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Park Foundation funds relief valve

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A \$130,000 donation to buy key components of a sewer relief valve fast-tracks the city's effort to protect residents from basement flooding during

heavy rains. "A year ago, when flooding started, we felt it was important to be a part of the solution," said Shery Cotton, president of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

She announced the donation during a special

meeting of the Park city council Monday, Aug. 22.

"I've lived here for 31 years and I've been with the foundation about 10 or 11 years," Cotton said. "This has been the most that we have worked together with the city council for a project of

this kind."

"Tonight is true testimony to what can happen when we are working in collaboration, when we're a community that comes together to address challenges professionally and civilly, and with a mission mind-

set," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "That's how we get stuff done."

The donation pays for the manufacture of a sluice gate and back-flow prevention device collectively called an extreme emergency relief valve.

"This action allows us

to overcome some of the very long lead times for purchase of this equipment and will allow us to get this in place much sooner than otherwise," Hodges said.

The valve, by defini-

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Civic lot forthcoming

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Having failed to convincingly advocate leaving a grass lot beside city hall undeveloped as a children's play site, a neighbor presented to city officials last week a concept drawing of the roughly 140-by-160-foot property transformed in-

to a brick and paver-topped, park bench and planter-ornamented garden with four groups of closely packed maple trees surrounding a central, circular planter.

What little potential play area remains is relegated to greenspace in the outer quadrants, all of which abut sidewalks

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Football entertaining at its finest! See Section C

Bike lanes, condos, more debated in Farms

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — With a final report on the entirety of the Farms master plan public engagement process anticipated to go live at gpf masterplan2022.com by the end of the week, its comment map and survey closed to responses in early August.

Alongside the major focuses — what should be done at the Mack and Moross intersection and with greenspace at the corner; incorporating more experience-based

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Taking flight

Reland Moore paints a peacock during The Village's annual Paint the Windows contest, which took place the afternoon of Aug. 18. The theme this year was "Things with Wings." Find more photos from Paint the Windows on page 8A.

389 sold without bidding re-opened

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

A late development to the sale of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's former administrative building at 389 St. Clair emerged during the past week, as Trustee Ahmed Ismail submitted a resolution to the board's Aug. 22 meeting to re-open bidding on the site.

Ismail's resolution failed in a 4-1 vote, with Ismail voting for it and President Joseph Herd, Vice President Margaret Weertz, Treasurer Colleen Worden and Trustee Christopher Lee voting against it. A subsequent resolution, which passed along the same margins, ratified the purchase agreement between the district

and Condo Detroit LLC. Ismail voted against the purchase agreement while Herd, Weertz, Worden and Lee voted for it.

Secretary Lisa Papas and Trustee David Brumbaugh were not in attendance at the meeting.

Another deal surfaces

At the Aug. 8 Board of Education meeting, Condo Detroit LLC's \$1 million purchase agreement of 389 St. Clair was set to be passed without contention. Condo Detroit owner Brain Giles was the only developer of those who originally turned in a proposal to purchase the property who still expressed interest in solidifying a deal with the district.

Following Curtis Building Co.'s

default in its agreement to purchase the building in late May, Giles stepped in to express willingness to purchase the property for terms comparable to Curtis' original proposal, while also honoring the zoning and site plans that were already reviewed and approved by the City of Grosse Pointe City Council. The district agreed to Condo Detroit's offer, which led to terms being executed July 15, and a public presentation given by Giles at the Aug. 8 board meeting.

During the same period in which Condo Detroit expressed continued interest in the project, another developer — 389 Acquisitions LLC

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Suzy Lincoln

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Pickleball coming to Elworthy

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The demand for pickleball is high throughout the Pointes and particularly in the City, where the only option to play has been at The Neighborhood Club.

Beginning Oct. 1, the City will open its two platform tennis courts at Elworthy Field to pickleball as well, for those with valid memberships.

"We're not eliminating platform tennis," Parks and Recreation Coordinator Rebecca Jenzen clarified. "We're just adding the pickleball lines to the platform tennis courts."

Running Oct. 1 through April 30, members can reserve up to a 90-minute time block per day. Whenever there is not a reservation, the courts will be first come, first served.

"I do anticipate there being a signifi-

cant increase," Jenzen said regarding membership. "However, I know that pickleball tends to be a spring and summer sport, whereas platform tennis is a fall and winter sport."

In conjunction with the expanded use, the membership fee will increase from an annual \$150 to \$175, as a way for the City to balance the anticipated cost of now needing to resurface the courts every two to three years. The increased wear and tear pickleball will bring to the surface of the courts was cited as the reason it has not been allowed until now.

The platform tennis seasonal membership application may be found on the city website, grossepointecity.org.

— Laurel Kraus



Members can take to the Elworthy Field platform tennis courts to play pickleball starting Oct. 1.

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Foundation buys police shields

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A two-part donation to the city this week totals \$160,000 for security equipment everyone hopes will never have to be used.

One, a \$130,000 gift from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, is for modifications to the storm water sewer system to protect against basement backups during heavy rains. The donation is covered separately.

The second is \$30,000 from the foundation to buy hand-held, bullet-proof shields for the public safety department.

Donors and recipients see the value of shields but cringe at the circumstances under which they'd be employed.

"Our law enforcement team will be well-equipped to handle any emergency that hopefully never comes our way," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "Hopefully this is the classic, 'Because we have the umbrella, it's not going to rain.'"

Officers could use the shields as protection when, among other things, rushing an armed assailant in a classroom.

"We all want to make sure our law enforcement team is equipped to keep

our school children safe," Hodges said.

Foundation Trustee Mark Farnen, a member of the Park public safety committee, recommended the donation.

"Understanding what's been going on around the country in terms of mass shootings and so on, when the chief (Bryan Jarrell) asked for help from the foundation at a public safety committee meeting, we thought it was a great idea," Farnen said.

"It was another project we feel strongly we should help with because we all want the same thing — we all want to be safe and have a good place to live," said Shery Cotton, foundation president.

Each shield weighs nearly 30 pounds, according to Jarrell, hired in May last year as director of public safety.

"They have a large viewport and have a light on the outside that can be used to distract," he said. "They're rifle rated, so you can hit them with an AR-15 or whatever and it's not going to hurt it."

"If we need them, we have them," said Councilman Martin McMillan, a member of the public safety committee. "The chief is forward-thinking. He comes up with things that make us the best police force and the foundation comes through again and again."

Cotton is the mother of Grosse Pointe News owner Sean Cotton.

Need more rain, but not too much

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— The weather forecast last Saturday that threatened to wash out the Woodward Dream Cruise would have made Patrick Droze's day if storm clouds lent a decent burst to Grosse Pointe Park.

Scant rain continues thwarting the efforts of Droze and fellow engineers to confirm mathematical models, by their nature theoretical, of how

proposed changes to the Park's stormwater sewer system will enhance flow and reduce the risk of backups into basements.

Flooding happened twice last summer during storms.

"To date, the majority of rain events have been relatively light," said Droze, project manager with OHM Advisors, the city's consulting engineers.

"We want at least a half inch or greater to see how the sewers respond," added Nancy Russell, an

OHM engineer. "We're just not getting there."

Total accumulation in the city from June through last week totals more than 6 inches. But, not enough fell at one time to test theory with real-world results.

"We've had a lot of small events," Russell said.

"We have a model based on what we think is typical throughout the city," Droze said.

"We need to see the

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tion, is intended to be used in rare, extreme instances.

It is designed to divert runoff from the municipal storm sewer system directly into Lake St. Clair off Patterson Park rather than risk backups into basements.

Flooding happened twice in the Park and other eastside communities during big rains in June and July 2021. Officials of the Great Lakes Water Authority, which operates the region's storm sewers, claimed immunity

because the downpours exceeded the system's design capacity. Lawyers representing flood victims dispute that.

"Hopefully, we never have another problem (with flooding)," said Barbara Detwiler, foundation treasurer and former Park city council member. "But if we do, we want to alleviate our residents from sewer backups in basements and the destruction of all their property. We're very, very pleased to be able to do this for our community and to help our residents."

"To have mission-minded partners (and) to help really advance this

community is something to truly be saluted and honored," Hodges told foundation members in attendance. "We look to do that every step we can and continue to be in partnership. Thank you, very much."

Cotton is the mother of Grosse Pointe News owner Sean Cotton.

Affirmation

The donation endorsed not only the valve's design and promise, but also its advocates at city hall.

"We are so pleased (Councilman) Max (Wiener) came and spoke with us," Cotton said. "He gave us a real feeling of confidence that this project would be successful. (City Manager) Nick (Sizeland) and everybody's been great."

"The foundation's mis-

sion is quality of life, so they reached out to the city to see how they could be helpful," said Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee, an engineer and one of city hall's most energetic advocates of the relief valve. "We explained our intentions and showed them a coherent action plan. We are extraordinarily lucky to have the philanthropic community that we do and we are extraordinarily grateful."

The foundation, a non-profit public charity to which contributions are tax-deductible, was established in 1984.

Foundation projects are usually amenities, such as the Patterson Park boardwalk, the fitness center and movie theaters at Windmill Pointe Park, a splash pad and tennis courts.

"For the foundation to assist us with a sewer project is truly amazing to me," Sizeland said. "I couldn't be more thankful."

Hodges told foundation members, "What also makes you all so incredibly special is you are that most special giver — you just give to give. You don't give for any acknowledgement, you don't give for any recognition, you don't give for benefit except for, I've got to assume, in your heart knowing that you believe in this community, you believe in us and you just want it to be better."

Placing the order

All parts for the valve system are expected to cost a combined \$400,000, according to Wiener.

The mechanism, new sewer pipes and construction costs are forecast to cost around \$2 million, according to Sizeland.

Park officials and the city's consulting engineers meet regularly with state environmental regulators, who must grant the city a permit to install the relief valve and diverts flow into the lake.

Park officials are so anxious for flood protection and certain a relief

valve is the answer that they intend to use the private donation to buy the sluice gate and back-flow preventer prior to learning if the state will grant a permit.

If a permit is denied, the parts can be used for flood control by modifying part of the Detroit River interceptor, an up to 12-foot diameter pipe under Jefferson into Detroit, according to Park officials.

"The sluice gate and back-flow preventer are the two biggest components with the longest manufacturing lead times," Wiener said. "We were told somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 to 26 weeks. Earlier, it was 30-plus weeks. Everything else is much more manageable, about 1 1/2 months."

"We wanted to order parts with the longest lead times first," Sizeland said.

"I was hesitant about putting out (municipal) funds for the valve before getting permitting," said Councilman Tom Caulfield, head of the finance committee. "However, we know that if we don't get a permit, the equipment can be used elsewhere."

The foundation's \$30,000 donation for public safety shields is covered separately.

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Pickleball, fishing rodeo, fireworks at End of Summer Bash

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — As seemingly the favorite leisure sport of the summer in the Pointes, pickleball is a new feature of this year's End of Summer Bash Saturday, Sept. 3, at Pier Park.

An adult pickleball tournament with beginner, intermediate and advanced divisions kicks off at 10 a.m., using one of the park's tennis courts that was converted into two pickleball courts this season.

With a \$10 participation fee, advanced registration is required and can be done online at parks.grossepointe-farms.org or by calling the parks office at (313) 343-2405.

"We're looking forward to hosting that and potentially hosting a pickleball tournament maybe once every month



The End of Summer Bash runs all day Saturday, Sept. 3, at Pier Park.

moving forward or into next year," Director of Parks and Recreation Chris Galatis said, "so (we're) trying to gauge the interest in that."

As always, the day's festivities begin with check-in for the annual fishing rodeo at 8 a.m. The actual event runs from 9 to 10:30 a.m., leading into the pickleball tournament and a

full day of activities, bookending with fireworks at dusk. This is the second year the annual fireworks have moved from Fourth of July weekend to the End of Summer Bash.

"We have activities going on really all day long," Galatis said, "stuff for both kids and adults." Kids activities, running from noon to 3 p.m., are

face painting, bounce houses and a petting zoo. Magic shows take place at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., while a cornhole tournament kicks off at 2 p.m.

For entertainment, the Steve Floyd Trio Band plays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and the Mixx Band takes the stage from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

The Pier Houz concession stand will be joined by a Batter Up Waffle Company food truck on site from noon to 7 p.m., as well as an Atwater beer, wine and seltzer tent from noon to 9:30 p.m.

"There's just really something for everybody," Galatis said, adding the pool also will be open. "... It'll be kind of the last weekend for the pool because of Labor Day coming up and just a good way for parents and kids and families to stay home and have something to do at their



COURTESY PHOTOS

This is the second year the annual Farms fireworks were moved from Fourth of July weekend to the End of Summer Bash.

park." admittance to Pier Park will be limited to two guests per valid 2022 all Labor Day weekend, Farms park pass.

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along Jefferson Avenue and Lakepointe or the main driveway to city hall, public safety headquarters and the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch.

The rendering negates preserving a playground.

Recreation space and natural vistas were among a series of preferred sentimental uses for which the designer, Susan Mazur, and her husband advocated after Park officials agreed to develop the land into a 50-space parking lot to support patrons of a 400-seat performing arts center due for construction on the other side of city hall.

Mazur volunteered her drawing to members of the Downtown Development Authority during their meeting Aug. 16.

