community leader on embracing diversity and bringing creativity and beauty into the lives of people of all ages in the Pointes.



Attendees select colors, shells and a glass container to paint. Each container is filled with sand and a candle. Participants get to choose their own creative themes and take their creation home.



Irene Lentine, Donna Schneck and Jan Zuniga hold up their glass candle holder creations which they chose to decorate on the inside with seashells around the candle.



Donna Alford paints her glass candle holder with fish and decorates it with butterflies. Son, Michael Alford, worked on coloring pictures.



Donna DiSante, Mary Weinert and Emmajean Evans decorate their sand filled candle holders in different themes.



Together, Emily Virga and Gene Mulier paint a glass holder in a tropical under the sea theme.

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Grosse Pointe Woods' Shirley Baker turns 100



PHOTO BY TED O'NEIL

Shirley Baker shares a big smile with well-wishers as she enjoys a surprise party to honor her 100th birthday. The celebration took place on Friday, July 9 at The Rivers Grosse Pointe.

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Some three dozen friends and family gathered in the atrium of The Rivers Grosse Pointe Friday, July 9, to wish resident Shirley Baker a happy 100th birthday.

Staff told Baker she had a visitor as a way to get her to come down from her room and she started wiping away tears as the crowd gave her a standing ovation and sang "Happy Birthday to You." With the assistance of a walker, Baker doubled her speed when she saw her son, Mark, and his family.

"This is a complete surprise," Baker said. "I don't even know what to say."

Baker was born July 9, 1922, in Connecticut. She said she's lived in several states and overseas due to the 30 years her husband, George, served as a Naval pilot.

"We were stationed in Japan during the Korean War," she recalled. "He flew on bombing runs out of Japan and would then return."

Vacations also took the couple to England

and Germany.

Spry and quick-witted, Baker said there's no secret to her longevity.

"I don't have a secret," she laughed. "I just take one day at a time."

Among the activities she enjoys at the senior living facility are exercising, shopping and going out to lunch.

"I'm not one to sit around much," she said.

Baker moved to The Rivers five years ago to be closer to her son, Mark, and his family, who live in Grosse Pointe Park. She also has two other sons, Bobby and Bryan.

"I was just telling my boys the other day that I think their generation was much better off growing up than kids today," she said. "It was a simpler life. They played outside a lot, especially baseball. There were no computers or cell phones. They had to make their own phones out of two cans and string!"

And speaking of changing technology, Baker said she still remembers the first refrigerator and the first television.

"A lot of changes over the years, that's for sure," she said.



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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.

Lynn Johnston Scoville

Lynn Johnston Scoville, 85, passed away unexpectedly Monday, July 4, 2022, at Bishop Gadsden in Charleston, S.C. She was born June 8, 1937, in Detroit, to George Oliver Johnston and Evelyn Bayne Johnston and grew up in Grosse Pointe. She was a graduate of Grosse Pointe Country Day School (now University Liggett School) and Connecticut College, Class of 1959. On Aug. 20, 1960, she married her true love, Laurence "Larry" McConway Scoville Jr., in Grosse Pointe.

Lynn had a brief but rewarding career both as a copywriter at the J.L. Hudson Company and as an editor for University of Michigan publications before becoming a full-time mom. She served many years on the boards of many civic organizations, including the executive committee of the Junior League of Detroit, as president of Tau Beta Association, Children's Home of Detroit and the University Liggett School Parent's Association and as chairwoman for Tennis and Crumpets. She also trained and served as a Stephen Minister.

Lynn loved being with her husband, family and friends and sharing her many interests with them. She liked to travel and made new friends wherever she went. Lynn was an avid reader and contributor to her book clubs. She kept active with exercise classes, walking, tennis, golf and croquet.

Lynn received great joy observing nature, especially birds, and was a member of Friends of Hunting Island State Park, where she helped with sea turtle conservation. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed eating good food. One of her favorite places was the family cottage near Lake Huron in Grand Bend, Ontario, Canada. Lynn and Larry regularly attended the theater, especially the Stratford Festival in Canada. Known as Grandma Betty to her family, she was loved by them all, including several canine companions.

Lynn is survived by her brother, George Oliver Johnston; her children, Evelyn Mary Scoville of Boston, Mass., Laurence McConway Scoville III (Lynne Connor Scoville) of Ann Arbor and Robert Johnston Scoville (Sarah Allen Scoville) of Bedford, Mass.; and grandchildren, Louise Evelyn Scoville, Katherine Davis Scoville, Laura Grace Scoville, Andrew Johnston Scoville, Lucy Allen Scoville and Evelyn Amabel Scoville. She was predeceased by her husband, Larry; and her sister, Mary Conway.

There will be a graveside memorial service for Lynn and interment of ashes for both Lynn and Larry at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at West Cemetery, 145 Litchfield Rd., Harwinton, Conn.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Lynn, memorial donations may be made to the Bishop Gadsden Employee Appreciation Fund, bish oppgadsden.org; Tau Beta Association, to support its work with the Children's Center of Detroit, taubeta.org; or Friends of Hunting Island, friendsofhuntingisland.org.

The family is especially grateful to the staff at the Read Cloister Skilled Nursing facility of Bishop Gadsden who cared for Lynn and her family with love and respect.

David Ray Jensen

David Ray Jensen, 35, of Grosse Pointe Shores, died Sunday, July 24, 2022, after a short yet courageous battle with cancer.

David was born Dec. 9, 1986, the son of Jeffrey and Kathy (nee Suwinski) Jensen. He was a 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. After high school, he attended the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in hospitality business. On June 11, 2016, he married Elizabeth Manning at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. David was recently employed with Levy Restaurants, where he worked as the director of operations at Ford Field.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Jensen; their two young children, Michael and Claire; his mother, Kathy Jensen of Grosse Pointe Woods; brother, Michael Jensen (Laura) of Grosse Pointe Woods; nephews, Jeffrey and Brayden Jensen; parents-in-law, Christopher and Teresa Manning of St. Johns; aunt, Peggy Suwinski of Clinton Township; brother-in-law, Michael Manning (Ginelle) of Pennsylvania; and niece, Sophie Manning.

He was predeceased by his father, Jeffrey Jensen; grandparents, Dr. Raymond and Claire Suwinski and Horst and Marianne Jensen; uncles, Craig Suwinski and Tim Jensen; and aunt, Cindy Jensen.

David loved the outdoors, especially boating, hunting, fishing, skiing, golfing and gardening. He rarely sat still and constantly was picking up new hobbies; his latest was wine making. David had a zest for life and never let anything bother him. He enjoyed a great meal paired with the perfect beverage and loved to entertain family and friends at parties of any size; his work in the food and beverage industry was a true calling. Above all else, David adored his family. He especially cherished his two young children, Michael and Claire, who brought him much joy.

A funeral Mass was celebrated July 29, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the children's educa-

tion fund of The Arbor Day Foundation, arbor day.org; Game On Cancer, gameoncancer@hfhs.org; The New Day Foundation, for families fighting cancer, foundationforfamilies.org; or Henry Ford SandCastles, a grief support program for children and families, aboutsandcastles.org.

Robert Lee Wayland

Robert Lee Wayland passed away peacefully Wednesday, July 20, 2022, of natural causes, surrounded by loved ones in Grosse Pointe. He was 97.

Robert, known as Bob to friends and family, was born Dec. 23, 1924, to G. Lee and Viola Wayland, in Fort Madison, Iowa, where he primarily lived with his grandparents, Edward and Eva Gehle. He was a standout Class of 1944 Fort Madison High School athlete, lettering in basketball, football and track. He was drafted by the U.S. Army during his junior year at 18 years old.

Bob became a mortarman in the Army's 9th Infantry Division. He arrived at the beaches of Normandy days after D-Day and fought in several battles, including the Battle of the Bulge and Battle of Saint-Lô, before taking enemy fire to secure the Rhine River, which allowed Allied troops to rapidly advance into central Germany. He received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart before being honorably discharged Oct. 14, 1945.

Thanks to the GI Bill, he fulfilled a personal dream and graduated in 1950 from the University of Iowa, where he played basketball. Bob met the love of his life and wife, Jayne Dysart, in college. They married in 1949, and lived in Iowa and Illinois before moving to Michigan in 1952, where they raised their son, William, and daughter, Martha.

Bob and Jayne were married 40 years before her passing. Bob was always supportive of anything his children wanted to do or be — from horseback riding and basketball to Boy Scouts, where he served as a troop leader. His children most remember their father for his support, as well as his caring, patient and loving nature.

Bob enjoyed sailing, bowling, working with his hands and visiting loved ones. The family would routinely visit relatives in Henry, Ill., and Fort Madison, Iowa.

Bob was a veteran, salesman at American Hospital Supply for 34 years and longtime member and head usher at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, but the titles he was most honored to have were "Dad," and later "Grandpa," then "GG." Family always came first and he would go above and beyond to assist any of his loved ones, whether buying a meal or traveling to an important event or game.



Lynn Johnston Scoville



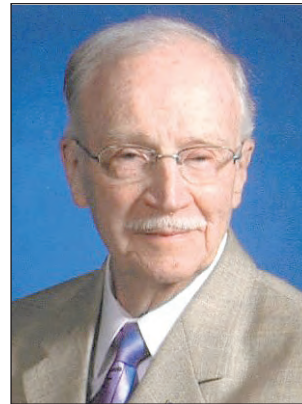
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John "Jack" Urquhart



William "Bill" Frost

When not with family, he enjoyed reading, golf and rooting for the Detroit Tigers and Iowa Hawkeyes. Later in life, he spent his winters in Florida, where he met Shirley Phifer, a long-time partner and loved one. They enjoyed countless hours together walking on the beach, traveling and finding treasures at garage sales.

Bob is survived by his children, William Wayland (Nancy) and Martha Wayland-Putz; grandchildren, Michael Wayland (Stacey), Amy Wayland and Nathan Putz (Madalynne); great-grandchildren, Kayla and Cameron Wayland; and siblings, Margaret Wilson, Shirley Budke (Bob Davidson) and Richard Chapman (Mary).

Bob was a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods for 64 years. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Fort Madison, Iowa. Tributes of memory may be shared with the family through A.H. Peters Funeral Home at dignity memorial.com/funeral-homes/ah-peters.

Bob donated to many causes. In lieu of flowers, the family asks those who wish to honor him donate to a charity of their choice.

Rita Catherine Collins

Rita Catherine Collins, 103, of Henrcio, Va., passed away Saturday, July 23, 2022.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband of more than 70 years, Charles Vincent Collins; children, Gerald Maurice Collins and Mary Ellen Burne; and siblings, Bernard Mullins, Eleanor Nolan, Veronica Mullins, Stanley Mullins, Donald Mullins and Edward Mullins.

She is survived by her children, Joan Balok (Joseph) and Thomas Collins; grandchildren, Amy Wozniak (Alex) and Melissa Miller (Mike); great-grandchildren, Matthew, Timothy, Michael and Caroline; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Rita was delivered at midnight in Woodslee, Ontario, Canada, by a doctor who arrived in a horse and buggy — a fact she always used to celebrate her birthday on both Sept. 1 and 2. She relished life on the farm as a young girl, but eventually met the love of her life, Charles, at a church picnic. They were married soon after and she

cherished her role as wife, mother, grandmother and aunt.

For 70 years she and Charles were members of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Later in life she developed a passion for painting, especially flowers.

The family extends thanks for the love and care she received at Shorepointe Village in St. Clair Shores, St. Mary's Woods in Richmond, Va., and Our Lady of Hope in Henrico, Va.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 2, at St. Bridget Catholic Church, Richmond, Va. Interment will be in the columbarium at St. Paul on the Lake. For condolences, visit blileys.com.

John "Jack" Urquhart

John "Jack" Urquhart, 96, passed away peacefully Monday, July 25, 2022, in Howell. Arrangements are being handled by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, MacDonald Chapel.

Jack is survived by his wife, Theresa, of Brighton; daughters, Carol (Bud) of Dexter and Marie of Howell; sons, Greg of St. Clair Shores, John (Sandra) of Rochester and Mark (Michele) of Sterling Heights.

Jack was born Feb. 7, 1926, in Detroit, to Adam and Mary (nee Murphy) Urquhart. While he was in high school, Jack joined the U.S. Navy to serve his country during World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater from 1944-46. He was always proud of his status as a World War II veteran.