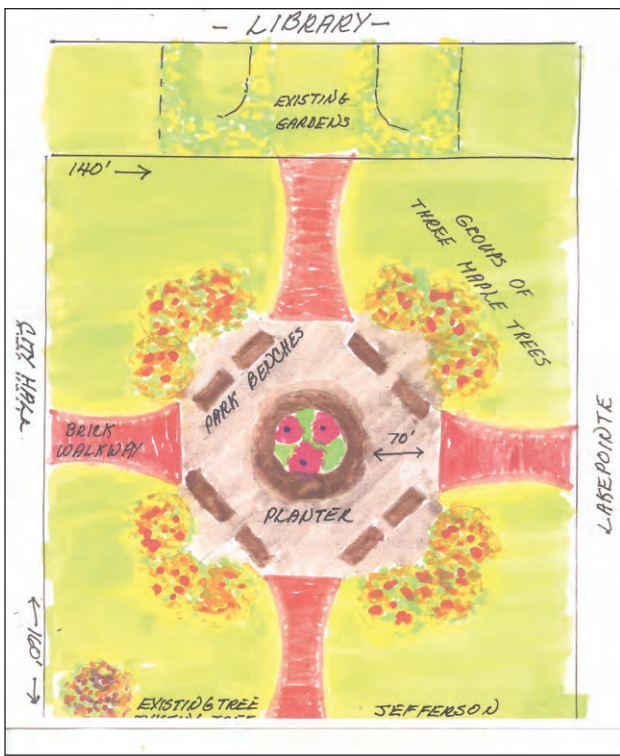
"Ms. Mazur, I was so impressed by the rendering you did," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "That's the discussion we need to have, how can that be incorporated into the overall campus plan."

DDA Chairman Zack Assaf noted discussion of the parking lot appeared puzzlingly on the meeting agenda as unfinished business despite the idea being a done deal, as spelled out in a memo of understanding, or MOU, between the city and backers of the arts center.

"This originally, I don't think was going to be put on (the agenda) as unfinished business because the MOU's already been signed," Assaf said.

"The MOU is a contract," said Erica Shell, assistant city attorney. "The contract has already been signed. Once you sign it, you have signed it. If the parties mutually desire to change it, they can always amend a contract if they agree that they both want to."

According to the authority's meeting minutes for Dec. 8, 2021, a memo of understanding between the city and Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation, or URIF — the group privately funding the arts center — describes giving the city \$200,000 to build the lot, which becomes the city's responsibility to main-



RENDERING BY SUSAN MAZUR

Instead of simple greenspace or, at the other end of the spectrum, a curb-to-curb parking lot, Grosse Pointe Park resident Susan Mazur proposes an undeveloped lot next to her condominium on Jefferson near city hall be developed into a garden.

◆ "The DDA agrees to ... construction of, at the DDA's expense and pursuant to the DDA's design, a surface parking lot for approximately 50 parking spaces between the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch and Jefferson";

◆ "The lot shall be owned and maintained by the DDA and/or the City" and

◆ "The DDA's obligations are contingent on the donation to the DDA of \$200,000 by (the) URIF, which donation is to occur upon the issuance of all necessary municipal approvals for the parking lot."

"Because there's been a lot of misunderstanding about the history of this going back a couple years," Assaf said, "I was happy to see that (City Manager) Nick (Sizeland), as acting director of the DDA, took it upon himself to put some history together because there's a lot of misunderstanding and misinformation about the history of the lot, which some call greenspace or a park, going back years to when it was a car dealership."

The lot has been zoned for commercial purposes from before the time of the dealership until the city bought it and announced it was being kept for whatever business-related develop-

ment suited the community best.

The distinction is something Mazur admitted prior to the meeting.

She said she and her husband didn't consider the lot's zoning status when buying a condominium across Lakepointe. The condos themselves have parking lots to the north and east. A commercial lot is south across four-lane Jefferson, one of the busiest arteries on the east-side.

"When the (arts) center is built, there will be demand for parking," Sizeland said.

He said he was unable to arrange parking facilities on the south side of Jefferson closer to the arts center.

"One of the challenges we face, along with the other Grosse Pointe communities, is we abut county roads, Mack Avenue and Jefferson," Sizeland said. "For any work we were to commence within Jefferson, we have to get permit approval from the county. They are not keen to have a crossing on Jefferson."

The MOU requires approximately 50 parking spaces, leaving wiggle room.

"We can work with our engineers and architects to see if there are creative ways of this lot allowing 50 spaces while

creating more greenspace," Sizeland said.

"That's why the RFP (request for proposals) is on the agenda, to discuss the next step, to look at the entire campus and look at it holistically," said Board Member Jaime Rae Turnbull, referring to the board seeking bids not to exceed \$5,000 for designers to conceptualize a more attractive and accessible civic campus.

Turnbull also is spokeswoman for the arts center, which is located within the DDA district.

"We have a lot of opportunities to be creative so long as the MOU is enforced," she said.

"Maybe we can see a case where there's permit parking in that lot on certain days to relieve congestion on the street," Sizeland said. "We're in the infancy of exploring opportunities."

"We have guiding documents," Hodges said. "The purpose of them is to help us at moments like this when there is disagreement or uncertainty on the part of some. We're going to have something we can be very proud of as a community. In the end, we'll all see that. Therefore, we have to fulfill this responsibility we have that's governed by these guiding documents. Because it was done collaboratively and in the spirit of good governance, you've got to get on board with it."

"The expensive parking lot will soon start to deteriorate and look like every other crummy parking lot," Mazur wrote to the DDA and others. "Up and down Jefferson and Lakeshore, from (Park) city hall to the (Edsel & Eleanor) Ford House (in the Shores), everything is green and beautiful."

Mazur left out parking lots along Jefferson:

◆ in the Park at Barrington, Pemberton, her condo where a section of Beaconsfield used to be, Nottingham and Somerset;

◆ in the City at Cadieux, Notre Dame, Neff and Rivard;

◆ in the Farms at Berkshire Place, across from Elm Court and at the foot of Moross and

◆ three lots in the Shores at Vernier.

Liggett alum holding Nautical Mile art show

ST. CLAIR SHORES — Detroit native and University Liggett School grad Todd Moulton will exhibit his work during the month of September at The Gallery at the Anchor Building, a new event space at Trader Todd's Marina, 24030 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

The show is titled "Where It All Began — Paintings by Detroit Native Josh Moulton." It kicks off with an opening reception 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, or by appointment.

Moulton was inducted as just the fifth honoree into Liggett's Alumni Arts Hall of Fame in 2019, becoming the first male and first painter to be so honored.

He has owned his own

Chicago since 2011, but returns to the area every few months to visit family and deliver commissioned artwork. He receives requests from real estate agents to paint portraits of houses to give new buyers as closing gifts, as well as from residents who want to commemorate their home.

"People in Grosse Pointe love their homes, their cars, their boats," Moulton told the Grosse Pointe News in 2019 for a story about his career. "And Grosse Pointe is known for its houses. To capture them as paintings is something they'll cherish forever. ... They can pass these down to their children and grandchildren; they'll stay in the family forever."

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Setback stalls, but doesn't deter, Pointer's worldly goal

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There's a pretty good chance while driving through Grosse Pointe, you'll catch a glimpse of Suzy Lincoln riding her bike.

Getting out is a no-brainer this time of year, but even winter is no match for the Grosse Pointe Farms resident and her wheels.

"As long as the roads are dry, if it's 25 degrees or up, if you have the right clothing," the cold is bearable, she said. "I bought heated mittens; those do make a difference."

Not one to just sit around, Lincoln began riding daily after falling in love with the practice during a trip to the Italian Alps.

"My cousin in Colorado was going on bike trips to Europe," she recalled. "I said, 'If you go again, I'd like to do that.' That was my first (bike) trip to the Italian Alps. I went with a friend. When I came home, I kept riding."

Since then, the world-traveler — who's been to Europe, Africa, South America and Costa Rica, among other destinations — also has been on bike trips to Chile and Slovenia.

Lincoln got so much enjoyment from riding, it got her mental wheels spinning.

"The odometer on my bike said 14,000 miles," she said. "When you're riding along, you think about a lot of things, because there's nothing else to do. I started to wonder how many miles it is to go around the



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Suzy Lincoln logs miles on her bicycle every day, rain or shine.

world. It's almost 25,000. That's a fun goal I'm going to try to reach."

Currently Lincoln has logged approximately 21,300 miles — around 3,600 shy of her goal of 24,901 miles.

"About 20,000 of those miles are from right here in Grosse Pointe," she said. "... I try to average 10 miles a day, sometimes more, sometimes not. I'm usually out for an hour, hour and a half when the weather's nice."

Weather was not a factor when she was sidelined after a spill in April. "I swooned," she said.

"I was cruising down Kerby and the next thing I knew, the police were there asking, 'Ma'am, are

you OK?' I think I was lucky. I had pelvic fractures in three places and a broken sacrum."

A battery of tests revealed no neurological or cardiological causes, so Lincoln believes dehydration may have led to the spill. After two and a half months — "It was no weight bearing on one leg at all" — she hopped back on her Trek Hybrid performance bike and since early July has been pedaling once again.

Keeping fit is nothing new to Lincoln, who grew up in Indian Village before moving to Grosse Pointe at age 10. While attending Grosse Pointe University School, she was a diver and dabbled in gymnastics.

"I guess I'm blessed with good genes," she said. "I certainly break the rules, but I do have a good diet. I have energy. I don't just sit around."

After high school, Lincoln attended the University of Michigan, where she majored in classical humanities, taking classes like mythology, history, literature, philosophy and drama on the way to earning a degree in Classical Greek.

"I love language," she said. "I designed my own major, classical humanities. ... It required three years of classical Greek language. I took Latin, some French, some German. It seemed interesting to me. I never had any intention of doing anything with it. Those were the days where you just get an education to get an education."

After graduating, she got married and had two children. Though her marriage didn't last, her pursuit of education did. After teaching school a few years, she became a student once again and earned a master's degree in social work.

"I've been practicing that ever since," she said. "I was with Macomb County Mental Health; I retired from there. I'm in private practice now (through Henry Ford Health). I'm not taking on new clients. I work 10 to 15 hours a week. I do it from home and I love doing it."

Her children, both graduates of Grosse Pointe South High School, live out of state. Her daughter is a CPA in Connecticut and her son,

an investigative journalist in Washington, D.C.

She has three grandchildren, who may have inherited her love of travel and adventures.

"When they graduate from high school, I let them pick a trip to go anywhere in the world — if it's somewhere I want to go," Lincoln said. "Three years ago, my first grandson wanted to go to Africa, so I went with him and my son and a friend. My second grandson wanted to go Tokyo, but that's not for me, so he picked Africa, too. We were supposed to go last year, but with COVID and travel restrictions, we didn't. Now we hope to

go this Christmas. My granddaughter will graduate high school this year. I don't know where she'll pick."

When she's not jet-setting or racking up miles on her bike, Lincoln busies herself with projects at home. While she enjoys hobbies such as gardening, cooking for friends and walking her dog, Ruby, she also has developed a love for tile-work. Her creativity can be spotted throughout her home, including the kitchen, bathroom, fireplace, staircase and various tables.

"I did some art fairs,

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Tilework, as seen on her staircase, is among Lincoln's other pastimes.

RAIN:

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dynamics in real life to check that validation," Russell said.

"Ironically, what we don't have right now is what we had too much of

last year," said Nick Sizeland, Park city manager.

During a big storm in June 2021, runoff that normally flows through sewers from the eastside into Detroit backed into thousands of basements, including roughly 3,000 of

around 4,200 properties in the Park. Lesser flooding occurred during a smaller storm in July.

Blame hasn't been determined.

Lawyers representing flood victims in what are expected to be consolidated into a class action suit don't take seriously a denial of responsibility by the region's stormwater handlers, the Great Lakes Water Authority.

The authority's consultants issued a report June 20 this year that despite system failures and shortcomings, flooding was inevitable because rainfall exceeded the service area's design maximum.

"We haven't seen

enough rain to validate the models we've been working on," Sizeland said. "Our engineers have been working with (the state environmental department) to figure out other ways to rework the modeling to derive other information from the flow of water throughout the city."

"If we have a rainstorm, the timeline would accelerate," said Park Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee, which is focused on sewer improvements. "Right now, we're waiting for a good rainstorm to evaluate the model. In parallel, we're doing a different structure of modeling."



COURTESY PHOTO

An example of one of Moulton's pieces.

SHOW:

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The show will feature paintings of freighters, yachts, houses, Detroit landmarks and scenes from Mackinac Island. Signed prints and original paintings will be available for sale.

Trader Todd's Marina, owned by Todd Hayes

and his wife, Virginia Carstarphen, is in its second year of hosting art shows. The couple own a restaurant in Chicago that goes by the same name, and Carstarphen, who has a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Art Institute of Chicago, came to know Moulton through the Windy City's arts community.

— Ted O'Neil

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City of Grosse Pointe

Drunken speeder

While pulled over for speeding 58 mph on Mack at 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19, a 25-year-old Harrison Township man was found to be intoxicated and arrested.

Fickle thief

After being stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of Rivard overnight Friday, Aug. 19, a tan purse was recovered on Jefferson. Nothing else was missing from the vehicle, nor anything of value from the purse.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Cracking under pressure

A man in the process of stealing five bottles of liquor from a business in the 100 block of Kercheval had trouble finding the exit door and began screaming before leaving successfully with the bottles in his bag at 7:02 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15.

Matching the description of a man who committed retail fraud from the same business Aug. 9, the suspect is a 30- to 40-year-old white male with dark hair and wearing a gray shirt and black pants.

Hallucinogenic mushrooms

A 59-year-old New Haven man was arrested for possession of hallucinogenic mushrooms after being reported for flailing his arms in a seizure-like manner from the driver's seat of a vehicle parked on La Belle at 7:59 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16.

The man informed officers he was not having a seizure and was alert enough to provide his name, birthday and the date. He said the mushrooms were recreational and also admitted to using other items in the vehicle such as pipes for crack cocaine and a scale for marijuana.

Chargers targeted

The 400 block of Fisher was hit with two vehicle break-ins Friday, Aug. 19.

First reported was the theft of a white 2018 Dodge Charger. Investigation led to the discovery of another Dodge Charger up the road that had its rear window broken out and the driver's door left ajar.

No shoes, no service

A 46-year-old Detroit man was cited for trespassing and retail fraud after walking around a business at Mack and Moross without shoes and while stealing and eating \$15.60 worth of items off the shelves at 7:34 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

The Farms department has had 23 prior police contacts with the man, who has a mental illness.

Suspended spree

Between Friday, Aug.

19, and Sunday, Aug. 21, Farms officers cited six drivers for driving while license suspended. Most were noticed because of expired plates.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny arrests

Five larcenies from unlocked parked vehicles were reported last week in the Park.

They are believed to be among similar thefts reported in neighboring City of Grosse Pointe, an officer from which arrested two suspects.

Both are homeless men from Detroit. One is 46, the other 38.

"Identifying the first suspect led to the arrest of the 38-year-old, who was seen on surveillance video using a credit card stolen in a Park larceny from auto," a Park detective said. "Felony charges are being sought for both."

The type of crimes for which they are suspected in the Park include:

- ◆ A Ricoh digital camera and \$5 in change taken between 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, and 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, in the 1100 block of Maryland;

- ◆ \$20 in change taken between 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, in the 1000 block of Buckingham;

- ◆ \$2 in change taken early morning Monday, Aug. 15, in the 1400 block of Beaconsfield and

- ◆ a total of more than

\$20 in change taken in two incidents around 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, in the 800 block of Pemberton.

"(Doorbell video) showed an unknown suspect on a bicycle entering unlocked vehicles in the area," according to police.

Rams statue

A drunken driver hit the statue within the roundabout at Kercheval and Wayburn shortly before 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, according to police.

Officers arrested a 54-year-old Detroit man on additional charges of resisting and obstructing police.

Checked out

Someone stole a black, 2016 Raleigh Cruiser bicycle locked to a rack at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, across the parking lot from city hall and public safety headquarters in the 15000 block of East Jefferson, at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Garage B&Es

A black Cannondale bicycle was reported stolen from an open garage overnight Monday, Aug. 15, in the 1100 block of Three Mile. Police were told the crime of opportunity happened between midnight and 7 a.m.

A bolder theft occurred in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield between 1:40 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, and 11:15 a.m. the next day. An unknown suspect pried open the door of a detached garage and stole a Homelite blower,

Landworks auger, Makita jigsaw, Riobi chainsaw and Dewalt table saw.

Helmet damaged

At 4:32 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, a vandal carved what police described as explicit words into the plastic face shield of a helmet a moped operator left with the vehicle in the parking lot of Windmill Pointe Park.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Wrong number

A resident reported around 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, she met a man in Detroit going by the name of "DeAngelo" to sell him an iPhone 12 she listed on Facebook Marketplace.

The man gave her \$700, which she did not know was counterfeit until she tried to deposit it at her credit union. The

credit union confiscated the fake money and advised her to file a police report.

The suspect is described as a black male, 25 to 35 years old, with loose braids.

Oil is not well

A clerk at the Mobil gas station, 20700 Mack, told officers a white male wearing a black hoodie and red shorts entered the station around 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, and bought a vape pen. He then grabbed two quarts of oil and asked if it could be used in a Subaru.

When the clerk said it could, the man ran out with the oil and left in a maroon Subaru. The quarts were valued at \$12.71 each.

Bike bandit

A resident in the 20000 block of Bern Court told officers two bikes were stolen from his closed but unlocked garage between 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, and 7:30 a.m. the next morn-

ing. The man said a woman came to look at a table he listed on Facebook Marketplace the evening of Aug. 18, while her male companion waited outside. It is unknown if he took the bikes.

The man was instructed to give Ring footage and serial numbers for the bikes to detectives and also monitor Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist to see if they are listed for sale.

Pricey pancakes

A woman told officers around 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, her purse was stolen from her vehicle while it was parked in front of The Original Pancake House, 20273 Mack.

The \$200 purse contained \$7 in quarters and a pair of prescription sunglasses. There was no sign of forced entry to the vehicle.

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

LINCOLN:

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but it got to be pretty labor intensive," she said. "Now I do it mostly for friends."

Right now, though, her focus is on reaching her goal of bicycling around

the world. To keep her moving, Lincoln set a deadline to achieve it.

"I'll be 80 in November," she said. "I want to complete that while I'm 80."

"... Once I do that, then I'll hang the bike up," she added. "Well, maybe. ... We'll see."

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OUR VIEW

The next race is on

As many readers know, 10 residents have filed to run for three open seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

We were a bit surprised more people did not file to run, given there were 18 candidates in 2020, but kudos to those who did throw their hat in the ring.

In alphabetical order, those running are William Broman, Terence Collins, Sean Cotton, Clint Derringer, Je Donna Dinges, Joseph Herd, Virginia Jeup, Tim Klepp, Christopher Lee and Valarie St. John.

(Editor's note: Cotton owns the Grosse Pointe News, but stepped away from his role as publisher last month, meaning he has no involvement in the day-to-day operations of the newsroom or editorial decisions.)

Herd and Lee are both running for re-election. Herd currently serves as board president, winning in 2020, to fill the remaining two years of an unexpired term after being appointed in January of that year when Brian Summerfield stepped down.

Board Treasurer Margaret Weertz, finishing her second four-year term, decided not to run again. She told the Grosse Pointe News she believes people should only serve two terms on the board in order to get "new blood" involved. She also said she is endorsing Herd, Lee and Derringer.

It is interesting to note that none of the unsuccessful candidates from two years ago are running this time around, especially those who finished just a few hundred votes out of contention.

Because the school board seats are staggered so the entire slate is not up for re-election at any one time, current board members David Brumbaugh, Ahmed Ismail, Lisa Papas and Colleen Worden will remain in office until 2024.

Unlike partisan races, there is no primary election for school board seats. Candidates file in late July and the top three vote-getters in November's general election will be declared the winners.

Guessing who those winners will be is as unpredictable as an unprepared student filling in random bubbles on a Scantron sheet, especially given the fact that two incumbents — Kathleen M.M. Abke and Cindy Pangborn — were defeated in 2020.

Candidate yard signs are popping up, events are being held and endorsements are being sought. The Grosse Pointe Education Association, the official name of the teachers union, has endorsed Derringer, Klepp and St. John. More endorsements probably are forthcoming and a scan of social media shows some posters who prefer a Collins/Cotton/Jeup combination.

It does not go unnoticed that neither incum-



COURTESY PHOTO

Pure Grosse Pointe

Our thanks to Meghan Zeldes, who sent in this photo she snapped of the sun rising over Lake St. Clair the morning of Aug. 10, at Moran and Lakeshore. We are truly blessed to behold such glorious sunrises in our lakeside community.

OUR VIEW

School board leaving money on the table?

Shocked. Dismayed. Bewildered. Those are just some of our reactions after the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted Monday, Aug. 22, to not consider an offer 40 percent higher for the district's former administration building at 389 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

As it stands now, the district has agreed to sell the property and building to Condo Detroit LLC for \$1 million, with an as yet unspecified closing date.

Local businessman Raymond Pitera, however, told the board he was ready to offer \$1.4 million cash with a closing date no later than 60 days out.

(Editor's note: Pitera told the board he previously worked for Meridian Health, which was founded by the family of Grosse Pointe News owner Sean Cotton. Cotton, one of 10 candidates running for school board, stepped down as publisher of the paper last month, meaning he has no involvement in the day-to-day operations of the newsroom or editorial decisions.)

Condo Detroit gave the district a down payment of \$25,000, with closing contingent on approval from the city regarding site plan timing.

Pitera, on the other hand, gave the district an earnest money check for \$100,000, a letter from his bank stating he has the \$1.4 million in liquid cash and an offer to close in 30 to 60 days with no contingencies.

Seems like a no-brainer, doesn't it?

For something that's been an albatross around the district's neck for nearly three years, we're surprised the board rejected a resolution to reopen bidding and consider other offers. Pitera, who was limited to the three min-

utes allotted each speaker during public comments, said he would be happy to meet with each board member individually or give a more detailed presentation at a future board meeting.

Curtis Building Co. originally offered to buy 389 St. Clair for \$1 million in November 2019. After a lengthy rezoning process with the city, the company failed to meet a May 30 deadline. The district then contacted Condo Detroit, which also originally bid on the property, and the deal was struck, with the new developer agreeing to adhere to approved plans to convert the building into 18 apartments and build eight townhomes.

We also find it troublesome the district did not seek a new appraisal, instead settling for the original \$1 million.

Trustee Ahmed Ismail, who made the motion to reopen bidding, said the board should take 30 days and accept bids based on 2022 property values. We agree.

That motion failed 4-1, with Ismail the only vote in favor. The motion to accept Condo Detroit's offer passed 4-1, with Ismail the lone nay vote.

In light of the higher offer, we are pleased to see the district take steps to protect itself if Condo Detroit tries to resell the property for a profit. The agreement with Condo Detroit was modified to split 389 St. Clair into two \$500,000 entities, those being the building and the rear parking lot. If Condo Detroit were to sell the building for more than \$500,000, the district would receive the difference.

That said, it would have been more responsible had the board considered the higher offer, both as a good business practice and a fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers.

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bernt garnered the support of the GPEA.

For our part, we've reached out to all of the candidates to schedule interviews and have a list of questions we'll be asking each of them. We'll detail that information in our special election preview Sept. 22.

We've also sent a short questionnaire to each candidate, asking about their education, professional lives, how long they've lived in the Pointes and what they think are the top three priorities the school board should address.

Responses have run the gamut, including enrollment decline, the budget, curriculum decisions and the impact the board's response to COVID had on the district and students.

In the interim, we'll continue to cover the political landscape of the race, including what endorsements candidates receive from various organizations, campaign finance reports, candidate comments and more.

Check in with us each Thursday as you mull over who your top three choices will be.

Increased visibility

To the Editor:

Many thanks for the excellent piece you did on EyesOn Design at Ford House in your June 16 issue.

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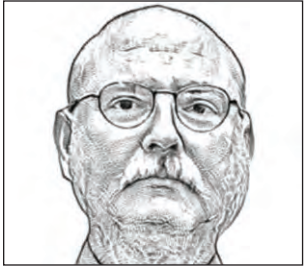
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I SAY By Ted O'Neil



Smells like teen spirit

baking in the oven.

But how's this for odd? It also happens to me with the smell of newsprint. As the paper is printed and mailed to our subscribers, several bundles are delivered to our office so they are on hand for walk-in sales and also for record-keeping purposes.

The smell of a single copy of a newspaper has an unmistakable smell if you hold it close enough to your nose, but several hundred copies in a small room can be overwhelming.

Each week when I walk in to grab a paper, I'm transported back to 1980.

While working my way toward Eagle Scout, I badly wanted to attend the 1981 National Boy Scout Jamboree in Virginia. My dad had passed away in December

1979, so money was a little tight and my mom made a deal with me — if I could do something to make half the money to attend, she'd pay the other half. I first considered cutting lawns and shoveling snow, but I didn't like doing those chores at my own house, let alone the specter of doing it over and over at other people's houses.

A few of my friends had Detroit News paper routes, so I decided to give that a try. It was the better option compared to the Free Press for two reasons. The Freep was early morning delivery seven days a week, whereas The News was an afternoon paper on weekdays and only required getting up early on weekends. On top of that, the Free Press, which my dad referred to

as the Red Press, was not allowed in our house. Delivering it would have been to dishonor his memory.

The paper station for our area was located on Harper about halfway between 11 Mile and Martin. The smell of newsprint was so ingrained in the building's cinder block walls and wooden benches that it permeated the air, even if that day's papers hadn't arrived.

It was a great experience in customer service and responsibility for a kid not yet in high school. Bills had to be paid on Thursdays and if you didn't pay up, the manager wouldn't give you your papers. No cash, money orders only. So that meant opening my first bank account. Customers paid on

Wednesdays and the only way to make money was through tips, as the paper itself didn't pay a dime to carriers. That meant the better service you provided, the better the tips. Being on time, remembering special instructions for placement, keeping papers dry, etc.

My route ended up being on a street named Florence, a couple blocks west of Jefferson, from Martin to 11 Mile. A bonus was that it included an apartment building on 11 Mile, so I could knock out about a quarter of my customers in one stop.

My uncle, my dad's younger brother, was kind enough to buy me what everyone generically referred to as a "paperboy bike." They were yellow with a heavy duty body, thicker than normal tires for getting

through the snow and chopper-style handlebars to strap your bag full of papers to. A flat grate over the back fender let you use saddle bags on days the paper was extra thick. If you owned one of those, you were part of the "in crowd" at the paper station.