After he completed his service in the Navy, Jack returned home to receive vocational training at Lawrence Technological University and Michigan State University. This training led him to accept a position as an automotive engineer for Chrysler Corp., where he worked for more than 40 years.

Jack was truly a great family man and a loving father. He was happily married to Theresa for 72 years. Together, they had five children, which led to seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren who all love him dearly.

Jack was a social and active man in his community. He was deeply involved in many ath-

letic and social activities for the majority of his life. His favorite pastime was spending time with his family. His family and friends will always remember how generous he was with his time and wisdom. He was a wonderful man who impacted the lives of everyone he knew. He will be missed by many.

William "Bill" Frost

William "Bill" Frost, 75, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away Thursday, July 28, 2022, after a long battle with progressive supranuclear palsy.

He was born Dec. 14, 1946, in New York City, to Ethel (nee Byrne) and James Frost, both now deceased.

Bill is survived by his wife of 44 years, Susan (nee Daniels); daughters, Erica Panagopoulos (Peter) and Elizabeth LaRiviere (Patrick); grandchildren, Sofia Panagopoulos, Anna Panagopoulos and Ruby LaRiviere; brother, James I. J. Frost; and sister, Jane Zisa (Giuseppe).

Bill grew up in Flushing, N.Y., and attended St. Kevin Catholic School until 1960. He then went to Cathedral Seminary in Brooklyn from 1960-67, to become a priest. Next, he attended Christ the King Seminary in Olsen, N.Y., then St. Bonaventure University, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in theology in 1971. He went on to become a deacon at St. Kevin parish.

Soon after, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and reached the rank of second lieutenant. He was honorably discharged in 1978, and went on to start his own business, Bill Frost and Associates Inc., an industrial textile company.

Bill was a former Detroit Yacht Club member and former Grosse Pointe Yacht Club member, where he served as fleet measurer in 2006.

A memorial Mass took place Aug. 3, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, nkfm.org; or The Grosse Pointe Academy, gpacademy.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

OBITS:

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Betty Jeanne DelPlace

Betty Jeanne DelPlace, 66, of Grosse Pointe Woods and Clermont, Fla., passed away Monday, July 25, 2022, after a 13-year battle with breast cancer.

Betty was born Aug. 24, 1955, in Miami Beach, Fla., to Peter and Dorothy Andrews. She worked more than 20 years in the mortgage business as a loan processor for companies such as Bank of America, Pulte Homes, Aegis Mortgage Corp., and First Nationwide.

For relaxation, she loved the beach and bowling; her 247 was the high score for the women's league one year. She also enjoyed listening to a variety of music, from Carole King, Carly Simon and Tears for Fears to Adele, Il Volo and Josh Groban. She went to many concerts and also was an avid movie buff who was knowledgeable about those in the industry. She most enjoyed traveling to Orlando to go to Disney World, Sea World and Universal Studios, and to Tampa to visit Busch Gardens and Adventure Island. For more than a dozen years she visited these theme parks several times each year.

Betty was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Peter. She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Don; daughter, Jessica Hodges (Dave); grandchildren, Lillian Hodges and Layla Hodges; step-children, Tambre Tedesco (Joe), Donald DelPlace III and Mickey DelPlace (Thuong); step-grandchildren, Joey Tedesco, Jake Tedesco, Mia Tedesco, Andrew DelPlace and Ellie



Betty Jeanne DelPlace

DelPlace; nieces, Darlene Reardon, Debbie Perkins, Sherry Reardon and Denise McCloskey; brother-in-law, Pat Reardon; and sister-in-law, Sharon Reardon. Betty also will be greatly missed by her faithful dog, Loki.

Visitation took place July 31, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. Mass was held Aug. 1, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Contributions in Betty's memory may be made to Elara Caring Hospice, 20698 Hall Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

Joseph Nicholas Gormley

Joseph Nicholas Gormley, 88, of Grosse Pointe, died Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

He was the beloved husband of Donna Gormley, to whom he would have been married 64 years on July 26; loving father of Megan Jetton, Peter Gormley (Sheila), Chris Castello (Bob), Tracy Marsom (Matt), Paul Gormley (Ellen) and Kate Hopper (Pat); cherished grandfather of 17 and great-grandfather of four. He also is survived by three sisters and two brothers. He was predeceased by



Joseph N. Gormley

his parents, Francis and Dorothea Gormley; and his sister, Mary Beth Cicione.

Joseph was born June 10, 1934, in Rochester, N.Y. He attended Cornell University and graduated from St. Bonaventure University. He attended Naval Flight School and served in the U.S. Navy from 1957-60, spending time on the Battleship Wisconsin.

He was employed by Public Bank and Ford Motor Credit Co., and later was self-employed as a manufacturers representative for many years. He enjoyed reading, sailing, tennis, cross-country skiing and root beer floats.

A service for immediate family took place July 23, at Bon Secours Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, hom.org; or Bon Secours Chapel at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe.

Gwendolyn Mae "Gwenn" Bashara Samuel

Gwendolyn Mae "Gwenn" Bashara Samuel passed away peacefully Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, in her home, surrounded by family, friends and a dream team of women-warrior caretakers.

She was born Aug. 25, 1936. After her first seven



Gwendolyn Mae Samuel

years in Detroit, Gwenn's family moved to Grosse Pointe, in 1942. Her first-generation American parents, born respectively in Hartford City, Ind., and Kenton, Ohio, were Nayf George Bashara of Grand Rapids and Josephine Viola Shalhoup Bashara of Lowell, Mass.

As did all her siblings, Gwenn attended Trombly Elementary School, Pierce Junior High School and Grosse Pointe High School. She was interested in the theater literary programs all through school, winding up as editor of The Tower, the high school paper, and a member of Pointe Players. She also won several writing awards.

Gwenn attended the University of Michigan and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and social studies. After four years working as an insurance underwriter after college, she returned to Wayne State University to earn a teaching certificate and a master's degree in educational sociology.

After two years teaching in Detroit, she moved to West Covina, Calif., teaching civics, English and history at Edgewood High School. At the same time, she attended television writing classes at the University of California, Los Angeles. She also taught at Inglewood High School for two years, spending a summer as a

copy writer for an advertising agency.

After meeting while doing voiceover work for Books for the Blind, she married Ronald George Samuel. The couple, who later divorced, moved to Detroit and then to Grosse Pointe Farms, where her children, Carol Ann Samuel (Campbell) and Stephanie Elaine Samuel were born.

In 1974, Gwenn opened a bookstore in The Village, Grosse Pointe Book Village, a successful operation and highly regarded retail emporium. She closed the store 20 years later after unsuccessfully fighting the chain stores that had moved into the area.

She went to work for the Detroit College of Law as publicity chief and in the years with DCL wrote a centennial history of the college, "The First Hundred Years are the Hardest." She retired after the college joined Michigan State University in East Lansing.

From the time Gwenn returned to Michigan in 1968, she became an active member of Grosse Pointe Theatre, earning multiple awards and filling many positions with the group, including directing nine productions, producing several others and serving in other positions such as secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor and historian. She was named a life member of GPT and won two Worker of the Year citations.

During this time, Gwenn also wrote several plays, some produced by Grosse Pointe Theatre and some produced in dinner theater format. She also worked freelance jobs, editing others' books and writing book reviews for such organizations as The Detroit News.

She leaves her two beloved daughters, Carol

Ann Campbell (James) and Stephanie Elaine Samuel (Kathleen Lucas); and three adored grandsons, Michael Thomas, August Campbell and Christopher Campbell. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews — the children of her siblings, the Hon. George N. Bashara Jr., Barbara Samuel Elfers, Judith Bashara Pleva and Carol Bashara George (Tobias).

In lieu of flowers, it is appreciated if contributions were made to Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. Private services have been held.

David Matthew Heike

David Matthew Heike passed away Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, in Fraser, at the age of 60.

He was born Oct. 17, 1961, to Raymond Heike and Georgette DeBuck Heike, both now deceased. He grew up in Detroit, and attended St. Matthew Catholic School and Bishop Gallagher Catholic High School, from which he graduated in 1979. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education, graduating cum laude from Wayne State University in 1996.

David was an avid reader and a devout Catholic.

He is survived by his siblings, Paul Heike, Lynne Kossarek (Douglas), Janice Dent (Paul) and Anne Heike; as well as four nieces and one nephew.

A private funeral Mass will be held at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit, solanuscenter.org.

Cruise for Life is Aug. 26

Pregnancy Aid of Detroit is hosting its annual Cruise for Life on the Detroit River Friday, Aug. 26, on the Diamond Jack.

The cruise take place from 7 to 10 p.m. and includes dinner, dessert and soft drinks. There is a cash bar for beer and wine, and raffles include wonderful prizes.

Boarding begins at 6:45 p.m. at the Stroh's River Place parking lot, 2680 Atwater, Detroit. Parking is free.

Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased at pregnancyaidetroit.org or the Pregnancy Aid service center, 15847 E. Eight Mile, Eastpointe.

Pregnancy Aid Detroit is a 501(c)3 nonprofit Christian organization that upholds the sanctity of human life by advocating for the lives of mothers and their unborn children and by offering emotional and material support, as well as education to promote healthy lifestyles.

Democratic Club hosts open house

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club, in partnership with the Michigan Democratic Party, will host an open house event from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, to celebrate the opening of its 2022 campaign office and kick off general election campaign activities.

The campaign office is located at 20311 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, across from The Original Pancake House. Parking may be found in the adjacent municipal lot and on the street. Voters, elected officials, activists and anyone inter-



Additional information about the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and this event may be found at gpdems.com and on Facebook at [facebook.com/events/7780748075330489](https://www.facebook.com/events/7780748075330489).

ested in helping Democratic candidates win up and down the ballot this year are welcome to attend. There will be food, drinks, an opportunity to meet the staff members who will be working in the office and special appearances from local Democratic officials and candidates.

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torical photo on an iPad, the contractor set boulders in their original positions.

“We tried to recreate the photo as close as we could get it,” Koto said.

The lagoon was dredged, pipes were replaced and the grassy perimeter was restored. Organic and plant matter were manicured or removed to reveal once-lost stone pathways, sightlines to the lake and rock outcroppings.

“Before the restoration, the landscape behind the pool had become overgrown,” White explained. “It lost its hierarchy, the diversity of material and the layering that were meant to replicate a northern Michigan landscape. The landscape had lost its character, but we were able to bring it back.”

Collaboration was key to the project, with members of Ford House and Albert Kahn Associates happy with the cooperative nature of the undertaking.

“It’s always a unique



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Stephen White, principal and director of landscape architecture with Albert Kahn Associates, discusses project details.

experience to work on a project of Albert Kahn’s,” White said. “This is a legacy project and a legacy relationship with the Ford family. It’s an honor for them to trust us to be involved.

“I’m very excited about it,” he added. “I hope everybody feels the same.”

“I’m really proud of what the entire team was able to accomplish,” Koto said. “This project spanned the entire Ford House — collections, historic preservation, education. Everybody played a role. With the architects

and engineers, it was a collaborative effort. Without it, we wouldn’t have been able to create something as elaborate as this.”

The pool and lagoon renovation are the latest pieces of a longterm plan to bring Ford House back to its original beauty.

“We have a lot of projects we’re looking at within our 10-year master plan,” Koto said. “I think we’ll take a breather for the rest of the year, look at next year and what makes sense financially and functionally. There will



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There are 569 individual pavers around the pool, each of them uniquely shaped. Based on a historic drawing, each piece was cut on a CNC machine and hand placed like a jigsaw puzzle.

be more restoration.” “Preservation comes off as an easy concept, but really it’s very difficult to accomplish,” Torsell added. “Anytime you undertake preservation or restoration on this estate, it’s always a challenge. We did our best to bring you back in time.”

Now that the pool and lagoon restoration are complete, visitors may experience the area when they come to Ford House for a tour, grounds and garden walk or other event; however, swimming is not allowed in the historic pool.

Ford House will host a

poolside party at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, featuring music, light hors d’oeuvres and cocktails. Admission is \$60 for the public, \$45 for members, and includes one drink ticket. A cash bar also will be available. Tickets may be purchased at fordhouse.org/events.

“We were charged by Eleanor to be stewards of this beautiful estate,” Torsell said. “We are and always will be, as Eleanor noted in her will, an authentic witness to the past.”

Added Heppner, “As stewards of a National Historic Landmark, this is an important piece of Ford House’s mission to preserve and restore the physical fabric of this estate. We’re excited to turn back the clock so that visitors will now be able to experience the pool, lagoon, landscape and lake views as the Ford family did nine decades ago.”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Project manager Karl Koto addresses attendees of the unveiling ceremony.



Photos of the lagoon from the 1930s, top, and from 2020, above, just before construction began.



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The renovated area, where the pool and lagoon meet, includes a waterfall.

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Making history

Society hosts fundraiser to support 'Future of Grosse Pointe Past'

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's "Le Nom du Lac" takes place from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, on the grounds of The Grosse Pointe Academy, overlooking Lake St. Clair.

The fundraising event marks the anniversary of the 1679 christening of Lac Sainte-Claire, named after St. Clair of Assisi, but also notes the historic significance of the grounds' centuries-old

brate amidst those trees, under tents on the grounds, with Michigan-themed gourmet food accompanied by period music and re-enactors. Classic cars will be on display. In fitting with the historic theme, guests are asked to wear white or vintage attire.

Supporting sponsors will be welcomed at a special reception beginning at 6 p.m. To date, sponsors include Beaumont Health, Grigg Graphic Services, Grosse Pointe News, Designs by Clees,

"We then gathered as much research as we could find and created a script," she continued. "Adam walked me through how to do an audio recording on my iPhone and send him the files. Adam then took the digital photo files we had scanned and matched them to the script. He did the editing and uploaded to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's YouTube channel."

There also is a link to the video at gphistorical.org.

"With our new digitizing equipment, we were able to make fast work of the volumes of photos we received," Wagner added. "Now even if the photos decay, we have a digital record of the important parts of our history."

The new digitization equipment allows the society, founded in 1945, to further its mission of preserving and protecting the local heritage of the Pointes and sharing it with the community.

Through programs, facilities and events, the society brings history to life, protects historic artifacts and collects and shares Grosse Pointe stories.

It will better be able to do so with the opening of its new administration and collection resources building later this year. With 5,000 square feet, the building was constructed to provide a permanent home for the organization's collections and archives, the Alfred B. and Ruth S. Moran Resource Center, and space for programs and exhibits. Its collections include maps, blueprints, documents, bills, contracts, letters, books, catalogs, photographs, videos, prints, drawings, watercolors, scrapbooks, oral histories, albums, real estate records and additional ephemera relating to the history of the Grosse Pointes, as well as objects, tools, household goods and furniture.

"When the new Grosse Pointe history center is completed this fall, students and other members of our community will utilize the new Grosse Pointe history center to gain an even more complete understanding of Grosse Pointe past," Hellebuyck said. "With our collections inside the new building, as well as ample research space, students and other members of the community will be able to leverage not only our digital resources, but also our outstanding physical collections as well. Not only will they be able to research in our space, but they will also be able to contribute to our public shows and displays on local history in the new exhibition space."

"The Grosse Pointe history center will be able to allow our local students — and members of the community as a whole — to practice the authentic skills of being historians," he continued. "The new center will also allow the



COURTESY IMAGES

The grounds of the Grosse Pointe Academy were the site of Grant's Castle in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Provencal-Weir House to return to its status as a true historic house museum, with community members of all ages able to learn from the centuries of history contained within its walls."

"This is part of the most exciting movement forward," Wagner noted. "Not only will our new equipment work in this way to preserve memories, but also the space can house actual artifacts in a climate-controlled setting. We can't wait to have the

community see our process and share the excitement of our new building."

Proceeds from "Le Nom du Lac" will support the society's mission. Tickets may be purchased online at gphistorical.org.

"None of this would be possible without the support the community has provided — and continues to provide — to this project," Hellebuyck said. "As Churchill remarked that our buildings tend to shape us, I look forward to how the new Grosse

Pointe history center and the possibilities it brings will shape our relationship with our history. I will continue to drive by the rapidly rising building, remaining both thankful for your support of the society in this endeavor and excited for what the future holds for our community."

To learn more about the event, the projects, get involved or support the society, visit gphistorical.org or email development@gphistorical.org.



The second centennial of the naming of Lake St. Clair was celebrated Aug. 12, 1879.

buildings. The site of the Convent of the Sacred Heart and then the Academy of the Sacred Heart, the property features historic buildings from two centuries, ambling paths and byways, and an unparalleled view of the lake.

"There is no better vista in the Pointes than the high ground of the Academy to appreciate the beauty of the lake," said Suzy Berschback, one of the event's honorary chairs. "... The event is to bring us together after two years of the pandemic and reconnect those interested in celebrating our rich history and learning more about it."

In the 18th and early 19th centuries, the grounds were the site of Grant's Castle. In 1860, the land was purchased by the Society of the Sacred Heart, which opened a convent and school in the 1880s, added a wing in 1929, and constructed the chapel between 1900 and 1930. In 1969, ownership and operation were transferred to The Grosse Pointe Academy.

"The GPA property has a great story to share and celebrate," Berschback said. "It is multi-layered and continues to be relevant in our community today."

For instance, she added, of the 300 trees on the property today, 50 are unique to the region as they were brought as seedlings from France and other countries by the founders of Sacred Heart to remind them of their homeland.

Party-goers will cele-

& Breakfast, Louisa St. Clair Chapter NSDAR and Higbie Maxon Agney.

Sponsorship opportunities still are available. Visit gphistorical.org or email giles@simmer.com or giles@gphistorical.org.

The event is chaired by GPHS President Leslie Wagner. Along with Berschback, honorary chairs include her husband, the Hon. Charles Berschback, as well as the Hon. Louis and Patti Theros.

In celebration of "Le Nom du Lac," Berschback and GPHS Vice President of Education Adam Hellebuyck created a video reflecting on the history of the property. Not only does it feature the event's location and breathtaking views of the lake, but it also highlights the organization's new digitization technology.

"The most important piece of the puzzle was to locate the photos that I saw 20 years ago at The Grosse Pointe Academy when making our first Grosse Pointe history book," Berschback said. "I had good helpers at the Academy and we now have scanned those photos from 1880 that belong to the Academy, but will be cared for on loan to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. They show the lakeshore before we had Lakeshore Drive. The edge of the current GPA property was where the lake began. They are a wonderful treasure trove of the Sacred Heart Academy and early Grosse Pointe. On the property we can see the chicken farm, cows and nuns walk.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Mother-in-law feels left out

Dear Gabby: My kids and I spend a lot of time with my parents. They live close by, help babysit and are super involved in their grandkids' lives.

My mother-in-law is upset because she feels like I favor my own parents. She lives about an hour away and is busy with work and social events. I obviously love her and want to be mind-

ful of her feelings, but we will likely always see my parents more unless she moves closer. How can I help her feel more included? — **Forlorn in the Farms**

Dear Forlorn, Gabby: Do yourself a favor and do not allow yourself to feel bad about this. Even though it's only an hour away, it can

seem like 1,000 miles. Out of sight, out of mind is a real thing.

What you CAN do, is be sure to text or call your in-laws every few weeks (set a calendar reminder in your phone) and let them know about all of the events that will be going on — such as school concerts, sporting events, etc. It's great that your mother-in-law is

busy and active. That also means she might need more lead-time in inviting her to dinner, babysit, etc.

Try to respect her time and also be inclusive.

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



Dear Ann Landers: You asked your readers for their views on older women marrying younger men and vice versa.

I was married for 28 years to a man my own age. He divorced me and married a woman who was younger than our children.

Since then, I have dated men of all ages. The older men I went out with seemed to have no sense of humor and very little passion for life. Many wanted a nurse for their old age and treated me like a dumb blonde.

I am now dating a man who is 10 years younger than I am. He is confident and sure of himself. He is not controlling, jealous or condescending. We can be silly and laugh a lot, and we can also engage in serious discussions. Some of my

friends assumed the only thing we had in common was sex.



Others told me to be careful because younger guys are usually looking for a mother figure.

Nevertheless, anyone who has spent time with us can see that we are well

suited to each other. We share the same values and have similar interests.

Woman" Out East

Dear Older Woman: A few years ago, I wrote a book, and one of the chapter titles was "Age Is Only a Number, Baby!" I believed it then, and I believe it now. Some men are old at 25; others are young at 65. It's what goes on between the eyebrows and the hairline and not farther down. Here's more on the subject:

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 24-year-old divorcee and have been dating a 63-year-old widower for the past seven months. He is not a millionaire, nor is he famous, but he has something that is almost impossible to find in men my age these days. I'm talking about integrity, maturity and a sense of

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responsibility. Best of all, he is a gentleman and knows how to treat a woman.

This man was not looking for a trophy girlfriend. He is very much into physical fitness and wanted a woman who shared his enthusiasm for scuba diving, weightlifting, running, motorcycling and dancing. Both his family and mine have been supportive of our relationship. My parents saw me leave an abusive marriage, and his children know how much he suffered when his wife

of 38 years died after a long illness. They just want us to be happy.

I realize if we stay together, I may wind up being his caretaker and possibly a young widow, but I am perfectly willing to take that risk. — **May-December Magic**.

Dear Magic: This could work because your eyes are wide open and you understand the risks. I wish you all the best.

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Physical contact turns man into a slick, sweaty mess

DEAR ABBY: I don't think I've read about this problem before, and I can't find help on the internet. I have been married for many years and have had this problem from the beginning.

Every time I touch or snuggle up next to my husband, he starts sweating profusely. It starts within just a second or two. It's not just his torso, but even his arms and legs, or any place my skin touches his.

This is a huge turn-off because it's like snuggling up to a slimy animal. This has affected our sex life and our entire marriage.

Wearing pajamas is obviously out of the question for him because he runs hot. Has anybody ever written to you about this particular problem? — **SWEATING IN GEORGIA**

DEAR SWEATING: I can't recall having been asked about something like this, nor have I heard of it. I'm unsure if your husband needs to consult a dermatologist or a psychologist to understand what's causing it, but if I were him, I'd start with a call to my doctor.

DEAR ABBY: I am a man who has been single for a while. I have two female friends who I feel genuinely care about me.

They each have told me that I should go on social media and start dating. I'm not really interested in doing that.

I want to remarry one day, but for the right reasons, not because I'm lonely. I want to be with that person because they make me better and make me smile. When I see her photo, and see or hear

her name, I want my heart and face to light up.

The fact is, I'm in love with one of my two friends. She ticks off all those boxes. It has been a while since my divorce, and when we are together, I feel comfortable, warm and safe.

I guess I'm afraid her answer would be no. Advice? — **TAKING A CHANCE IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR TAKING: Oh, yes. Swing for the fences! Tell her how you feel. If her answer is no — and I'm betting it won't be — go on a dating site THEN. In cases like this, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

DEAR ABBY: I like to have buffets for large numbers of guests, but during a recent party, the

food and table were ready, but nobody started. Then a guest asked me — the host — to start so that everyone could eat. I was always taught that the host or hostess always went last. I tried to research the answer, but can't find



one. What is polite? Who should start the buffet? — **GETTING STARTED IN GEORGIA**



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR GETTING STARTED: Because announcing, "Folks, the buffet is open" hasn't worked, try this: Ask a couple of your closest friends to get in line and start helping themselves

afford to, so good friends (which aren't many) are a godsend.

After visiting him, I went to my mother's, and the first thing she said when I walked in the door was, "Is he trying to get in your pants?" I was deeply offended and replied, "Not every person wants to be my friend so they can get in my pants." She then told me I should "lighten up" and accused me of being too sensitive. Are my feelings valid or am I being too sensitive? — **STRUGGLING IN UTAH**

DEAR STRUGGLING: I'm sorry for your loss, and for your struggle with depression. Humor is risky. Your mother's attempt at it bombed.

DEAR ABBY: My father and I weren't close while I was growing up, and it affected me negatively in a lot of ways. I was resentful until, 30 years later, I told him how I felt. He validated my feelings and we started building our relationship.

He died nine months ago, and I connected with a friend of his who worked with him as a social worker. He's 20 years my senior and has been a good friend to me. I have been struggling with depression and attempted suicide. I would get into counseling but I can't

Because you are emotionally fragile, you may have overreacted. Although you said you can't afford counseling, it may be time to check with your local department of mental health or the psychology department at your local university to see if low-cost help is available for you. Please don't put it off.