The smell when the paper gets delivered brings those memories and more flooding back as if it were just yesterday. Things like meeting up with other paperboys at Variety Donuts on Harper for hot chocolate on winter weekend mornings or helping your buddy on the next street over finish his route if you got done first.

So take a few minutes to stop and smell the roses, a favorite food or freshly cut grass and take a trip down memory lane.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1947

75 years ago this week

RECORD SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SEEN:

The largest enrollment in the history of the Grosse Pointe Schools is anticipated when schools open for pupils Sept. 4. The Board of Education staff estimates that approximately 5,300 pupils will be in attendance the first semester. This is an increase of nearly 200

over the September 1946 enrollment.

1972

50 years ago this week

FARMS DUCKS STRIP RULING:

Deciding that the Lakeshore issue was "too emotional," the Farms Council tabled proposed legislation to govern the Lakeshore strip at its regular council meeting. The tabling came as a

surprise to the residents who attended the meeting, as it was billed as the public hearing to consider two new ordinances which would regulate the lake frontage.

OFFICER HELPS YOUNG SAILORS:

There must be no such thing as an off-duty police officer. Take, for example, an incident at the Farms Pier Aug. 15. A 14-foot SL 140 sailboat had capsized in Lake St. Clair between the Pier and Crescent Sail Yacht Club. Before the on-duty Farms policeman, Patrolman Samuel

Cardella, was dispatched to the scene, an off-duty officer, Sgt. Arnold Parsons, was already in his boat and coming to the aid of the disabled boat. The sergeant's son, Blair, assisted in the rescue as he had been with his father relaxing at the Pier.

1997

25 years ago this week

WOODS MAN RETURNS TO CANOEING WITH GUSTO:

Once a paddler,

always a paddler. That's the description that fits Grosse Pointe Woods insurance man Ed Lazar perfectly. Lazar gave up competitive canoe racing when he was 17 and stayed out of the sport for 21 years, but when a friend renewed his interest two years ago, Lazar jumped back into the sport. Now, he and teammate Al Duckworth of Battle Creek are ranked fourth in the Masters division team standings going into the third and final race of the marathon triple crown series — La Classique in northern Quebec.

2012

10 years ago this week

CITY MOVE ON HOLD:

A notice at Grosse Pointe Shores city hall announcing the meeting of the Move to Macomb Committee was removed after the mayor thanked and disbanded the group. A majority of Shores council also didn't support the committee's unanimous recommendation to ask voters in the November election if they want to switch jurisdictions from Wayne to Macomb.



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Pointers planning charity golf outing

The second annual Thunderbolt Charity Golf Classic is slated for Monday, Sept. 12, at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Money raised will go toward building a student aviation education center at the Selfridge Military Air Museum, which is located

onsite. Grosse Pointers Bill Harrington, Erik Greer, Rod Luzi, Marty McMillan and Joe Surmont are part of the committee planning the event, with Harrington and former Grosse Pointer Dan Cronin serving as chairmen. Brig. Gen. Rolf Mammen, com-

mander of the 127th Wing at Selfridge, also is a Grosse Pointe resident.

Cost for the four-man scramble is \$100. A shotgun start is scheduled for 10 a.m., but golfers are asked to arrive between 7 and 8 a.m. to receive security clearance in order to enter the base.

Documents to bring include a driver license, Social Security card, vehicle registration and proof of insurance. Registration is open through Wednesday, Sept. 7.

The day includes a continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, a beverage cart, 50/50 raffle and dinner, as well as

hole-in-one and closest to the pin contests. Aircraft flyovers will be held throughout the day as pilots train.

Last year's event drew 125 golfers and registration is capped at 144 participants.

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Paint projects

The Village in the City of Grosse Pointe hosted the annual Paint the Windows contest Thursday, Aug. 18. This year included an all-ages category so families could paint together, as well as a category for adults who wanted to paint too. The theme this year was "Things with Wings."

Above, Lilou Hull painted a fairy rescuing a submarine from distress. Right, Lucy Wehrmann stands by her window painting at Jos. A. Clothiers.



Left, Mike Hackett, Meredith Hackett and Logan Hackett participated in the all-ages family category and painted what Logan referred to as a "Sunny Meadow." Below, Isabel Groustra painted a dragon.



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businesses into The Hill; and expanding program-

ming and offerings at Pier Park — Farms residents brought forward a number of other topics for the city to consider as it continues through its

master plan update process.

In conjunction with the most popular comment on the map telling the city to, "Figure it out and fix

the damn seawall already," a number of comments receiving significantly polar responses are in favor of bike and walking paths along the Lakeshore seawall.

Split nearly evenly down the middle with likes and dislikes is a comment stating, "I second the comment for desperately needed bike lanes in GPF. It is embarrassing that we do not have any. The sidewalks are in no way adequate or comparable. We have an opportunity to have a wonderful walking/bike path along the planned new break wall. Something like the Detroit Riverwalk would reduce pedestrian accidents on Lakeshore — and I'm sure please property owners as well. I would use a path like this every day if it were created."

The debate carries over onto Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kercheval, as well. The comments in favor of added bike lanes suggest the roads are uniquely wide enough to

accommodate them.

Other commenters wonder what will become of the greenspace at the corner of Moross and Chalfonte, suggesting a retention basin and a small park.

The city purchased that property at 352 Chalfonte in August 2019, and last year announced plans to build a stormwater pump station there as part of its upcoming efforts to separate the sewer system north of Moross.

Also suggested to be taken into consideration in conjunction is the Moross and Chalfonte intersection, which multiple commenters cited as unsafe for pedestrians to cross.

"This is a very dangerous intersection," one such comment reads. "Motorists frequently speed through yellow lights and even red lights to rush to the Mack/Moross intersection. It is unsafe for pedestrians to cross all ways and it is difficult for residents living on Moross to get in

(and) out of their property."

While two commenters suggested building condos where the Country Club of Detroit currently sits, the consensus appears to disfavor the idea.

"City opportunity to purchase, subdivide and sell to contractors to develop low income, rent-controlled housing," the more detailed comment reads. "This would solve the GP school district's declining enrollment problem."

In total, 13 people liked the two comments while 81 disliked them.

Among the many other discussion topics are thoughts of moving the public safety building closer to Mack; and a number of residents in favor of a comment stating, "Don't change zoning to allow cannabis in GPF."

Look for coverage on the master plan public engagement comprehensive report in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

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Village continues meter to pay station transition

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Within a couple years, parking meters may become only a memory in The Village.

With Kroger at 16919 Kercheval having recently announced intentions of resurfacing its parking lot — the plans include restriping the spaces to make them each one foot, four inches wider — last Monday's council meeting saw members approve a \$94,710 purchase of three Luke II pay stations to replace the current metered system.

While Kroger owns the lot, the City operates and enforces it, collecting the parking revenue and therefore shouldering the financial burden of the new pay equipment.

The stations mirror those placed first in Lot 6 in 2014, and then more recently in lots 2 and 3, when their gated systems were replaced.

“(Lot 6) was a small lot, so it was a good place to test it,” City Manager Pete Dame said. “As with anything, there's always some early adjustment, but (in) Lot 6, people got accustomed to it, and so the idea was to try it in lots 2 and 3. It has been very successful there, as well, after some initial



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The parking meters in the Kroger lot, as well as the lot behind CVS, are scheduled to be replaced with pay stations.

adjustment period.”

With the Kroger lot considered Lot 1, and the Notre Dame parking garage considered Lot 5, the only remaining city-operated lot in The Village is Lot 4, behind CVS.

Come spring — and in anticipation of an upcoming development in the open green space beside it — the City plans to pair reconstruction of Lot 4 with its transition from meters to pay stations.

“I suspect that Kroger will not build it this fall either,” Dame said of its lot improvements, “but

we haven't heard for sure.”

The next step? Exploring the removal and replacement of meters for the on-street parking along Kercheval.

“If people grow to full acceptance of it,” Dame said, it is considered a medium-term goal and a couple years away.

“The idea was to get everybody accustomed to them in all the parking lots first before we tackle Kercheval,” he added, noting replacement of on-street meters is significantly more expensive

because of the need to lay wires underground between all the pay stations, which makes it more logical to transition when the sidewalks will already be torn up for other future projects.

The acceptance, or any lack thereof, aims to be especially telling in the Kroger lot as it is the highest turnover parking lot in The Village.

Public Services Director Pete Randazzo called the transition to pay stations “a game changer” for parking enforcement personnel,

who no longer will need to collect from, track adherence to and provide maintenance for the significant number of individual meters. Those in The Village were purchased roughly 15 years ago and have an approximate lifespan of 10 years, making the upkeep needs intensive and time consuming.

On the other hand, perhaps the most significant pushback against the removal of parking meters is in regard to the City's aging demographic, who could struggle

with a parking app or to learn to operate the pay stations.

In response, Dame emphasized the ability to continue using coins in the pay stations.

“If anybody has a problem, our people will be happy to go out and show them how to use it,” he said. “Once they get a short tutorial, everyone agrees how easy it is to use. You can still put your quarters in your pay stations. It's just a different machine than a meter.”

As what was once known as Lot 7 was sold to property owners along Fisher, Lot 8 exists at Rivard and Mack as the final city-operated lot.

“Because not enough people park there to make it worthwhile,” Dame explained, the City has no current intentions of removing the metered system in Lot 8. In fact, the plan is to replace any broken meters there with those in good shape that are taken from the Kroger lot.

As for the on-street parking meters along Mack, “There's not enough of them to put pay stations up there,” Dame said.

The City's meters, as well as its current and on-the-way pay stations, also are compatible with the Passport Parking app.

Arrestee suspected in up to 100 thefts from unlocked vehicles

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY AND PARK — A pair of AirPods and a country concert contributed to the arrest of a 46-year-old homeless man believed to be responsible for many of the 100 larceny from autos between the City and Park in the last 90 days.

Billy Stultz was arraigned before Judge Russell Ethridge Monday, after being tied to various thefts from vehicles late last week: 12 in the area of Lakeland and University Friday evening and one Wednesday on Pemberton in the Park. Officers also are waiting on results of a warrant to connect an additional three Thursday night Rivard thefts to the man as well.

Among the stolen items were a Thule backpack and AirPods, the location of which were successfully tracked to the area of St. Antoine and Lafayette, at the suggestion of Officer Jarod Jones, by pinging off the crowd of iPhone users who were downtown for



Billy Stultz

the Kenny Chesney concert.

While following the location Saturday, Detective Sgt. Joe Adams spotted a man carrying the stolen Thule backpack. The man said he had just been handed the bag by Stultz, who took off running when he was pointed out.

The witness also reported Stultz told him, “he goes out every night in Grosse Pointe and gets Gucci bags, gym shoes, gift cards.”

As is more often than not the case in the Pointes, each of the vehicles Stultz stole from last week were unlocked.

“I've been here for 22

years and I've been taking the same reports for 22 years, because people do not lock their cars,” Adams said. “So lock your car. Lock your car. Lock your car.”

Stultz is charged with second-degree home invasion — using the garage opener from an unlocked vehicle, he entered a Lakeland attached garage and removed a bike — larceny from a motor vehicle, stealing a financial transaction device, resisting and obstructing a police officer, two counts of larceny of more than \$200 but less than \$1,000, and larceny less than \$200.

Because Stultz is a habitual offender with at least five felonies on record since 2004, the charges are punishable by up to life imprisonment.

Detectives believe he may be responsible for up to 100 thefts from vehicles in recent months based on his modus operandi — all unlocked cars, all in the same areas, only stealing small items that can be easily sold — and the fact he can be tied to at least one theft in the Park.

“He passed over a lot of

big things,” Adams said. “He dumped out a bag and it was all identification stuff that could have really ruined this guy's life, but he dumped it because they're not looking for that. They're looking for quick scores, stuff

that they can sell.”

It will be telling, Adams said, whether much of the crime ceases now that Stultz is in custody.

While the court determined a \$250,000 cash surety bond, it was noted the homeless suspect has

no ability to place bond.

A second suspect, a 38-year-old homeless man suspected to be working in conjunction with Stultz, also was arrested Monday morning and turned over to the Park's department.

Routine fire code update

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A unanimous city council this month adopted updates to the municipal fire ordinance to comport with the latest version of the International Fire Code.

“This ordinance has been drafted to incorporate all future updates and revisions so we won't have to bring it back to you again,” Bryan Jarrell, director of public safety, told city council Aug. 15.

“Thank you,” said Councilman Tom

Caulfield, glad to streamline the process. “I like that,” Mayor Michelle Hodges agreed.

The 2021 International Fire Code goes hand-in-hand with other provisions in the Park.

“We adopted the International Council of Building Codes,” Jarrell said. “Any time you use the International Council of Codes — their building, plumbing, electrical, fire codes and everything — they're all developed in concert.”

Some of the new fire

provisions are, according to the American National Standards Institute:

◆ revisions to emergency responder communications to reflect their expansion beyond radio systems and

◆ flame propagation performance of permanently installed artificial combustible vegetation on roofs or in close proximity to buildings is required to be verified when surpassing certain heights.