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 or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



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A garden side dish

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

One of my favorite things about summer is the abundance of fresh herbs and tomatoes. Chopping everything makes your hands smell amazing all day long.

This recipe uses lots of herbs. It comes together quickly and cooks very fast.

I'm using vine ripened tomatoes that make perfect cups for a filling of spinach, herbs and goat cheese. Red pepper flakes give it just a bite of heat. It's finished with a crisp topping of breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese.

When you are using simple ingredients, the key is to make sure they are good ingredients. Freshly picked herbs, ripe tomatoes, good cheese and olive oil elevate a dish to the next level.

This is the season to take advantage of it all. I did not specify how much breadcrumb and parmesan to use for the

crust because I believe it should be all about preference.

This dish is written as a side dish to serve 4 people but would be a great vegetarian dinner for 2. Once again, never forget the baguette.

Stuffed tomatoes with spinach and goat cheese

- 4 vine ripe tomatoes
- 2 cloves of garlic
- ¼ tsp crushed red pepper
- ½ tsp salt
- 4 handfuls of fresh baby spinach
- 4 oz goat cheese
- 2 tbsp each, fresh parsley and basil
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- Breadcrumbs
- Parmesan

Preheat your oven to 450. Start by slicing the tops off the tomatoes.

Next, use a knife to cut around the meat of the tomatoes, making sure not to cut through the outer part.

Use a spoon to scoop the mid section out and scoop out all the seeds. Place in a baking dish that has been drizzled with olive oil.

Chop your garlic and add to a preheated saucepan with 2 tbsp of olive oil. Add the red pepper flakes and salt then stir for about 15 seconds. You just want to cook long enough to flavor the oil and not burn the garlic.

Next add in all of the spinach and cook until wilted, about two minutes.

Take this off the heat and add to a medium sized bowl. Crumble in the goat cheese, chopped parsley, chopped basil and mix all together.

Stuff each tomato with the mixture. Sprinkle a bit of breadcrumbs and



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parmesan over the top and finish with a drizzle of the remaining table-

spoon of olive oil over each tomato. Cook in the oven for 10

minutes. Once cooked, take out and let sit for at least five minutes.

Little-known wine facts

Most people who purchase wine regularly know what the basic rules are about how to consume it and store it along with other supposedly widely known "facts."

But in reality, a number of tips that have been passed down through oral tradition have nothing to do with the way wine really ought to be treated. And that has led some people to assume various things that aren't correct.

ever, most red wines that need some aging probably are best at three or four years. After that, the fruit begins to fade.

STORING CHAMPAGNE: Those with wine cellars, for the limited number of bottles that will improve with time, usually keep them all on their side, to keep their corks moist so they won't dry out. This is a sound idea, but when it comes to Champagne and other

tent, like 15 percent or more. When this occurs, one tactic is to simply add a splash of water to your wine glass. It may thin out the flavors a bit, but it also may expose better-quality fruit that the alcohol was obscuring.

ICE CUBES IN WINE: Most white wines, and even some reds, should be served cold, especially if they seem to have lower acidity. Sweet wines in particular usually are best well chilled. If there's no time for that, just add some ice cubes, and remove them when the wine begins to taste good. This works especially well with higher-alcohol zinfandels.

CITRIC ACID ADDITIONS: If a wine is particularly low in acidity, such as a riesling with too much sugar, one tactic I use is simply to add a small amount of citric acid, which can easily be found in

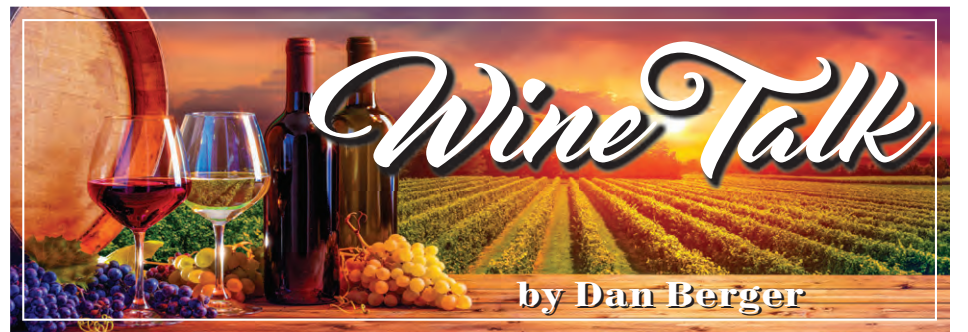
stores that sell fruit canning equipment. (I buy citric acid in huge quantities and add a tablespoon to each dishwasher load, which makes my wine glasses sparkle!)

OPENED SHERRY BOTTLES: Sherry is a fortified wine made in Spain. Most are nice aperitifs that work well with appetizers. Once sheries are opened, most people assume they can be kept indefinitely without any change. But quality sheries do exist, and the best will eventually oxidize.

WATER INTO WINE: Some red wines can taste a little harsh. This frequently is due to excessive alcohol con-

AT-HOME BLENDS: I rarely suggest this tactic, but I have used it on occasion: When a wine isn't particularly to my liking, I often add a small amount of another wine that improves the one I don't like. (Of course, this calls for having at least two bottles open at the same time!)

WINES THAT GO "BAD": Wines that have been open for several days can oxidize. If you're sensitive to



such spoilage you could choose to cook with the wine (if the spoilage isn't particularly strong). One thing for sure is that wine that's gone "bad" poses no health hazards. They simply don't taste very good, but they're not going to cause medical problems -- though they still contain alcohol.

Wine of the Week: 2020 Cune (CVNE) Rioja (\$17) — The primary grape of the northern Spanish district of Rioja is tempranillo, and this longtime producer has always made a reliable and tasty red wine from that variety. This is one of the better examples, with a solid core of red fruits, some richness in the midpalate and not very much tannin.

Often seen at around \$15.

To find out more about Dan Berger and read features by other Creators

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To set the record straight, here are a few basic misconceptions that have been widely disseminated but are off-center.

RED WINE AGING: Many people believe that most red wines will improve if they receive time to be aged in the bottle. The reality is that most red wines should be consumed within about a year or two of their vintage dates, and those with no vintages probably are best consumed as soon as they're purchased. Those who know a bit about wine know which ones actually do age, and often think they'll be better with longer aging than shorter. In reality, how-

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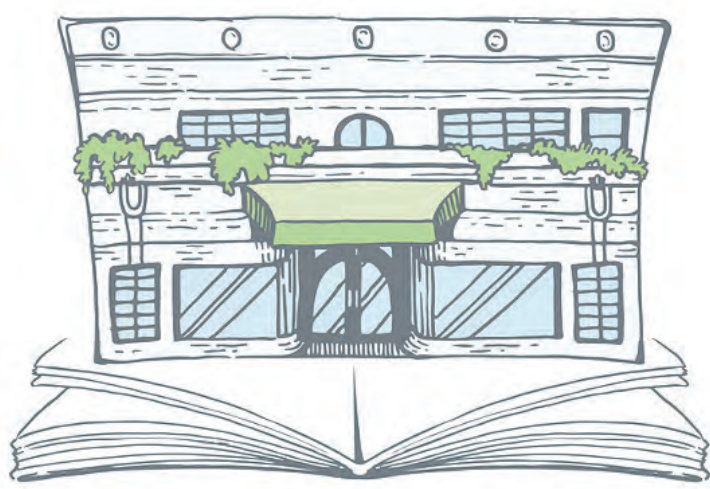
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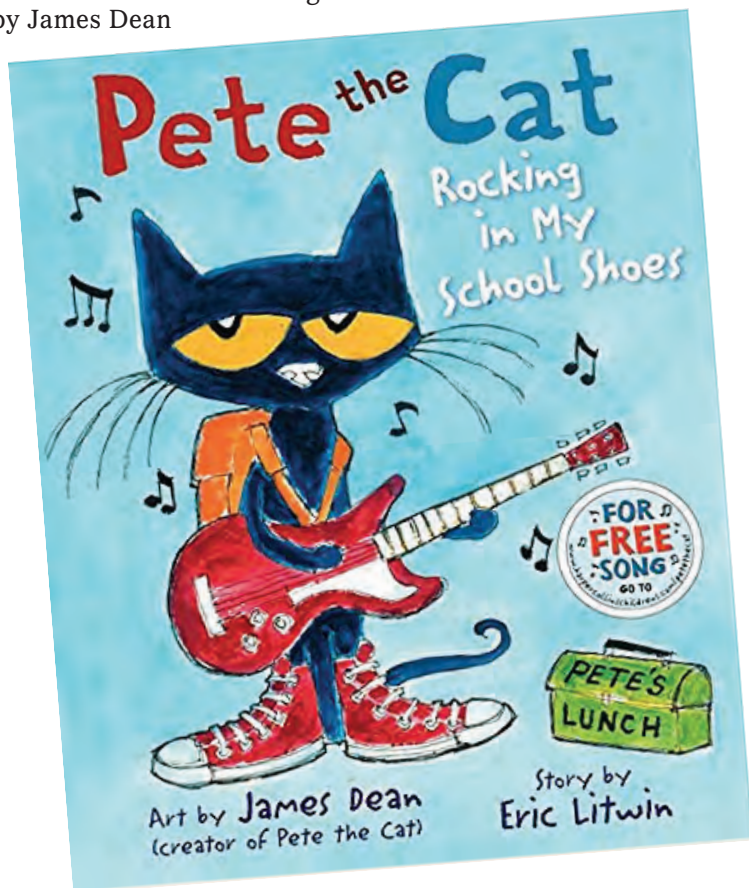


CREANDER'S CORNER CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEWS

"Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes"

By Eric Litwin
Art by James Dean

The fun, cool, and always adventuresome cat. Pete can always find a good time no matter where he goes. This is a story about some hilarious, light-hearted adventures at school.

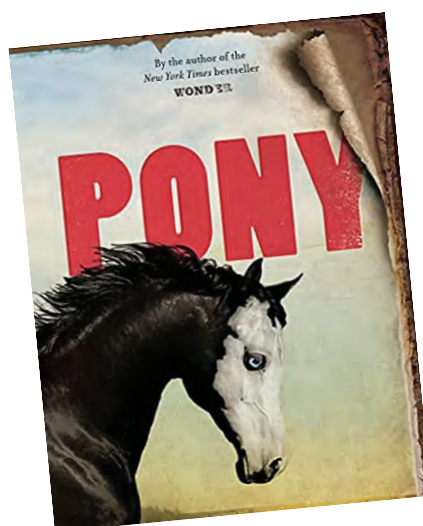
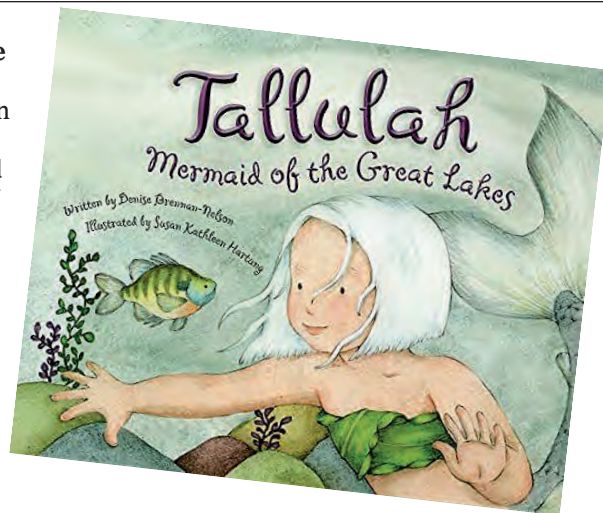


"Tallulah: Mermaid of the Great Lakes!"

By Denise Brennan-Nelson

Many have long heard stories of the beauty of salt water mermaids, but few before Tallulah journeyed into the story of a mermaid in our own waters.

With the help of a turtle and a journey into fresh water, the two complete their search for a magic gemstone and help the Great Lakes find their mermaid.