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Fundraising underway for Kerby playground

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

A fundraiser for a new playground is well underway at Kerby Elementary School, following a district pattern recently set by Richard Elementary School, whose PTO wrapped up its own playground fundraising project in fall 2021. The effort at Kerby is similarly being organized by its PTO, with Kerby PTO President Jessica Safadi and PTO Volunteer Chair Melissa Palepu taking critical roles in the project.

Safadi said although some parts of the Kerby playground can still be used, the PTO felt compelled to help fundraise for new equipment because of numerous safety hazards in the current setup. “The Kerby playground has not been updated or redone in over 30 years,” Safadi said. “A couple of the pieces are malfunctioning, so we want to update and renew it for the community.”

The group’s goal for the playground replacement is to see *KERBY*, page 11A

Dillon Webb and Sarah Fredrick of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean’s List at Saginaw Valley State University for the 2022 spring semester.

City of Grosse Pointe resident Chase Clark earned a Bachelor of Science degree in neurobiology and Grosse Pointe Shores resident Isabella Gallant earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics, both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Letters and Science.

Tufts University student Charles Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Park graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree

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Chase Clark

in classics and was named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester.

Isabella Cubba of Grosse Pointe Park



Isabella Gallant

earned Dean’s List honors for the spring 2022 semester at Emerson College.

Grosse Pointe Park residents Hannah



Olivia Stricker

Lemanski, Raegan Rybicki and Olivia Stricker have been named to the Dean’s Academic Honor List at Baylor University for the spring 2022 semester.

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— approached the district with a plan to purchase the property.

389 Acquisition’s proposal was not discussed outside of the board’s closed session meetings, so Ismail’s resolution is what allowed the public to know of the company’s offer. Its proposal offered \$400,000 more for the building than Condo Detroit and included fewer contingencies that could inhibit the sale of the building.

Ismail, in his written resolution to the board, said he felt compelled to submit a motion because he believed the board was not allowing a holistic evaluation of the offers for the building.

“Clearly, the value of 389 has increased since the original offer of \$1 million was accepted in 2019,” Ismail said. “In fact, the recent cash offer of \$1.4 million indicated that the school board would be breaching its fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers by not seeking and vet-

ting bids based on current real estate values.”

His motion provided terms on which the board voted to put the building’s sale out to bid again, with those bids then being presented to the board for consideration at its Sept. 12 meeting and for a vote at its Sept. 26 meeting.

Ismail’s suggestion would have allowed 389 Acquisitions — as well as any other interested developer — to provide a proposal for the board’s consideration with a level of detail more akin to that of Condo Detroit’s.

Of the four board members who eventually voted against Ismail’s motion, Weertz and Worden most vocally opposed it. Their objections centered around 389 Acquisition’s perceived lack of communication with neighbors of the building and the City of Grosse Pointe. They claimed this would likely result in a deal causing animosity toward the district among residents of St. Clair and Notre Dame.

Worden also specifi-

cally addressed Ismail’s claim that the board was neglecting its fiduciary responsibility.

“We have a bidder who has offered us good money and (who is) willing to go along with the same exact project that the first bidder went through, which means that we know we have the city’s approval (and) blessing,” Worden said. “Fiduciary duty doesn’t mean that we have to accept the highest bidder. It means that we are supposed to act in the best interest of our school district. It’s my belief — based upon the knowledge we have about what (Giles) is going to be doing with the property (and) that the city (has) given its blessing — we are absolutely acting as fiduciaries.”

GPPSS Superintendent Jon Dean confirmed later — after a conversation with City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Peter Dame — no one from 389 Acquisitions talked with the city about its proposal to redevelop the building site.

Ismail pushed back on

the idea that a significant component of the board’s responsibility is to assure the City is pleased with the proposed plans for the building.

“While I understand cooperating with the City on coming up with a use they like, we are walking a fine line between that and usurping the responsibilities of the City of Grosse Pointe council members,” Ismail said. “Mr. Giles could very well say that he’s decided to change his mind on (this) project after we close (on it) for a million dollars. There’s nothing handcuffing him to produce the project that the city (has) approved to date. Once we’ve closed on the property, it’s up to that developer to do what (they want) to do with that property in concert with the city.”

Another motivation

Throughout the meeting, much of the opposition to Ismail’s proposal was characterized by uncertainty of what the owner of 389 Acquisitions, Raymond

Pitera, would do if his company had the opportunity to purchase the former district administration building.

Weertz and Worden both said they felt uncomfortable selling to a buyer who had not already spoken with the City of Grosse Pointe about its intentions for redevelopment of the property. And Herd said he was satisfied with selling to Condo Detroit — 389 Acquisition’s competing purchaser — because of the company’s history as a credible historic building developer.

Pitera said while he does not know why the board did not agree to allow him and other developers more time to present their proposals to the board, he thinks it may be connected to the board’s concern about any district building being sold and subsequently opened as a charter school.

“I know that (there have been conversations about a) charter school (opening in the community),” Pitera said, “and so I could kind of see why they might think I wanted to start charter school, but I specifically was not going to open a charter school. I’m currently a trustee on the board of the University Liggett School. My (child) goes there, so I’m not interested in (that).”

From information provided in Ismail’s motion, Pitera emailed members of the board July 19, to advise them that, if the building was purchased by his company, it would not be converted into a charter school.

Pitera specified in an interview separate from his comments at the meeting that for the first floor of the building, he had preliminary conversations about bringing in a nonprofit focused on developments with disabled children and young adults, and for the second floor of the building,

he had potential tenants for office space.

Moving forward

According to Ismail, following Pitera’s offer, the district administration, with its legal counsel, reworked the contract for the sale of the building to include contingencies that would de-incentivize any buyer of the building from reselling it.

Dean explained this contractual mechanism during the meeting, saying to achieve this goal, the property will be split into two parts. The lot containing the physical building, in contrast with the lot containing the parking lot bordering Notre Dame, will be sold with a contingency that if it is resold for more than \$500,000, the difference in the purchase price paid to the district and the resale price will be repaid to the district.

With this contingency in place, Dean said the likelihood of Condo Detroit following through with the plan approved by the City is higher.

“(In) the offer that we received a couple of weeks ago (from 389 Acquisitions), there was nothing other than a follow-up email clarifying (that the building) could not be used for one certain purpose, so there was no question about (the building’s) use,” Dean said. “And now we’re deep into how (Giles is) going to use it. I think that’s a decent place to be.”

With the board voting to agree to Condo Detroit’s acquisition of 389 St. Clair, the company will now have an inspection done and meet with the City of Grosse Pointe to discuss adjusting the timelines of zoning changes for the property before the sale can be finalized.

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Amanda Matheson said she expects the deal to close before the end of the year.



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Maire principal resigns; search for replacement underway

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Following the resignation of Maire Elementary School Principal Ryan Francis, a strategy to find his replacement was initiated, resulting in a hiring process that is currently screening applicants, according to Grosse Pointe Public School System Human Resources Director Nicole Pilgrim.

The process started with a community sur-

vey sent to all Maire families, asking them to offer feedback about what they would like to see in the school's new principal. Then, the job was posted until a sizable applicant pool was garnered and paper

reviews of each applicant were undertaken by a committee of Maire stakeholders.

Stakeholders include current administrators, teachers and parents of Maire students. Parents have the opportunity to

express interest in participating in the committee through the previously discussed survey sent out to school families.

After the paper screening of the applicants, a full committee of stakeholders will interview

applicants and provide feedback for Superintendent Jon Dean to make the final hiring decision.

With the start of the school year quickly approaching, Superintendent Jon

Dean specified at the Aug. 22 Board of Education meeting that a special meeting likely will have to be called for the board to approve the hiring of a new Maire principal prior to the start of the school year.

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ment is \$125,000 — \$75,000 of which needs to be provided to the vendor by December to avoid a 10 percent price increase on the equipment at the beginning of next year.

Because of the significant size of the goal, the PTO is using a multifaceted approach for its fundraising efforts, according to Palepu. Large fundraisers like the Kerby Fun Run and Spring Auction are being marketed alongside smaller events like a school prom, movie night and roller skating party.

There also are options to contribute to the cause without donating money. The Kerby PTO can act as a recipient for credit from the AmazonSmile or Kroger Points program.

To get Kerby students involved in the process to plan for the purchase of the new playground, the PTO worked with the school's teachers to have students draw pictures of what their dream playground would look like.

"All of the students drew pictures of what their dream playground would be, so that was a way we could get them involved," Palepu said. "Kids wanted things like pools, so overall it was very interesting to see what the kids (idealized)."

Although both Safadi and Palepu assured an outdoor pool certainly isn't in the works for the elementary school, they consider the planned playground setup to be transformational in a different way.

"(The current playground is) not adapted for special needs (children)," Safadi said. "There's no (compliant) swing, there is no handicap access and there are no sensory play areas. There is nothing for them to play on. (The updated project will) give access to children with sensory needs."

With fundraising efforts commencing more intensely this fall, Palepu emphasized the varied ways Kerby families and community members can get involved in the fundraising process.

"We just really want to get the community to be excited about this, understand the importance of it and just be willing to help in any way — even if it's just showing up to a community event or changing your AmazonSmile for just for a year," Palepu said.



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Hope & inspiration GP Shores man competes, sets records at Transplant Games

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been almost three years since Grosse Pointe Shores resident David Galbenski received a life-saving liver transplant thanks to his donor brother-in-law, Mark Dybis, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

In tribute to Dybis and other donors, as well as the medical professionals at Henry Ford Hospital who performed the 2019 surgery, Galbenski recently competed in the Transplant Games of America.

He returned home from San Diego sporting nine medals and the honor of having broken three Transplant Games records.

He joked his performance was a true trifecta: "Galbenski, powered by Dybis, serviced and tuned up by

Henry Ford."

"It's about the person needing a transplant being vulnerable enough to tell their story, then someone like Mark having the courage and compassion to be a donor and then the state-of-the-art medical professionals who are skilled and trained to make that happen," he said.

"Competing was the key focus for me right after transplant," Galbenski said. "I've always been a long-distance runner. After something as life-changing as transplant, I find it important to visualize what you can do to get that back post-transplant."

So he turned to Google to see if tying on his running shoes would be worth it. He typed "liver transplant" and "marathon," and found someone — Steve Nugent of Virginia — who had run

a marathon after transplant.

"I loved his story; he posted it on social media," Galbenski said. "It made me realize it's possible."

His research on Nugent, who had the same autoimmune disease as Galbenski — primary sclerosing cholangitis, or PCS — led him to discover the Transplant Games of America, an Olympic-style competition for transplant recipients.

"They're put on by a foundation based in Michigan, on the west side," he said. "The Transplant Life Foundation hosts the games every two years. That gave me inspiration for recovery. I had hope and then this goal to be a part of that competition."

This year's games took place July 29 through Aug. 3. While preparing for the track and field events at the University of California, San Diego, the first person Galbenski met was his motivator, Steve Nugent.

"He was my inspiration to know I could get back to running," Galbenski said, "and he didn't even know it. He inspired me to go to the Transplant Games. Our hope is that by participating, we can inspire others going through it."

Galbenski competed in a variety of events, from running to dart throwing to cycling. Not only did he medal in several of them, but he set three all-time Transplant Games records for his age group, 50-59, placing first in the 400m, 800m and 1500m races.

He also earned gold in the 5K run, as well as

doubles golf. He partner was Rick VanderHagen, who also had PSC.

His silver medals came in a more recreational setting — the dart games 301 and Cricket.

He won bronze in the softball throw, which is the Transplant Games equivalent to the javelin throw.

"I also competed in cycling, where I finished fifth in two areas," he said. "I raced the 20K first, which is around 13 miles, then a 5K. I'm not a cyclist, but I wanted to compete."

"The competition was spirited but supportive," he added. "We're all out there to do our best, but we appreciate and are grateful for the journey we're on to be able to be back out there."

Not only did Galbenski fare well during the Transplant Games, but Team Michigan put out its best performance in the history of the games, coming home with 30 gold medals, 10 silver medals and seven bronze medals. Team Michigan finished 18th out of 37 teams.

Next April, Galbenski will travel to Perth, Australia, as a member of Team USA.

He hopes by sharing his story and his experience with the games, he'll help others to reach their post-transplant goals.

"By telling my story around transplant, you never know who you'll give hope to, inspire and help get back to what they love to do," Galbenski said. "It's what transplant recipients need — hope and inspiration."

"With the Transplant Games, we're out there to celebrate life, to celebrate that we have this second chance to spend time with our families and do the things we want to do," he continued. "Second is to honor the living donors and donor families — the families whose loved one has passed away, making their organs available. The third is to compete and enjoy ourselves and push ourselves to be the best version of ourselves we can be. It's all about building awareness and giving hope and inspiration."

Not only does Galbenski want to inspire, he wants to educate. He and his wife, Lynn, started the Living



David Galbenski of Grosse Pointe Shores recently competed in his first Transplant Games of America, breaking records in three running events.

Liver Foundation — livingliver.org — a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is building awareness about living liver donations.

"It's critical," he said. "And it can be done."

"A lot of people are unaware of the regenerative ability of the liver," he continued. "Thirty percent of kidney transplants are from a living donor; 4 or 5 percent of liver transplants are from a living donor. The mission of the Living Liver Foundation is to close that gap. Wouldn't it be neat if the foundation can build awareness that living donation is an option and increase that number? Every day in the United States, three people who are awaiting liver transplant on the transplant list pass away because they don't have access to a deceased donor or living donor."

The foundation launched on Valentine's Day 2022, which also is National Organ Donation Day. It also was the three-year anniversary of the day Galbenski was put on the transplant list. Its first awareness event took place July 8, at Jimmy John's Field in Utica. The Living Donor Awareness Night event

honored Galbenski's transplant surgeon, Atsushi Yoshida, M.D., and transplant coordinator, Martha Stella, who jointly threw out the first pitch. Galbenski and Dybis also threw out a first pitch. Dybis and his wife, Karen, were the Hometown Heroes of the game.

Additionally, the foundation premiered a 60-second video about saving lives through living liver donation.

"We want to replicate it in the future," Galbenski said. "In 2023, we'll take it to major league stadiums to increase the number of people we can touch and build awareness to save lives."

The foundation also recently hosted a "medal gratitude ceremony" at Henry Ford Hospital, during which Galbenski thanked and awarded his gold medals to the transplant team who took care of him.

"I received great care from Henry Ford Hospital," he said. "It was very emotional for all of us."

Those interested in learning more should visit livingliver.org. The website offers a vlog and

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From left, Steve Nugent, Matt Felix and Dave Galbenski all ran similar races and medaled for their efforts.



Dave Galbenski stands between Diane and Steve Nugent of Virginia. Steve Nugent is the transplant recipient who unknowingly inspired Galbenski to compete.



Galbenski competed in several running events during the competition.

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Beaumont GP Golf Classic to benefit surgical services

A new hybrid operating room and renovations to existing operating rooms at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe are this year's focus of the Beaumont Grosse Pointe Classic, an annual golf outing at the Country Club of Detroit, this year slated Monday, Sept. 12.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. The outing kicks off at noon.

The Surgical Services Renovation Project at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe is a multi-year undertaking and includes the renovation and expansion of each of the hospital's nine operating rooms, as well as the addition of a state-of-the-art hybrid surgical suite in the James and Patricia Anderson Surgical Center.

Golfers will experience an afternoon of golf on the championship course designed by Harry S. Colt, along with lunch, cocktail reception and strolling dinner.

In its 30-year history, the Grosse Pointe Classic has raised more than \$4 million over the years to help make Beaumont, Grosse



George and Susan Haggerty, Anne Roberts and Dr. John Roberts, all of Grosse Pointe Farms, golfed in the 2021 Grosse Pointe Golf Classic.

Pointe an outstanding hospital — named third best in Michigan for 2022 by U.S. News and World Report.

The new hybrid surgical suite, or "hybrid operating room," will be larger than traditional operating rooms. It will include specialty tables, lights and imaging equipment to perform minimally invasive procedures, as well as surgical equipment if a

more traditional, open procedure is needed. The flexibility of a hybrid operating suite allows medical teams to treat a broad range of conditions and injuries.

Darrene and Bill Baer of Grosse Pointe Farms and Mary Wilson of Grosse Pointe Shores are the 2022 honorary co-chairs of the golf outing, a continuation of their long-standing support of Beaumont

Hospital, Grosse Pointe. Committee members are Anne and Chris Blake, Jana and Steve Brownell, Susan and George Haggerty, Robert Kilpatrick, Thomas B. Lanni Jr., Liz and JP Ottaway, Marcia and Ed Russell, and Mary and Tom Shafer.

Reservations and sponsorships are now available by visiting beaumont.org/GrossePointeClassic



Top, Darrene Baer of Grosse Pointe Shores with Mary Shafer, Patti Theros and Sharon Grimm all of Grosse Pointe Farms, golfed in the 2021 Grosse Pointe Classic.

Above, Chris and Anne Blake, Anne and Michael McBrien all of Grosse Pointe Farms, participated in the 2021 Grosse Pointe Classic.

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.

- ◆ Craft in the Digital Age Exhibition, featuring the work of contemporary Detroit-area artists and designers throughout the rooms in the main residence, runs Sept. 1 to 20.

- ◆ "Tai Chi and the Call for Balance," 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, with Dr. Ginseng Gray-Filmon.
- ◆ Game Night, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2. Cost is

\$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Storytime: "Trees Make Perfect Pets," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 6 to 27.

- ◆ "Tai Chi for Health," 6 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 8, 15 and 22. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Bird Walk, 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, and 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Admission is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Sustainability Talk: Design, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, featuring Pingree pet products.

- ◆ Maker Studio: Mini Tapestries, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. Cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Walking Meditation, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, with Detroit Zen Center. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Story Festival, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, for ages 7 and younger. Performers include musician Jim Gill, and authors Shelley Johannes and Kelly J. Baptist. Cost is \$5 for children 6 and older, free for children younger than 6.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

GPAA

The deadline for the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's next exhibition, "America's Love Affair with Cars and Trucks," is Friday, Aug. 26. Artists are asked to explore the role of cars and trucks in people's lives. The juror is to be announced. The show is Sept. 15 to Nov. 3.

The Helm

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

- ◆ The movie "Chocolat" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

- ◆ Essential Oils, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, with instructor Tonya Trotter. Learn how essential oils work and how to make them.

- ◆ Smartphone Basics, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 7 to Oct. 5, with instructor Janisse Green.

- ◆ The movie "Dream Horse" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9. Cost

is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

- ◆ On the Gogh watercolor painting class, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, with facilitator Michelle Boggess-Nunley. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Detroit Institute of Arts trip, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Body Alignment, 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays for beginners and 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Mondays for intermediate students. Gwendolyn J. Scales instructs this free class.

- ◆ Conversational French, noon to 1:30 p.m. Fridays for beginners, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays for intermediate students. Dr. Dib Saab instructs this free class.

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

- ◆ Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Chair Yoga, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays

and Wednesdays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Grief Work support group, 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month, with psychotherapist Frank Wilberding.

- ◆ Enhance Fitness, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays, with instructor Paul Clark. This program is free to members and nonmembers.

Library

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

- ◆ Chess Club, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Kelly Fordon's Let's Deconstruct a Story Podcast, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, via Zoom. Fordon interviews Jacob M. Appel, author of "The Liars Asylum."

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Lab results: Buster brings big smiles to patients and staff at Beaumont

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A visit to Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe on a Wednesday clearly reveals who carries the title of most popular staff member.

From inside the CT scan laboratory, one technician says to another, “Your favorite co-worker is here!”

Without hesitation, the second tech replies, “Is it Buster?!”

Upon entering the catheterization laboratory, the Labrador Retriever therapy dog is greeted with exclamations — “Oh! Buster’s here!” — his tail thumping at the sound of his name.

And while walking the hallway, stopping to greet everyone he encounters, Buster is gracious and tender with patients and staff alike.

Buster renders smiles among the stressed out and sick alike.

“He’s a big mush,” said Beaumont, Grosse Pointe Chaplain Cathy Herron. “He lets you love on him.”

Buster is one of 55 therapy dogs dispersed throughout Beaumont

Health System and one of a handful that serve the Grosse Pointe location. He also spends two days a week at the Royal Oak hospital, where he was certified to be a therapy dog.

He’s been on the job around one year. It’s a second career for Buster, 2 ½, who served as a breeding dog with Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills until a few months ago. He retired due to an allergy.

Leader Dogs breeds its own puppies; male and female breeding dogs, as well as their puppies, are fostered by volunteers. Buster was fostered by Grosse Pointe Woods resident Chris Gassen, who recently formally adopted the passive pooch.

“He’s been living with me; he stayed with me while he was breeding,” Gassen said. “He’s a wonderful dog. He has a great personality. The patients, the people, they need to see him.”

Leader Dogs initially suggested Buster train to become a therapy dog, noting his kind, gentle demeanor.

“They were right on

the money,” Gassen said. “He was born to be a schmoozer. He’s adapted very well to this.”

Herron said she mostly sees Buster interact with staff; having him on the floor has been a blessing, especially during the pandemic.

“I see how the staff lightens up when they see him,” she added. “He’s very well-received. Anything to take the minds of the staff off whatever they’re feeling.”

Heidi Kemper, manager of the heart and vascular services department, agreed.

“He’s a real stress reliever,” she said. “Animals are just natural de-stressors. And we’re all dog lovers in this department. ... He’s quite a joy.”

Added CT technician Kathy Miller, “It’s very stressful and we’re very shorthanded. This is the bright spot in our day. He’s very sweet. Who doesn’t like a lab? He brightens our day.”

Having therapy dogs in the hospital brings to the staff a sense of normalcy, a sense of home, Herron noted.

“It de-institutionalizes things when there’s an animal around,” she said. “And he’s a laid-back lab. He’s very treat-driven here. ... When they come into my office, I keep treats in my desk drawer; he knows where they are.”

Gassen keeps treats on him, too, to ensure anyone who crosses paths with Buster has a reward for the cordial canine. He noted that a long nap usually follows Buster’s social two-hour shift.

“Being the object of constant love is just draining,” he said.

During a recent shift at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, Buster made the rounds among staff members on the first floor before heading upstairs to patient rooms. It’s his usual route and is as important to those working the floor as to the patients they serve.

“When you’re staff here and you’re working, you’re driven to do what needs to be done,” Herron said. “You’re giving medications in a



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From left, Veronica Sackman, RCIS, and Jon Sattler, RN, talk to Buster while Austin Price, RN, gives Buster chin scratches.

timely manner. There’s structure. When you see a dog, you remember there is life outside of medicine. The rest of the world is still going on. You think, ‘I’m not a robot staff member; I’m a human being.’

“And Buster doesn’t care if people are sick or well,” she added. “He’s just there for them.”

Pet therapy is nothing new to the Grosse Pointe hospital, but it continues to grow based on the program’s success.

“Beaumont, Grosse

Pointe has a small, but mighty team of pet therapy volunteers and their loyal pets that regularly visits the hospital,” said Betsy Schulte, director of volunteers. “In addition to Buster, we have Kleeko, Sam and our newest pet, Lucky. These pet visits do more than just bring smiles to the faces of our hardworking staff. They have powerful effects and create an opportunity for our staff to pause and step back from the stress of their day. Pets help keep their

spirits high, add a little relief and build morale, creating a calmer and more positive environment.

“Following their visits, I am always inspired by the love and dedication that these volunteers and their pets have to our hospital and staff,” she added. “They have made such a tremendous difference these past few challenging years and we are grateful to each of them.”

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Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Chaplain Cathy Herron greets Buster in the lobby.

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WEDDING ADVICE

from an anonymous bride

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

It is often said that true wisdom comes only from experience. To pull off a perfect wedding day, the kind of first-hand understanding a first-time bride really needs isn't available to her. But she can take some well-earned tips from smart brides who have already been there.

We recently talked to a bride who welcomed a couple hundred guests to her big day. While she preferred to remain anonymous, she had lots of sage advice to share that only someone who had been all the way down the aisle could offer.

Here is that practical advice from a young bride who recently said, "I do," and wanted to share what she learned from every glorious moment.

On managing the day:

- **Decide what is most important to you on your wedding day** (dances, decor, lighting, pictures with family, cake, food) and put your main focus on making those few things right. Everything else — just relax about. Don't demand so much perfection that you ruin your own special day. If the most important things are covered, who cares about the rest? Most people won't even notice small details that only you know about.

- **Pick several bridesmaids or responsible friends and family who can help**, and give them each separate things to look out for that day on your behalf. Don't expect that one person, say your maid of honor, can possibly be present at every part or handle everything. Usually, people will be delighted to help if it's just one important task each. Don't feel bad for giving direction and asking for help. Your wedding party and family will want to take things off your plate because they love you.

- **Put someone in charge of tipping** the people working your event (DJ, photographer, venue staff, etc.) so you don't have to be searching for your wallet or purse at midnight. Have envelopes ready, filled and labeled to make it easy for whoever you've left in charge.

- **Make sure there is food available** for everyone on both sides of the wedding party for the

hours leading up to the ceremony. Include the people working your wedding too. Everyone will appreciate it, since they will be kind of stuck on site when tummies start to rumble, and you'll appreciate no one getting hungry as the day goes on.

On photos:

- **Prioritize photography/videography.** It is the lasting memory you and others will have from that day. Be sure to book a trusted pro who can guide you and take good care of them at the wedding. Then you can relax, knowing you're in good hands.

- **Allow more time for photos than you think you'll need.** It sounds so easy. Pose. Smile. Click. It's not. If you've booked an experienced photographer, they'll have a set list of photos to capture — and then they'll also want to improvise a bit to get those candid shots that are sometimes your eventual favorites.

One of the challenges is getting everything set up, getting groups of people assembled (kind of like keeping a litter of kittens in a box: You can't) and checking lighting. You may feel that every move you make is being fussed over and watched, because it is. In order to not stress, just allow plenty of extra time for pics. Then relax and enjoy your day of being the No. 1 target of the paparazzi.

- **Get your makeup done first.** You may be pulled in various directions, and with a roomful of eager bridesmaids and relatives, you might want to allow others to go first in the makeup chair. Don't. There will probably be a photographer in that prep room too, and likely their camera will be pointed directly at you, as they capture your 'getting-ready' moments for posterity. You'll want to be makeup-perfect before all of that begins. Then the photog can zoom in on each participant after their own makeup sessions. Make sure everyone in the room is feeling confident and caffeinated, by using strategy with makeup scheduling and a coffee-and-light-breakfast spread for all.