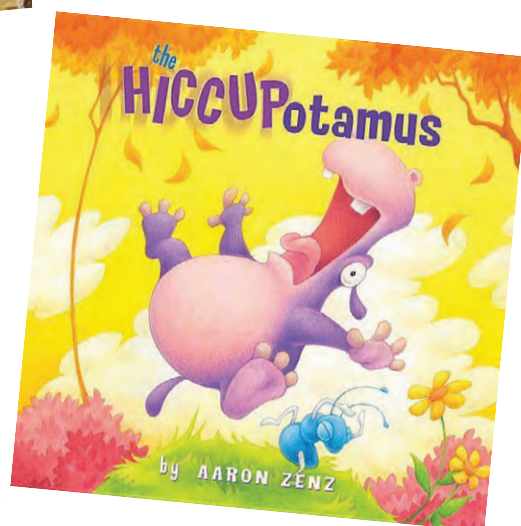
"Hiccupotamus"

By Aaron Zenz

This story is a great read-aloud option with its many rhymes.

What would happen if a group of animals tried every trick in the book to solve hiccups? Maybe a miracle... or maybe, not?

Also, please enjoy the 'cast bios' at the very end for an extra laugh.



"Pony"

By R.J. Palacio

Written by the author of the bestselling book Wonder, Pony is a thrilling story taking place in the 1800s about twelve year old Silas's search to find his Dad with the help of a runaway Pony. Involving adventure, ghosts, and American history, this middle grade book will be hard to put down.

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E V E N T S

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

- » **Brian Charette Organ Trio**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Detroit Jazz Festival All Stars Vocalist Collegiate Combo Contest**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Tampa Bay Rays**
Comerica Park, 7:10 p.m.
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Ford House Poolside Party!**
Ford House, 7-9 p.m.
1100 Lake Shore Rd..
- » **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.
- » **Movie Nights in the D**
Campus Martius Park, 6-10 p.m.
800 Woodward Avenue.

- » **Music on the Plaza**
The Village - Kercheval & St. Clair, 7-8:30 p.m.
630 St. Clair Ave..
- » **Storytime with Miss Jane**
Ewald Branch, 10:30-11 a.m.
15175 E Jefferson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

- » **Charles Goold**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Detroit Jazz Festival All Stars Vocalist Collegiate Combo Contest**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Tampa Bay Rays**
Comerica Park, 7:10 p.m.
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.
- » **Nerf After Hours**
Ewald Branch, 6:30-9 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

- » **Belle Isle Art Fair**
Belle Isle State Park, 10 a.m.
1 Casino Way.
- » **Charles Goold**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Detroit Jazz Festival All Stars Vocalist Collegiate Combo Contest**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.
- » **Detroit Lions Family Fest**
Ford Field, 11:30 a.m.
2000 Brush St.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Tampa Bay Rays**
Comerica Park, 6:10 p.m.
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Melissa Etheridge: One Way Out Tour**
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.
350 Madison.
- » **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

- » **The Kid LAROI: End Of The World Tour**
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
2115 Woodward Ave.
- » **Musiq Soulchild**
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.
2600 EAtwater.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- » **2022 Pointe's Art Festival**
41 Kercheval Ave, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- » **The Attic Dwellers Acoustic Music Club**
PLAV Post #6, 12-4 p.m.
9545 McDougall St.
- » **Belle Isle Art Fair**
Belle Isle State Park, 11 a.m.
1 Casino Way.
- » **Charles Goold**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Tampa Bay Rays**
Comerica Park, 1:40 p.m.
2100 Woodward Ave.

- » **Woman Evolve with Sarah Jakes Roberts - Volunteers**
Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 1 p.m.
- » **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

- » **2022 Pointe's Art Festival**
41 Kercheval Ave, 10-6 p.m.
- » **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

- » **Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations**
Detroit Opera House, 8 p.m.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Guardians**
Comerica Park, 7:10 p.m.
2100 Woodward Ave.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

- » **Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations**
Detroit Opera House, 8 p.m.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Ali Bey**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 97 Kercheval
- » **"The BOX": End of Isolation Tour**
The Jam Handy, 7:30 p.m.
2900 E Grand Blvd.
- » **Bubble Pop-In**
Ewald Branch, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Guardians**
Comerica Park, 7:10 p.m.
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Downtown Street Eats**
Cadillac Square Park, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
662 Woodward Ave.
- » **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

Check out the online calendar on our website for more details & registration links

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I was really, really excited and motivated to click on “order now” for these Dropps Oxi Booster laundry detergent pods. I really have no idea why that was now that I’m reminiscing about my ordering feelings.

This is a case of amazing marketing and not so amazing product.

Everything about it just seems cool: the minimal, yet stylish packaging; the claims of it

being “so free, it’s freaking awesome” — there’s no chlorine, no fragrances or dyes and it’s never animal tested.

Does it work? I don’t really know. I guess so.

There is definitely not a “wow” factor. As my 11 year old would say, “It’s the okayest of OKs.”

What I realized from this edition of We Tried It is that I don’t really care what is in my detergent. And since I’m



dumping heaps of OxiClean and bleach and every other spot treatment along with it

to fight the good laundry fight, I am not the right audience for Dropps.

Dropps comes in a 32-count pack for \$12.38. Because I am a laundry rebel, I don’t measure my pours from the giant Costco Gain detergent, so I’m not exactly sure how the cost compares.

I’m going to go out on a limb and suggest Dropps is probably a lot more expensive, because even

with four kids the Gain lasts a lot longer than 32 loads.

So if you love the idea of a free-of-everything detergent, Dropps might be a good option. For me, I’m sticking with my giant Costco Gain detergent. I’m giving Dropps two alligators. If you would like to try Dropps, you can find it on Amazon or other online retailers.

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.

2 Out Of 5



Movie Junkie Mark by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW
“The Yellow Handkerchief”
 2008 - Rated PG-13
 1 hr 42min

I’ve long admired the immensely talented actor William Hurt. What a wide range of characters he’s played over the years in films like *The “Big Chill,”* *“Children of a Lesser God,”* *“Broadcast News,”* and *“Altered States.”* So I was saddened to hear of his recent passing.

When the streaming service Kanopy recommended his film *“The Yellow Handkerchief,”* I immediately added it to my queue. I’m glad I gave this relatively unknown film a viewing.

The movie is based on a short story by award-

winning journalist and author Pete Hamill. What an excellent little road trip movie Indian director Udayan Prasad transformed it into!

This is not your typical Hollywood take on the genre. It doesn’t have a lot of action and hijinks normally associated with this type of film.

What it does have in spades is thoughtful dialogue, beautifully haunting scenery, and brilliant yet nuanced acting.

The phrase “still waters run deep” is how I’d describe Hurt’s performance here. It’s basically an hour and a half master class in acting.

The film opens with Brett (Hurt) being released from prison. When he departs, unlike the other ex-cons who

are warmly greeted by friends and family, he’s totally alone.

His first stop is to a local diner where he savors the first beer he’s had in six long years. You can practically sense the anticipation and satisfaction he derives from the initial sip. It’s there he encounters two young misfits he’ll eventually team up with.

We meet Martine (Kristen Stewart), a quirky, sassy teenager, who’s just broken up with her boyfriend. It’s implied they spent a drunken night together, and he wants nothing further to do with an odd duck like her.

In a phone conversation with her father, we learn that he’s a traveling businessman who is



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ARTHUR COHN PRODUCTIONS AND GEM ENTERTAINMENT
The late and great William Hurt as Brett in the 2007 movie “The Yellow Handkerchief,” directed by Udayan Prasad.

a pretty negligent single parent. This explains her rebellious behavior.

Ms. Stewart was just 18 when she starred in this film, and you can certainly tell she’s bursting with talent.

She’s fascinated by Brett, and I found myself thinking, “don’t do it, he’s nothing but trouble!”

The other character is Gordy (Eddy Redmayne), a goofy, awkward, gangly young man who claims he’s Native American, and seems to remind everyone around him about this fact every chance he gets.

He’s smitten with Martine, and in spite of his oddball and mysterious nature, you sort of root for the couple to fall for each other.

While the three have absolutely nothing in

common, they end up travelling together in Gordy’s beat-up convertible. At first it’s just a temporary arrangement, but eventually they decide to make the trek down to New Orleans together.

The setting is rural Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and there are constant reminders of the profound impact it had on the state.

As the film progresses, we begin to learn about Brett’s past. It’s revealed in bits and pieces through a series of flashback as well as him telling his life story.

He was a drifter who worked on oilrigs in the Gulf of Mexico. He fell for May (Maria Bella) a pretty, but hardened woman with a yearning for love. We also see

them violently fighting and it’s implied that this is why he was imprisoned. We also discover the reason Brett is headed to New Orleans.

I’ve got a soft spot in my heart for films like this. I guess, as I get older, I find I don’t need a lot of action on the screen to hold my interest. I’m more drawn to movies and other forms of entertainment that make you think, rather than just react. And “The Yellow Handkerchief” was quite a rewarding experience.

There are several viewing options. Watch it for free with your library card on Kanopy and Hoopla. Also free (with commercials) on Freevee and Tubi.

★★★★☆

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you’re embarrassed to

admit you’ve seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

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

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

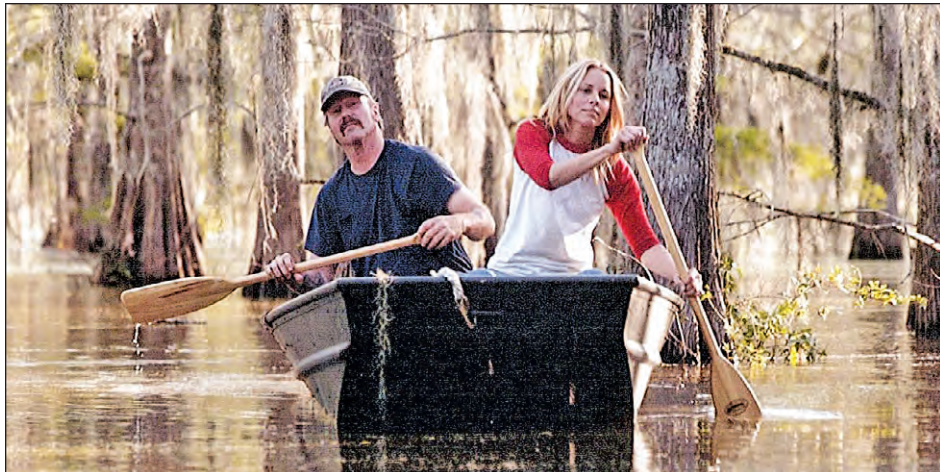
About this column:

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

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

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

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



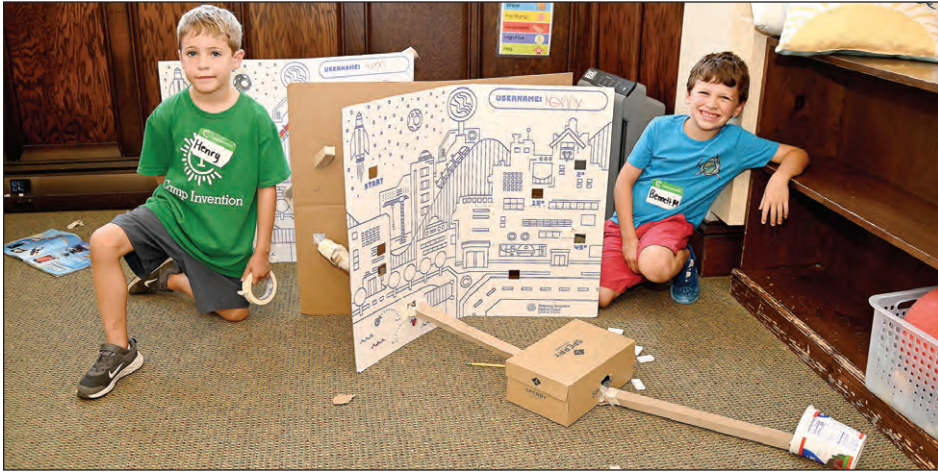
Above, Maria Bello as May and below left, Kristen Stewart as Martine and Eddie Redmayne as Gordy.