- **Make a list of family and guest photos you simply must have.** You'll be heartbroken if the

day wraps and you are missing treasured family members from all your shots. Put a bridesmaid or close friend in charge of managing this on the big day because they'll likely know who's who and can help wrangle everyone into place for the photographer.

- **Get early photos to enjoy before the pro versions are ready.** It can take a while to get your wedding pictures back from the professional photographer. They have a lot of sorting to do from the hundreds of shots they've just taken at your wedding. Multiply that by any other customers they have photographed in the same timeframe.

So to scratch the itch of wanting to see photos right away, give your smartphone to someone not in the wedding so they can take photos during the day for you to see right after the wedding. Or have a trusted group who will take turns following the photographer to take pix with their phones or disposable cameras. You'll be glad you did and you won't be so antsy about waiting for the official shots to be ready afterward.

- **Find or hire someone to take nice pictures at your other events too** (shower, bachelorette party, dress shopping.) These memories are so nice to capture, even if they are just some good shots from cellphones.

On stressing:

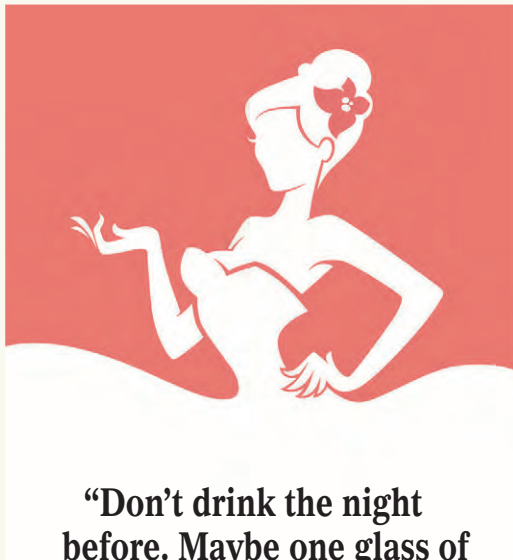
- **Make a vow to yourself not to stress.** Things are going to go wrong (weather, someone can't come, a bridesmaid's dress doesn't fit) just like any other day. Fix what you can and go with the flow.

- **Take care of yourself physically** leading up to the wedding. Eat well, take vitamins, drink water, get enough sleep. It's tempting to push yourself with all the excitement but commit to not doing that.

- **Try to pause during each part of the day and take it all in.** Truly enjoy each day and part of your celebration. It will be over before you know it, so stop, take a deep breath, and be totally present at each wonderful part of your wedding.



"Allow more time than you expect for everything."



"Don't drink the night before. Maybe one glass of wine, but don't ruin your big day with a headache."



"Don't let anything come between you and your intended on this one day."



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A sampling of wedding invitations representative of the wide-ranging styles and price points from the more traditional, Crane and William Arthur, to more trendy Stacy Claire Boyd, all available at The League Shop.

Shown here, from top down, are:

A) Ribbioned Shades of Melon by Odd Balls is representative of stationery personalized in-house for bridal showers and special wedding-related events.

B) Barn Wood invitation and folded thank you note by Stacy Claire Boyd.

C) Blushing Blooms invitation by Stacy Claire Boyd.

D) Rustic Romance Suites invitation by Stacy Claire Boyd.

E) A ribbon-tied invitation, lined envelope and thank you card from William Arthur's Annabelle Suite.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Stacy Claire Boyd's full suite of Painted Blooms style wedding stationery, including the invitation, save the date card, reception card, reply card, initialized thank you flat card, and personalized sticker. Brides and grooms select invitations to reflect the tone of their wedding, and give the first impression of the grand celebration to come. The League Shoppe specializes in helping couples choose the ideal stationery for their unique needs.

Save the date!

Q&A with a local wedding invitation expert

Anne Gryzenia, publisher and style editor for the Grosse Pointe News, recently sat down with dedicated local expert Patrick Fabian, owner of The League Shop, to get the inside scoop on ordering wedding invitations. The duo discussed the perks and pitfalls of various options, so you can make a great decision when it's time for you to choose your own wedding stationery.

Q: What are some of the newer trends in stationery and invitations?

A: Grosse Pointe continues to be a community with a decided preference for the traditional stylistically — with a twist — so our product offerings in both our stationery and gift showroom seek to reflect this. While the invitations we create run the gamut from classic engraved to very unique contemporary pieces, most couples are opting for elegant invitations and accompanying stationery that are largely classical in their wording, font, and overall style, but also often incorporate unique ink and paper colors, ribbons, pockets, and other options that provide them with decidedly up-to-date sensibilities.

Q: What are some of the top mistakes people make when ordering stationery, and what are some things to avoid?

A: They don't order enough invitations, don't order extra envelopes to allow for errors, don't order early enough to ensure delivery and mailing at a desired date, or not ordering the inside envelopes.

Q: What's are some possible differences between ordering wedding stationery online versus ordering it in person, using professionals?

A: Online invites often disappoint on paper quality and printing quality (color, clarity). Your invite sets the tone of your wedding and reception, giving guests a glimpse of what to expect. One doesn't want to reflect the wrong image. Experts can assist you with properly wording, formatting and assembling.

Also, once you order online, there's no fixing mistakes. Didn't order enough? You'll probably end up starting from scratch. There is no simple way to reorder additional amounts. Or to make quick corrections if there are date or venue changes, etc. But we can.

We also are able to coordinate with local calligraphers and can fully coordinate the addressing and mailing process, if so desired.

Q: What is your best pro tip for upcoming brides and grooms?

A: Ordering your invites should be as exceptional an experience as purchasing your wedding dress. It's announcing your important day. It should reflect you, capture the essence of your wedding and make your guests feel special and honored to be invited to the most extraordinary day of your life.

The League Shop is located in the Village at 16847 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe. Call at (313) 882-6880 or see what's in store online at theleagueshop.com or on Instagram @theleagueshopg.

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a newsletter for subscribers.

“If we just save one life, it would all be worth it,” Galbenski said of the foundation. “We hope to inspire someone to step up or inspire someone who’s facing transplant to share their story. It’s hard to ask for help, but people want to give. It’s OK to be vulnerable. Humanity cares about each other. That’s been my personal experience. Transplant is a graphic example, but transplant shows the best of humanity.”

The best of humanity also shows in another aspect of transplant, Galbenski said.

“The caregivers, just like the medical team, are the ones we need to lift up and thank,” he noted. “They are the ones who are there for us when they’re needed, to allow us to return to the life we have today. My wife, Lynn, was always there for me. So was my daughter, Sarah, and my extended family. ... That’s what it really takes. To face transplant or life-threatening issues or hard times, it’s important to be grateful to those who care-give and support. They are the unsung heroes we can’t thank enough.”

“To be here is such a gift,” he added. “As recip-



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Dave Galbenski and fellow runner Matt Felix.

ients, we try to live our best life, a life that honors the donors and donor families. They love seeing the recipient live their best life. They see their loved one live on and that’s what recipients focus in on. We honor them by taking

care of ourselves. ... Doing what I’m doing reflects their heroism. I tell my story from my perspective to honor them. I hope it brings joy to them by doing the right thing to honor them with the life I’ve been given.”

After 6 on Kercheval wraps up this Saturday

Organizers are aiming high for the third and final After 6 On Kercheval street party of the year, scheduled rain or shine 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

“We will finish up with a 40-foot Ferris wheel and also have a Rope-A-Phobia high ropes course,” said Chad Craig, supervisor of the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Parks and Recreation.

Two prior After 6s this summer featured a 200-foot-long zipline and a 65-foot slide. This is the first time for a Ferris wheel.

“I’ve been looking the last few years for a Ferris wheel I could afford to bring down,” Craig said. “This was the perfect opportunity.”

Nice weather helped boost turnout for the June and July parties on lower Kercheval between Nottingham and Maryland. The forecast for Saturday evening is temperatures in the mid-70s with virtually no chance of rain.

“We’re doing the best we can,” Craig said.

The band is Newsmaker, built around a core of seven musicians playing guitar, string, brass instruments and drums.

“They’ll be a lot of fun,” Craig said. “They can do a little bit of every-

thing, from rock ‘n’ roll to bluesy, you name it. They’re a bigger band as well with a couple great singers.”

“Newsmaker performs all styles, from classic standards, Motown, disco, today’s top 40 and more,” according to the band’s website, loriross.com. “Requests — no problem. It’s all about the party and having fun.”

After 6 activities are organized by the recreation department to appeal to families with children.

“They’ve grown and gotten bigger each year,” Craig said. “The challenge is finding new entertainment and activities to bring in.”

The band this weekend is presented by Red Crown, The Bricks Pizzeria, Coreander’s Children’s Bookshoppe, Boulangerie Le Rouge and Brine. Additional sponsors are Pointe Alarm, Harvey Animal Hospital and Donald K. Pierce & Company Insurance.

Each After 6 features a dunk tank, from which funds are raised to benefit a local charity or community organization.

The dunk tank this time benefits the Grosse Pointe Mom’s Club and Sunny Days.

— Brad Lindberg

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Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, The Shores Church, 24905 Manhattan, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, VFW Post 1146, 28404 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, Holy Innocents Catholic Church, 26100 Ridgemoor, Roseville.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, Recreational Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville.
- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, Neighborhood Club,

17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, Life Remodeled and Six Day Project COO Diallo Smith speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos, 21520 Harper, St. Clair Shores, offers several programs and classes. To register, visit minipicassosstudio.com.

- ◆ Art After School, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 10, for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is \$145.
- ◆ Toddler Art Party, 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 10, for ages 18 months and older. Cost is \$110.
- ◆ Preschool Art, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 13, to Oct. 11, for ages 3 to 6. Cost is \$110.

Men’s Club

The Men’s Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. David Dulio, political science professor and director of the Center for Civic Engagement at Oakland University, speaks. Men and women visitors are welcome to attend the meeting. Cost is \$20, paid at the door. To reserve a

seat, email gmcattendance@gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

Family Center

The Family Center presents Family Book Club, from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. The group will discuss “Thrivers: Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine,” by Michele Borba. RSVP at info@familycenterweb.org.

Healthy GP

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

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe is an organization that promotes French culture through monthly activities for members. The group seeks members for its new membership year, which begins in September. It also offers French lessons for adults at Assumption Cultural Center, from September to May each year. Detailed membership and French classes information may be found at afdegrossepointe.org.

Toastmasters

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

Lakeshore

Lakeshore Senior Living hosts the Facebook Live Q&A, “Ask the Therapist,” from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, and “Coffee Break Chat with Rachel,” with Sales and Marketing Manager Rachel Nagorsen, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (586) 218-6228.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 11, 2022, and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held on July 11, 2022, the Board of Review meeting held on July 19, 2022, the Special Joint Meeting of Planning, Board of Zoning Appeals and City Council held on July 25, 2022 and the Cannabis Sub-Committee meeting held on July 28, 2022.
- 2) To Receive and File the 2021 Audit/Financial Report as submitted by the City’s Auditors, Plante & Moran and also receive and file their management report.
- 3) To adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution related to the City’s Annual Permit to Work on State Highways for calendar year 2022.
- 4) To Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2022-01 entitled, “An Ordinance to Repeal the Stormwater System Ordinance, Article V, Section 27-100 et. seq.,” and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 124959 through 125165 in the amount of \$809,752.42 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) to approve payment to BMS Cat / Jarvis Property Restoration in the amount of \$8,874.36 for the storage units needed for the library’s lower level materials following the flood event. (3) approve payment to BS & A Software in the amount of \$11,655.00 for the various accounting and billing system software for the period August 2022 through August 2023. (4) approve payment in the amount of \$26,997.16 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City’s pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period January 1 through June 30, 2022. (5) approve payment to Duke’s Root Control Inc. in the amount of \$5,521.00 for the foaming process of several sanitary sewers for excessive root growth. (6) approve payment in the amount of \$27,800.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks at various residential locations. (7) approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$5,713.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (8) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$13,200.00 for the removal of several dead/ dangerous trees. (9) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$35,229.40 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of June 2022. (10) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$38,946.19 for professional services during the month of June 2022 for the following projects: Danbury Lane, Beaconsfield Resurfacing, Misc. Concrete Repair, Pavement Crack and Seal, Water Service investigation, GLWA contract, Storm Sewer Repair, Sanitary Sewer Clean & CCTV, Eastland Center, Johnston and Salter Park Basketball courts, Gas Station development and Miss Digs. (11) approve the proposal submitted by CitizenLab for a 12-month software license and one-time implementation fee for community engagement software and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Harper Woods. (12) approve the quote submitted by K & S Ventures in the amount of \$9,390.00 for the repair of the City Hall Air Conditioning System and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the proposal. (13) to approve the Change Order from L. Anthony Construction in the amount of \$405,355.00 for the inclusion of Danbury Lane concrete replacement, sidewalk and driveway approaches and curb and gutter replacement, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the change order. (14) to award the bid to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. in the amount of \$138,693.70 for the installation of Full Length C.I.P.P. Lining in conjunction with the Danbury Lane concrete replacement project. (15) to accept the 5% rate increase proposal dated February 2, 2022 from engineering firm Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. effective July 1, 2022. (16) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harper Woods and the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) for retention bonuses for the members of this bargaining unit with ARPA funds being used. (17) approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$353,263.50 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the period of July 1 through September 30, 2022. (18) to approve the request from the Economic and Community Development Deputy Director to attend the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) annual conference from October 12 - 14, 2022 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses. (19) authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League’s Annual Convention October 19-21, 2022 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 232

On August 15, 2022, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the “City Council”) enacted Ordinance No. 232 (the “Ordinance”), to become effective September 4, 2022, which Ordinance provides for the adoption of Chapter 7, Sections 3 through 7 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park adopting the International Fire Code, 2021 Edition and all subsequent amendments as the City’s official fire prevention code. This Summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulations, code, or other material adopted in reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopy at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

Jane M. Blahut
City Clerk

GPN: 8/25/22

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.