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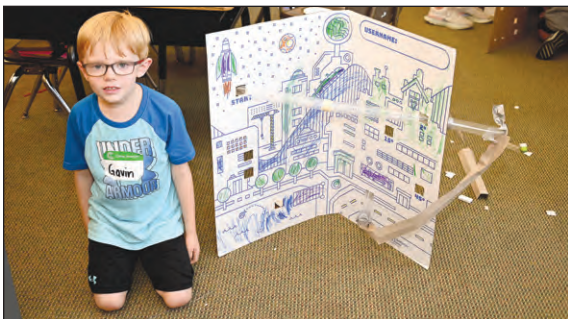
Hands-on with Camp Invention

Camp Invention, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment program, recently took place at The Grosse Pointe Academy. From July 11-15, the camp challenged children in grades K-6 through hands-on activities, promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics, while building confidence, leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness and encouraging entrepreneurship in a fun and engaging environment. Among this year's hands-on activities were Robotic Aquatics, Spacecation and Marble Arcade.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Henry Campbell and Bennett Morawski decided to join their Marble Arcade boards and create a double slide for the marbles to go through. Starting on Campbell's board and coming out Morawski's board, marbles passed through a tunnel made out of a shoe box and into a container.



Gavin Vergauwen sits proudly beside his Marble Arcade, which he gave an extra twist by having the marble travel outside the board before coming back in to exit the back.



Maxim Sterin creates "spin art" by turning on the power to spin the canvas as he uses a marker to create the art.



Sam Hollerbach holds the aquarium he made, which includes a jellyfish, blue water for protection and a gaming stick with a television so the jellyfish doesn't get bored.



Grace Logan pours polymer snow glow into dark water in a cup to create an ice volcano.

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 8 a.m. EDT today (5 a.m. PDT), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. After that, the Moon moves from Libra into Scorpio.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022:

You are confident, focused and determined about going after what you want. You see the big picture, then you act, generally with great success. This is the last year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to take stock, finish projects and prepare for new beginnings next year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

This is an excellent day for doing any kind of mental work, because you will be more attentive than usual to details and will use special techniques. You want everything to be as perfect as possible. You will especially enjoy making plans. Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

This is a good day to express your thoughts to others and tell people where you stand on issues. Meanwhile, you will want to use your mind for playful amusements like reading, writing and playing games that require mental agility. You feel a bit prankish today! Tonight: Cooperate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Today you want to sidestep any confrontations, especially with family or someone at home. Instead, you would rather make plans and examine your personal and domestic life. How well does where you live meet your needs? What changes would you like to see? Tonight: Work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Group discussions and conversations with others will go well today. You might meet new people. You might take a trip, because you are mentally eager to learn new things. Stay busy, because this is not a good day to settle down and relax. Au contraire! You want mental stimulation! Tonight: Play!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today you will be more concerned than usual with business and commercial affairs. You might be interested in shopping. You also might have excellent money-making ideas. Basically, you're thinking about what you value in life. Tonight: Cocoon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your ruler Mercury is in your sign, which definitely helps you express your point of view to others. This is because you are able to put a great deal of yourself into whatever you have to say. You'll find that your mind will move very quickly from topic to topic. Tonight: Chatty discussions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today you will be inclined to keep your opinions to yourself and not share them with others. Meanwhile, someone might accuse you of holding something back. That's not what's happening. You simply feel like being by yourself. Tonight: Money issues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a good time to think about your goals. Are your goals your own goals, or are they the goals of someone else? Make sure your goals are appropriate for you and they are what you want to do. You also might examine your

thoughts about a group. Are these your people? Tonight: You're in charge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Take some time to make some plans about where you want to be in the future. Where do you want to be five years from now? What do you have to start to do this year in order to go in that direction and achieve those goals? Talk to your boss? Take up new studies? Tonight: Solitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Explore the possibility of new courses, new training or any kind of new study or gathering of knowledge that will enrich your life or promote your professional world. Some of you also might do this through travel. Ideas? Tonight: Talk to a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today you might be caught up in discussions and negotiations about finances or shared property or dealing with anything that you hold jointly with someone else. This also includes details about inheritances, taxes and debt. Tonight: You are noticed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

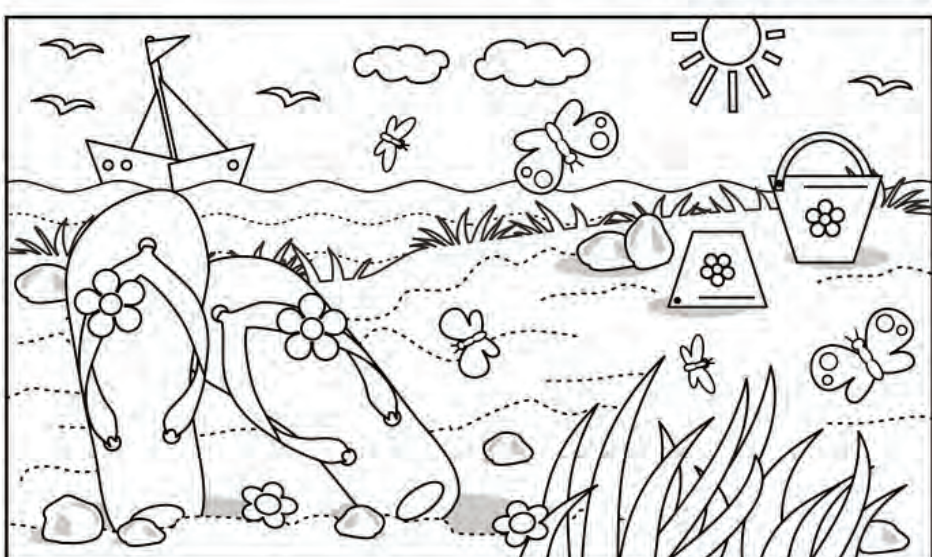
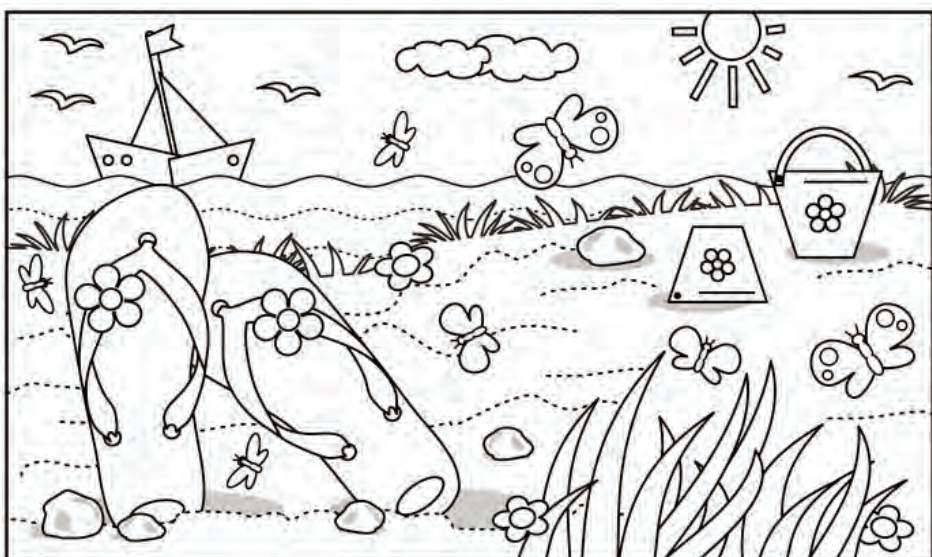
With Mercury opposite your sign now, this is a good time to clarify and explain important issues with someone, especially someone close to you -- a spouse or business partner. You have enough detachment and objectivity to state your case in a sensible, logical way. Tonight: Explore!

BORN TODAY

Former actress Meghan, Duchess of Sussex (1981), actress, writer, director Greta Gerwig (1983), actor Daniel Dae Kim (1968).

Summer Coloring Puzzle

Can You Find The 10 Differences



Contract Bridge

HANDLE WITH CARE

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 4 2
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ K Q 6 4
♣ Q 7

WEST
♠ A 9 7
♥ 9 4
♦ 7 5 3 2
♣ 8 6 3 2

EAST
♠ K 3
♥ A Q J 10 5 2
♦ J 10 9
♣ 10 5

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ 1 ♥
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — nine of hearts.

Some deals require extremely delicate handling if declarer is to get home safely. Today's deal provides an example of the precision technique that might sometimes be needed.

West leads the nine of hearts against four spades. When the nine holds, West continues with a heart, ruffed by South. What should declarer do next?

If he makes the mistake of leading a low spade to dummy's ten, he will end

up a trick short of his goal. West follows low, and East wins the ten with the king. East returns a heart, and South must now lose two more trump tricks. If he ruffs the heart low, West overruffs with the nine; if he ruffs high, West simply discards and scores the ace and nine later.

Instead, declarer should cross to dummy with a diamond at trick three and lead the deuce of spades toward his hand. East's best play is to follow low, and the queen loses to the ace. Let's assume West returns a diamond. South wins with the ace but is not yet out of the woods. He must still be careful not to lead a low spade to the ten. If he does, East wins with the king and returns a heart, and once again West's nine becomes promoted.

To prevent this, declarer must be sure that the second trump lead also comes from dummy. After taking the ace of diamonds, he should cross to the queen of clubs and lead the four of spades. East wins with the king as South follows low.

Declarer is now fully prepared to cope with East's heart return. He ruffs with the jack, leads a spade to the ten, picking up West's nine, and takes the rest of the tricks.

If South proceeds in the prescribed fashion, the opponents are helpless. It is simply a matter of proper manipulation of the trump suit.

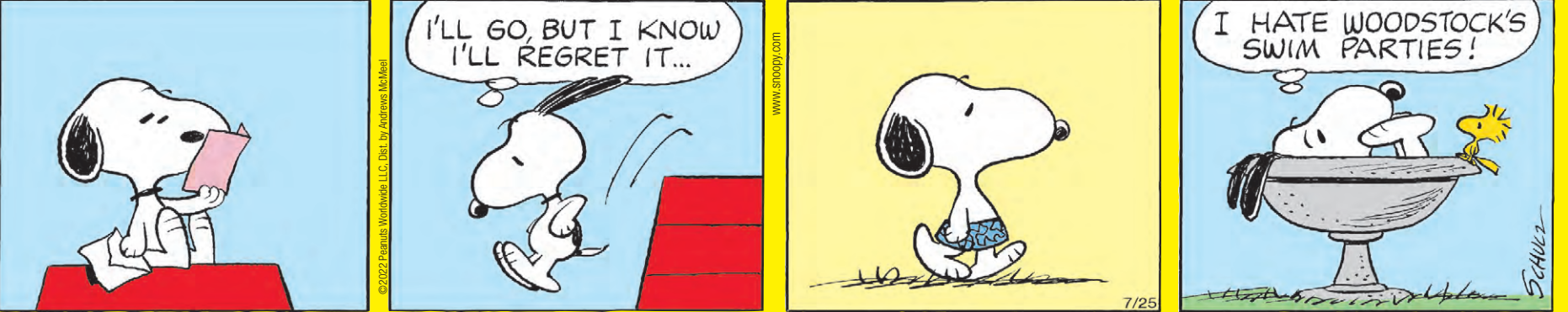
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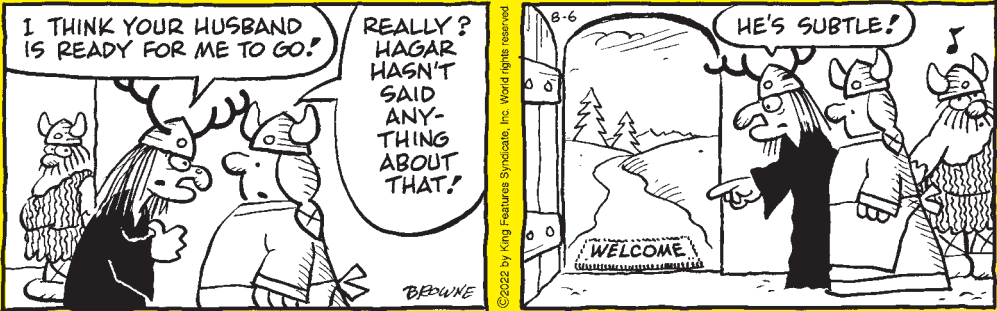
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Charles M. Schulz



Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



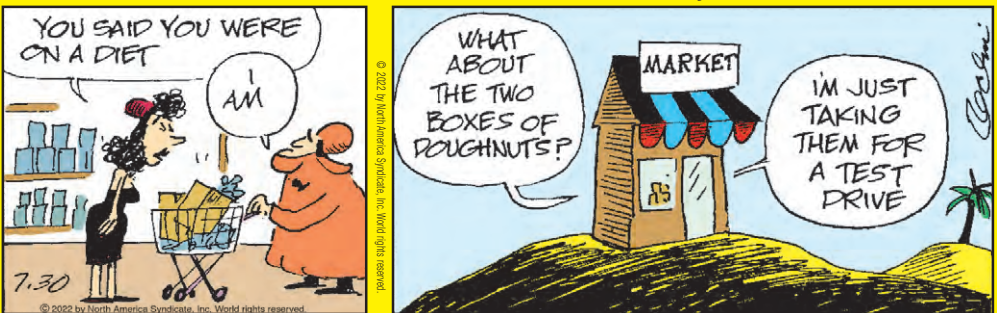
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Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



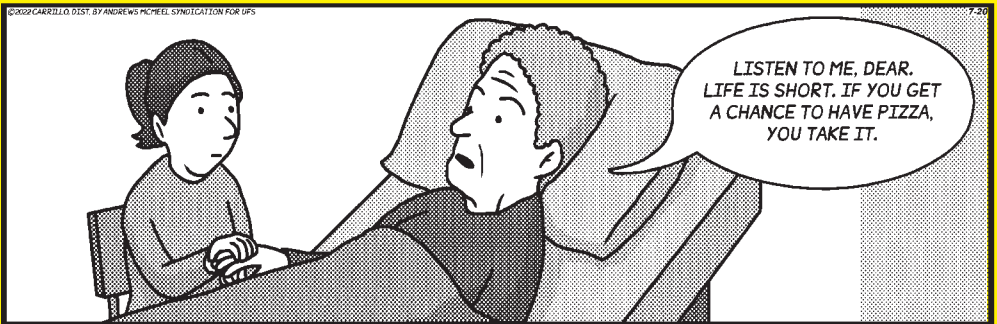
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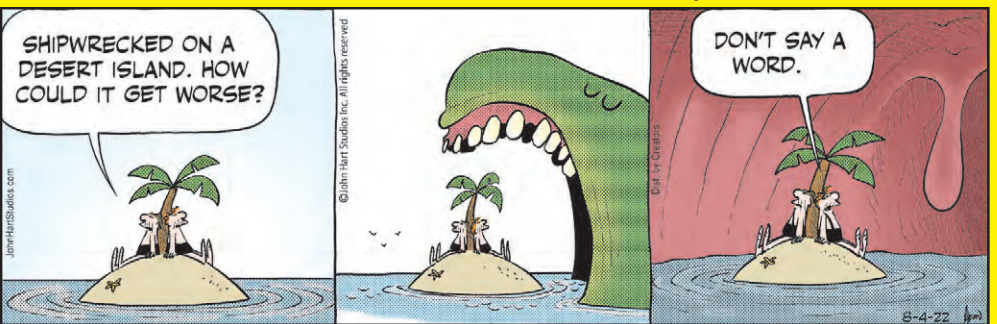
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B.C.

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Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



Reality Check

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Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



Close To Home

John McPherson



"While it's very nice of you to drink to your friends' health, you CANNOT claim your bar tab as a tax write-off, Mr. Gleeber"

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"I envy Marmaduke. He has no concept of Mondays."

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Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League's 12U teammates and coaches celebrate their state title under the scoreboard in Grand Rapids.

Title town: Farms-City 10U, 12U teams capture Little League state crowns

By Meg Leonard
 Associate Editor

To win a state championship at any age in Little League is a major accomplishment, but for a league to do it on the same day, twice? Well, that's just extra nice.

That winning scenario is exactly what happened for the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League, who took home two state championships on July 27 for its 10-and-under and 12-and-under tournament teams.

"The kids worked extremely hard and to see them rewarded with a state championship is very special," said 10U Head Coach Matt Agnone, who also is Farms-City's league president.

"It is a huge accomplishment to win two state championships in the same year. We are blessed with an incredible community that ded-



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS-CITY LITTLE LEAGUE

The 10U team from Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League defeated Taylor North 10-0 to bring home the state title.

icates countless hours toward making our Farms-City Little League so special."

Each team won the

right to compete at states after impressive runs at their respective district tournaments, with the 10U team losing only

once in pool play. Both squads entered the state tournaments with a lot of confidence but with nothing guaranteed, as

the 10U team played July 23-27 in West Branch, and the 12U team headed to Grand Rapids July 21-27.

10U

The 10U team took a championship mindset into their state tournament from first pitch, and never looked back.

The squad rolled through its first two games, beating Dexter 16-3 on July 22, then Traverse City 17-1 the next day, both in mercy wins.

On Sunday, the team lost a tough game 8-6 against Taylor North, despite out-hitting them 11 to five. Farms-City exited pool play with a 2-1 record as they turned their focus to what they came to West Branch for: the championship round.

Agnone said the team successfully shook off its pool play loss to Taylor

North, describing his team as "loose," but said that mentality worked for them and not against them.

"We can sometimes walk the line of being too loose, but when these guys are like that, they play well," he said. "It worked to our advantage."

The team made short order of the reigning 10U state champs Greater Bay, out of Bay City, with an efficient 9-0 shutout. Julian Wade pitched a gem through five innings, allowing no runs. Nico Brennan struck out Greater Bay's last batter to seal the win, while going 4 for 4 at the plate, with two singles and two doubles.

Wade, Carter Tourangeau and Brady Lamb also had key RBIs.

The team took on a talented Richmond squad

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Athlete of the Year voting ends soon

With time running out to vote in the inaugural Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year scholarship contest, readers have cast nearly 8,000 votes in support of their favorite male and female athletes from around the Pointes.

Voting ends at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4.

Athlete of the Year nominees include all athletes who were featured in the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week series during the 2021-22 school year. Four winners will be awarded Athlete of the Year honors, earning a scholarship worth \$500 each.

There are two methods

of making your vote count before time runs out, including:

Online at grossepointe-news.com/athlete, or by paper ballot. Drop off your completed ballot at the Grosse Pointe News offices, located in the Village at 16980 Kercheval. Ballots can also be photographed

and emailed to media@grossepointenews.com.

Make sure to follow the Grosse Pointe News on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and be on the lookout for an announcement regarding the winners of the Athlete of the Year scholarship contest on social media soon.

— Meg Leonard

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Liggett welcomes new athletic director

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

There is a new face at the helm of the athletic department at University Liggett School, but those in the community may already be familiar with the new man in charge. Last week, Liggett alum Leython Williams began his new position as the assistant head of school for athletics and ancillary programs, making

him the school's new director of athletics.

"I look forward to being able to connect with coaches, community members, families and faculty to give back to my alma mater," Williams said about taking on the new role. "I get to work with my passion and purpose around athletics and help give people the support they need to be the best version of themselves."

Williams graduated from Liggett in 2003, and was a three-sport varsity athlete playing football, basketball and running track for four years. He was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019. He played football at Central Michigan University as a linebacker from 2003 to 2008, and was part of two MAC conference championship teams.

Following college, Williams moved to Chicago and began his career in physical therapy. He spent three years as an affiliate physical therapist for the NFL's Chicago Bears and continued practicing physical therapy in Illinois and Michigan before taking on his new role at Liggett. Working with athletes from the high school level to the pros during his time as a physical therapist, Williams sees the change to the role of athletic director as a natural transition.

"Sports have always had a big impact on me and who I am," Williams said. "Even as a physical therapist, I served the communities I worked in through athletics."

The chance to serve as the head of the athletic department at his alma mater is a dream role for Williams. His time playing sports at

Liggett played a key role in his life and Williams looks forward to helping the next generation of student athletes find that same kind of passion.

"A lot of who I was and my belonging came through athletics," Williams said. "Coming to Liggett as a freshman, I didn't know anyone and wasn't very familiar with the culture at Liggett. I found my sense of belonging through sports. I was playing varsity football and was a starter, and the confidence I gained through that helped me academically. ... A lot of individuals are coming to school and finding belonging through athletics and we have the opportunity to take advantage of that and make sure we create the best atmosphere for learning and growth and development."

Williams takes pride in the experiences he had as a student and an athlete while at Liggett. Taking that pride and putting it back into the program to take Liggett's athletics to the next level is one of the biggest things Williams wants to accomplish in his new role.

At a school where the academic programs are widely revered as some of the best in the area, Williams wants to take the athletic department



COURTESY PHOTOS

Leython Williams has been named the assistant head of school for athletics and ancillary programs at University Liggett School. Williams graduated from Liggett in the class of 2003.

in the same direction and achieve a better balance of greatness in academics and athletics at Liggett. That goal, along with establishing a culture of learning and excellence through athletics, is how Williams wants to make an impact on the teams and student-athletes for the Knights.

"A culture that's not

just about winning, but having fun through sports," he said. "Sports mimic life and there's life lessons to be learned through sports. Those things can add value to your life and add value to others by lining up with them in sports and other activities. ... If we set the right culture, great things can happen."



During his four years as a student at Liggett, Williams was a three-sport varsity athlete playing football, basketball and running track.

Junior sailors take on the river

By Cindy Logan
Special Writer

On July 28 and 29, Opti, 420 and Laser sailers from Bayview Yacht Club, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Pontiac Yacht Club shifted their sails from Lake St. Clair to compete in Bayview Yacht Club's annual junior regatta.

Day 1 resulted in somewhat of a sailing alphabet soup as the 92 young sailors faced steady, heavy winds in rough, current-filled waters of the Detroit

River, making for an exciting day filled with fast and wet racing.

By the finish, the acronyms DNS (Did Not Start), DNF (Did Not Finish), DSQ (Disqualified) and OCS (On Course Side) muddled the scoresheets but, despite the capsizing setbacks, the young sailors, well-equipped with hiking skills, grit and determination, were able to navigate their way through the racecourses.

On Day 2, the racers were rewarded with near-perfect wind conditions and a sunny, blue sky, making for a spec-

tacular day of sailing.

"This was a challenging regatta for the kids as they had to manage sailing in the stiff winds and stiff current. Each one of them is a better sailor after this event," said Mike Cowan, director of Bayview Yacht Club's junior sailing program.

The racers returned to the river Aug. 1 and 2, when the Detroit Yacht Club hosted the final regatta of the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association's Junior Regatta Series.

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OPTIMIST - GREEN:

1ST: E l s a Wellenkotter (PYC)

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2ND: Graham Rebin & Teddy Gmeiner (DYC)

3RD: Liam Gilin & Brigitte Chan (PYC)

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2ND: Dane Greenwood & Miles Laker (PYC)

3RD: Ethan Gulati & Sophia Worden (PYC)

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3RD: Evan McNanney (CSYC)

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2ND: Nicole Torkos (PYC)

3RD: J a c o b Doll (PYC)

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a request from Sadina Real Estate LLC, to re-zone Parcel # 42 009 01 0001 000 at 17700 Vernier Road, also described as "LOT 1 OF "EASTLAND CENTER SUB. NO. 1", A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF PRIVATE CLAIM "FF", TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, CITY OF HARPER WOODS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 100 OF PLATS, PAGES 56&57, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS", from RS-1 Regional Shopping Center to C-1 General Business District.

The public hearing will be held in the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, 48225. The lot being requested to be re-zoned is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Kelly Rd. and M-102. An area map of the of the proposed parcel to be re-zoned is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interested parties who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office before August 24, 2022.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Harper Woods Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing regarding the same property, 17700 Vernier, on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to solicit public comments on the following proposed Special Land Use pursuant to Section 10-770 of the Harper Woods, Michigan Zoning Ordinance:

Proposed development of an automobile service station at 17700 Vernier Road. This property is also the subject of a rezoning request from RS-1 Regional Shopping Center to C-1 General Business District. Automobile service stations in C-1 require special land use approval per Section 10-643 of the Harper Woods, Michigan Zoning Ordinance.

The public hearing will be held in the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, 48225. Interested parties who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office before August 24, 2022.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ALAN KARCHER

Opti Green Fleet races in the Detroit River on day two of DRYA's junior regatta, hosted by Bayview Yacht Club

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in the semifinals, and walked away with a 6-3 win to send them to the championship game. Conrad Casby had great command on the mound for Farms-City, surrendering three runs on two hits over 3 and 2/3 innings and striking out two.

Brennan went 3 for 3, while Wade was 2 for 3 on the day.

On July 27, the day finally arrived for the game that mattered most: the championship versus Taylor North, the team that nipped Farms-City earlier in the week.

But pitcher Michael Agnone would have none of whatever Taylor North tried to throw at them. Instead, it was the Farms-City pitcher who was throwing the heat.

His stellar pitching set the tone, in tandem with outstanding defense, including two double plays in a 10-0 rout of Taylor North to capture the state title. Agnone put on a clinic, throwing a complete game shut-out, allowing five hits and zero runs over six innings, and striking out six with zero walks.

The team committed zero errors in the field.

“Our team defense was incredible behind Michael,” head coach Agnone said.

The team’s bats were alive too, as they raked in 11 hits, with Wade, Brennan, Tourangeau and Graham Farrell recording multiple hits on the day.

For coach Agnone, the team’s ability to maintain its composure paid off.

“(Assistant coach) Steve Wade gets credit for implementing and emphasizing composure on our team,” he said. “That is something we stressed from Day 1.

“These guys played for

each other. A lot of these kids have played together since they were seven years old and played a lot even during COVID. They have built camaraderie and good team chemistry.”

And with qualities like camaraderie and chemistry, the team can now add a new descriptor to its list – state champion.

The 10U 2022 state champions are Michael Agnone, Evric Arnold, Nico Brennan, Joey Butkus, Charlie Bunch, Conrad Casby, Graham Farrell, Will Kowal, Will Krall, Brady Lamb, Henry Schmitt, Carter Tourangeau and Julian Wade. The team’s head coach is Matt Agnone. Assistant coaches are Steve Wade and Scott Casby.

12U

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City 12U baseball team came into this year’s state tournament with some revenge on its mind and a championship as its goal.

The team accomplished everything it set out to do and then some, outscoring opponents 42-7, avenging last summer’s heartbreaking extra-innings state finals loss to Commerce and topping 2021 state champs, Taylor North, to win it all.

“The kids had so much fun, it was an absolute blast to be a part of this,” said Farms-City 12U Head Coach Terry Brennan.

“To watch the boys celebrate makes everything worth it.”

Full of confidence and a line-up of big hitters, the team cruised through pool play with a 3-0 record. The team started by beating Dexter 5-3 and continued its roll, mowing down Southern (Grand Rapids) 12-0 and Midland 12-1.

The team then made short order of its first round championship

opponent, Traverse City, 6-0.

On Tuesday, the team finally got its shot at revenge in the semifinals against Commerce, and this time they didn’t miss.

Farms-City took home a 7-3 victory over last year’s 11U state champions, thanks to a rock-solid pitching performance for 4 and 2/3 innings by Henry Danielewicz and closer Ethan Morgan, who slammed the door shut on any thought of a Commerce comeback.

Farms-City got off to a quick 2-0 start, but Commerce tied it in the bottom of the first 2-2.

The score stayed that way until Brady Cooper smacked a solo home run in the third to put Farms-City back up 3-2. Commerce responded with a solo homer in the bottom of the fifth to close the gap 5-3.

Red-hot hitter Tommy Brennan, who went 11 for 15 in the tournament, singled before Dylan Phillips hit a 2-run homer to send Farms-City up for good by a 7-3 score.

“It was so good to get that bad taste out of our mouths from last year, especially in a year that is even more special as a 12-year-old,” Brennan said.

Wednesday night’s championship game finally arrived, bringing the match-up Farms-City against Taylor North, the league that produced last year’s World Series champions.

Key hits and outstanding pitching from Cole Wortman led Farms-City to a 4-3 win to capture the state championship.

Taylor North got things started when leadoff hitter Kole Boike hit a bomb to put his team up 1-0. Boike also hit another home run later in the game.

Even with the game sitting at 3-3 in the top of



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS-CITY LITTLE LEAGUE

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League 12U team celebrates with the state championship trophy after defeating Taylor North 4-3 in the title game.

the fourth, Brennan sensed his team would pull off a victory. He also said that no moment was too big for anyone on his roster.

“We took the same approach for every game, against every team,” he said. “We didn’t get flustered, even with the leadoff home run.”

Cole Wortman’s steady presence on the mound helped lead the way for Farms-City, as he punched five strikeouts and allowed only three runs through 5 and 2/3 innings. In the bottom of the fifth, Wortman also knocked in the game-winning RBI, which broke the late 3-3 tie.

Tommy Brennan went 2-for-3 with one RBI, while Merritt Huebner and Brady Cooper

knocked in a run each.

Farms-City advances to the Great Lakes regional tournament on Aug. 6-10 in Whitestown, Ind. Game 1 is Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. against Team Indiana. All games will be on ESPN+, or streamed live on Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League’s Facebook page.

With a regional championship, the team would move on to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Penn., Aug. 17-28.

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City team includes Jack Babcock, Tommy Brennan, Brady Cooper, Henry Danielewicz, Henry Getz, Merritt Huebner, Ethan Morgan, Alex Nicholson, Dylan Phillips, Cole Wortman and Cayden Wortman.

The team is coached by Terry Brennan and assistant coach Joel Danielewicz.

The 10U state title win over Taylor North was the third in history for the nearly 70-year-old Farms-City program, which also brought home the hardware in 2002 and 2007 and finished as 10U state runner-ups in 2019. The league has also won an 11-and-under crown and captured its fourth 12U state championship this year.

Along with Grosse Pointe Park Little League, the program is a large feeder of baseball talent to Grosse Pointe South, a program that has eight Final Four appearances and won its most recent of two state championships in 2018.



Left: The new 12U state champions from Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League storm the field after getting the last out to secure the title against Taylor North July 27.

Right: Grosse Pointe Farms-City teammates flash the four signal after their semifinal win against Commerce, which avenged last year’s state final loss to the same squad as 11-year-olds.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JACK LEONARD AND KRISTIN MORGAN

GROSSE POINTE SUMMER SWIMMING

Get set, go!



Swimmers from the Woods, Shores, Park, City and Farms swim teams dive into the pool ready to swim hard at their final swim meet of the summer.



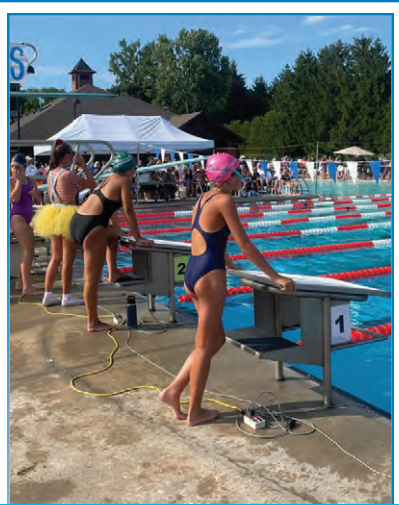
The calm before the storm – The Neff Park pool is still as swimmers, friends, and family crowd the pool in anticipation for the start of the Lakefront Swimming Association Championships on July 29th.



The hosts of the Lakefront Finals, the City of Grosse Pointe Norbs, hung encouraging banners from their diving board to support their swimmers at the Neff park pool.



The Grosse Pointe Farms coaches show off their Minion t-shirts in support of their finals theme.



Swimmers prepare to take the starting blocks with excitement at the finals meet.

Park Mutants take home gold at Lakefront finals meet

By Clare Ramsdell and Grace Cueter

On July 29 at Neff Park, the summer swim season came to an end for all six teams in the Lakefront Swimming Association, but only one emerged as victor.

The Grosse Pointe Park Mutants took top spot with 381 points. Closely behind the Mutants were the Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks with 336 points, followed by the Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors with 312 points. In fourth place were the Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas with 305 points, and the final meet hosts, the City of Grosse Pointe Norbs, came in fifth place with 214 points.

In Finals, each team brings a collection of swimmers to race in any of 61 events. Competitors aimed to win points for themselves and their team with multiple swimmers reaching personal best times and breaking long-held association records.

Mutants Head Coach, Jackson Jogan, says the level of excitement he and his team felt after winning was an indescribable feeling. The team celebrated their win with piz-

za, dancing and basketball, followed by an awards banquet with trophies and paper plate awards for each of the swimmers.

“The feeling of winning the finals is really unbelievable,” Jogan said. “It’s such a mix of excitement from winning and having the kids happy combined with the relief of getting through the championship meet successfully.”

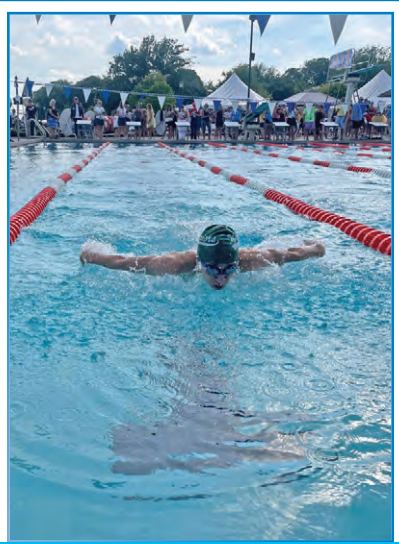
The team has been preparing for the finals meet all summer. Working on strokes, starts, turns and racing throughout the season certainly gave them the ability to win, however Jogan said the team’s willingness to go the extra mile and help each other out was the true strength that allowed them to walk away with a victory.

“Everyone comes in a good mood to swim and listens to each other and the coaches,” Jogan said. “The camaraderie is really unmatched on our team and we all feel like one big family. It’s really more than a swim team and we have a huge community culture built up on the Mutants.”

Check out the detailed meet results at grossepointe-news.com.



A Grosse Pointe Woods swim team member turns to swim his last 25 meters in the boys’ medley relay.



A Grosse Pointe Woods Warrior comes up for air while competing in the 50 meter butterfly event at Neff Park during the Lakefront finals meet.



A Shores swim team member wears his team pride with painted shark teeth along with the phrase “Eat My Bubbles!” on his back to show off his competitive spirit at finals.



Swimmers take their position on the starting blocks as they await the sound of the horn to signal the start of their event.



Swimmers competing in the Lakefront Swimming Association Finals dive into the pool for the start of their event at the sound of the horn.



Friends and family gather to watch and cheer on swimmers on the bleachers set up on the Neff Park pool deck.



Grosse Pointe Woods Warrior coaches wear green and pink dyed t-shirts in support of their team during finals at Neff Park.



Swimmers race their hearts out in the 50 meter breaststroke event at the Lakefront Finals.



Swimmers line up on the starting blocks as the crowd quietly for them to dive at the sound of the horn.



And they’re off! Swimmers in the finals meet launch themselves into the water at the start of their event.



The Grosse Pointe Park Mutants smile in their Mario Kart costumes as they cheer on their racers from the sidelines.

We tried it! Sports edition

By Anna Lizer

Every year for the past few, I've been eyeing stand up paddle boards. They seem so peaceful and like a pretty good workout. They aren't cheap, though, and how often would I be able to use it?

This year was the year to go for it. We booked a cottage on the water up north, so the time was right because renting for a week was practically the same as purchasing one.

The board I went for is sort of a beginner board, if you will: the Body Glove Performer 11' inflatable stand up paddle board.

It comes with everything you need – the board, the backpack to keep it in, both electric and hand pumps, a repair bag and even a cell phone dry bag. All you will need is a life jacket and a little bit of balance.

Pumping up the board was actually really easy. It plugs right into your car lighter and takes less than five minutes to inflate. It's surprisingly light, too, so carrying it out to the dock, beach or wherever you are planning to launch is much less of a big deal than I expected. The paddle is adjustable, so you can make it whatever length

you prefer.

If you haven't ever been paddle boarding, it takes a few minutes to get your bearings and balance, but it's a great sport for anyone. It's pretty low impact and it's also a great opportunity to chat with a paddle boarding buddy as you glide along.

Unless you are hardcore, paddle boarding in calm waters is a much more pleasant experience. Also, pay attention to the wind and current – leisurely paddling one direction could turn into a bit of a struggle if you are upwind and against the current on the way back.

Paddle boarding is becoming such a popular activity and it's easy to see why. It's enjoyable and it's a pretty good workout. If you are casually paddling, you can burn about twice the amount of calories as a casual paced walk, about 300-400 calories in an hour. It's fun for the entire family and anyone can do it. Even your dog can come along for the ride!

I recommend you go for it, and pick up a stand-up paddle board today. Great Lakes Surf in St. Clair Shores has a great selection and a lot of expertise, as well as lessons. Call (586) 359-6951, or visit the store at 23517 Nine Mack Drive, in St Clair Shores.



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