Ernest Joseph Ament

Ernest Joseph Ament, Wayne State University associate professor emeritus and former chair of the university's Classics Department, died peacefully Friday, Aug. 19, 2022. He was a 50-year resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

With his expansive intellect, boundless curiosity and potent sense of humor, Ernest was a magnetic, effortless teacher whose immense impact on students was equaled by an incalculable influence on family and friends. A rare and dynamic generalist, he was a lifelong student of the humanities and sciences, reading extensively in virtually every discipline and consuming arts and culture wherever he lived.

Ernest was born Aug. 6, 1929, in Anamosa, Iowa, to Albert and Laura (nee Murray) Ament. He attended Campion Jesuit High School in Wisconsin, then earned a bachelor's degree in Classics from John Carroll University in Cleveland ('51) and a master's degree in Classics from Saint Louis

University ('53). From 1952-54 he served in the United States Army, then returned to Saint Louis University to earn a Ph.D. in Classics ('58).

He first taught at the University of Ottawa in Canada (1958-61), then at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles (1961-66). One of his students at USC was a beautiful, brilliant English woman, Beryl Parsons, who proved to be his match in Classics and in life. They married in 1966, and were parted only by his death 56 years later.

In 1966, Ernest accepted a teaching position in the Classics Department at Wayne State University in Detroit, where he would remain until his retirement in 1996. During his tenure as chair, he established the first-ever endowed chair of the Modern Greek Department and a lecture series. He published, edited and advised on articles, oversaw faculty and inspired innumerable undergraduate and graduate students with his knowledge, humor and zest.

With Beryl, Ernest raised his five children in

a home filled with laughter and conversation. He introduced them to film, music, literature, art, philosophy and sports, and nurtured their faith in God through prayer and worship at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. During his long retirement, he doted on his 23 grandchildren and pursued hobbies such as gardening, toy-making and writing.

Ernest was predeceased by his brother, the Rev. Robert Ament; and sister, Mary Florence Whalen (Michael). He is survived by wife, Beryl; sons, Albert (Godelive) of Manassas, Va., and Andrew (Marcie) of Rockville, Md.; daughters, Kate Bernas (Ronald) of Grosse Pointe Woods, Elizabeth Rummel (Jeffrey) of Canton and Lucy Hern (Peter) of Marana, Ariz.; and grandchildren. He also is survived by his sister, Mary Ann McCluskey (John) of Glenn Ellyn, Ill., and many cherished nieces and nephews and their families.

Funeral arrangements and a full obituary are available at Stanley Turowski Funeral Home, bit.ly/3PGmPWu. In lieu



Ernest Joseph Ament



Gregory T. Ignasiak

of flowers, donations may be made to the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit, solanuscenter.org.

Gregory Thomas Ignasiak

Gregory Thomas Ignasiak, 65, passed away peacefully Friday, Aug. 19, 2022. He was a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Gregory attended special education classes in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and was subsequently employed at a number of area workshops. He participated in St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church's catechism program more than 60 years and attended weekly Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Gregory also was a Boy Scout in Troop No. 330 for more than 50 years and earned many merit badges. He attended numerous campouts and trips to national parks. Gregory loved to spend

quality time with his family and friends, to whom he was known as a gentle soul. He could instantly recall details of events that occurred many years earlier. He had a gift for music and could play the piano and violin by ear. He loved to sing and had perfect pitch. Gregory also loved cars, softball, bowling and watching sporting events, especially the Detroit Tigers.

Gregory was the loving son of the late Eugene and Dorothy Ignasiak; brother of Susan, Michael (Lisa) and Robert Ignasiak (Francine); and uncle of James Ignasiak.

Gregory's family said he touched many lives in many ways and will live eternally in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Funeral visitation takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A prayer service follows at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday,

Aug. 26, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, with instate to begin after 9:30 a.m. and burial to follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boy Scouts of America, Troop 330, 20901 Martin, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Alistair William Bruce

Alistair William Bruce, 86, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022.

He was born Aug. 16, 1936, in Aberdeen, Scotland, to William and Annie Bruce.

He was the beloved husband of nearly 65 years to Lily Bruce (nee Robbie); loving father of Lynne Valenzano, Caron Tanghe (Stephen) and Graeme Bruce (Shannon); cherished grandfather of Victoria and Erica Bruce, Alessandro and Nicoletta Valenzano, and Stephen and Ainsley Tanghe; and great-grandfather of Jordan and Jesse.

Alistair was predeceased by his sister, Margaret Hutcheon, and her husband, Dr. Roy Hutcheon.

Alistair will be missed by many family and friends. Memorial visitation takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday Aug. 26, at Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

BUSTER:

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"He is on loan from God," Gassen noted. "This is what he's meant to do."

To learn about volunteer opportunities or the pet therapy program at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, call (313) 473-1089 or email betsy.schulte@beaumont.org.

Born Leader

Though Buster — a "Leader Dog Dad" to many puppies that will train to become guide dogs for the visually impaired — now spends time visiting hospital patients and staff, he initially was "employed" as a breeding dog with Leader Dogs for the Blind, based in Rochester Hills.

The mission of Leader Dogs is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with



From left, Joe Gregor, RCIS, Veronica Sackman, RCIS, Jon Sattler, RN, and Austin Price, RN, watch as Buster tries to take a rope toy from Ashley Capps, RN.

lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel by pairing clients with guide dogs at no cost.

The organization is

entirely funded by individual donors, corporate partners and foundations, as well as Lions clubs. It also benefits greatly from volunteers.

Volunteer opportunities through Leader Dogs include hosting breeding dogs, raising puppies before they begin training and helping in a vari-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Buster takes a break from his therapy dog duties at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe.

ety of on-campus puppies. There are hundreds born every year."

"There are a lot of volunteer opportunities with the Leader Dog school," Gassen said. "They do wonderful work. They need volunteers to care for breeding dogs and volunteers to care for

Families interested in hosting a breeding dog or becoming volunteer puppy raisers for Leader Dogs are encouraged to visit leaderdog.org or call (248) 651-9011 or (888) 777-5332.

Worship Service



Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
15020 Hampton
Grosse Pointe Park,
Michigan 48230-1302

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

MONDAY
7 p.m. - Worship Service
2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

WEDNESDAY
10 a.m. - Bible Study

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Racing For Kids revs up on The Hill

Afternoon, evening events Aug. 31

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

At the start of his professional racing career, Robbie Buhl met a man named Patrick Wright, who offered to help the young driver with publicity. The two of them went on to collaborate with Dr. William Pinsky, a race fan and physician at Children's Hospital of Michigan, to form Racing For Kids, which since 1989 has sent celebrity race car drivers to hospitals to visit ailing children.

"Here we are, 30-something years later," Buhl said. "We had no idea we would still be around as Racing For Kids. When we began, I thought it would be a good way to give something back and have fun using the sport I love."

Since its inception, Racing For Kids representatives have visited more than 38,000 sick children in more than 750 hospital and healthcare facilities, and more than \$7.5 million has been raised in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Japan and Australia.

The organization's local fundraising arm, Racing For Kids to The Hill, celebrates its 16th year with a day-long event Wednesday, Aug. 31. For the first time, Buhl Sport Detroit is managing the celebration, which features the same elements that have made it a premier Grosse Pointe event.

The fun begins with a street fair, hosted by The Hill Association, which is free and open to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. It features children's games, live music, refreshments, a gravity-defying motorsports demonstration by Team FMX, a car show featuring exotic and classic cars, a National Coney Island food truck and activities for the whole family.

Additionally, the Grosse Pointe News sponsors a scavenger hunt with local businesses and the College for Creative Studies provides an art station for budding artists.

"It will have some new elements, new cars," Buhl said. "The element of motorcycles in the air is jaw-dropping; it's always fun to see people's reaction to that."

The evening VIP party and fundraiser includes a cocktail reception, live music and a live luxury auction on The Hill from 6 to 9 p.m. Team FMX will return for a repeat demonstration and gourmet fare from Dirty Dog Jazz Café, Bronze Door, Café Nini, Luxe Bar and Grill, Jumps and Fresh Farms Market will be available.

Also at the evening event, Racing For Kids will present its annual Courageous Kid Awards to three young people who have shown amazing strength and determination in dealing with challenging health issues. They are Falan Becker, 11,



FILE PHOTO

Kercheval will be lined with a variety of vehicles during Racing for Kids to the Hill Aug. 31.

of River Rouge; Claire Juip, 15, of Grosse Pointe; and Jake Juip, 16, of Grosse Pointe.

Funds raised will be distributed to four local children's hospitals and the Racing For Kids hospital visit program. In 15 years, the local event has raised more than \$1.5 million to benefit pediatric programs at Ascension St. John Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, Henry Ford Health System and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

This year's proceeds also benefit Detroit-based Teen Street Skills, which was started by the Buhl brothers. Its mission is to create better, safer young drivers.

"It's always had a presence at Racing For Kids to let people know what it is, but this is its first year as a recipient," Buhl said. "... We get great support

from the community, from the sponsors, from the hospitals," he added. "The Children's Foundation has come in as presenting sponsor, which is great because they give to a lot of organizations. Larry Burns, the CEO, has been around Racing For Kids since the start."

Also supportive of Racing For Kids since its start are this year's Champion sponsors, Peggy and Peter Kross of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"It's important for everybody involved," Peter Kross said. "It's good work being done for kids with difficult problems. It raises kids' spirits and raising kids' spirits

leads to recovery.

"And it's a fun day for the Grosse Pointe community. I'm a true believer in Grosse Pointe and what it does for its citizens; this is a great give-back. It's a fabulous organization that not too many know about. I'm grateful this event gives it some exposure."

Kross exhibited his enthusiasm for Racing For Kids to The Hill its first year, purchasing dozens of hats and giving them away to children passing by his office on Kercheval.

It's that fun-loving spirit that has earned Racing For Kids to The Hill its celebratory reputation.

"It's really fun, in the evening and the day, to see all the people there enjoying it," Buhl said. "It's a great end-of-summer community event everyone enjoys. And it's a great way for us to keep Racing For Kids around and give back to the community where it all started."

"And this is the Motor City," he added. "We all love cars. I love all cars and I love everything about Detroit and what it stands for. ... The more I learn, the more I enjoy it."

Added Racing For Kids CEO Pat Wright, "We are very proud of the success of Racing For Kids to The Hill. We had 90 people at our first fundraiser in 2007. That number has grown to more than 650 people attending last year as The Hill event has become the popular community, end-of-summer event. And our street fair, which attracted 200 kids and family members that first year, now welcomes more than 1,500 every year. So we look forward to working with the new managers, Buhl Sport Detroit, to carry on the Racing For Kids to The Hill tradition."

For more information, visit racingforkids.org or call (313) 212.2483.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Anne Moigis

3 coping strategies to help with back-to-school anxiety

Q: My child is exhibiting a lot of anxiety when thinking about going back to school. How can I help relieve this?

A: When stress occurs, the sympathetic nervous system can become engaged and our brain goes to a primitive fight or flight state. In this state people have less command of language and logic. Before trying to reason with your child, it may be advantageous to encourage them to use their coping strategies to return to a balance.

Q: I am not sure what my child's coping strategies are. How can I help them to use them?

A: Many kids turned to electronics, tablets and phones during the pandemic. This was necessary at the time. Kids needed these devices for school and to socialize.

The hard part is that turning to technology became a habit for many kids. Technology keeps the brain stem activated and can contribute to anxiety and stress. Many kids require instruction on how to slow down and find coping strategies that help calm their minds and bring them back to balance. When

kids learn how to regulate their emotions, it leads to greater feelings of independence and self-control.

Q: What are some strategies I can suggest or try with my son or daughter during stressful times?

A: Mindfulness or present-moment awareness can help relieve symptoms of anxiety and calm our nervous brains. This brings us back to balance.

Here are three strategies:

◆ Mindfulness of sound

Taking a moment to listen to all the sounds around you during a moment of stress can really be helpful. As a kid who sometimes had a hard time sleeping, my dad used to crack open my window and have me listen to the crickets. This was a great strategy to calm my brain and allow me to fall asleep.

◆ Create a calm-down kit

Objects kids can manipulate with their hands, sometimes called fidget toys, can help bring kids back to present-moment awareness. It also helps to have a

quiet area designated for these activities. It is important your child is never sent to these spaces as a punishment. It is best to provide the option of taking a few minutes in this area to regroup when needed.

◆ Find your anchor spot

Your anchor spot is where you feel your breath most prominently. If you direct your child to close their eyes and pay attention to their breathing, the anchor spot is where they feel their inhale and exhale. Most people report their anchor is located in their belly, nostrils or chest. Taking three deep breaths focusing on your anchor can do wonders for a nervous mind.

Anne Moigis specializes in counseling for anxiety. She is the owner of Center Pointe Counseling in Grosse Pointe. Visit centerpointecounseling.com.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Exhausting visits with friends and family

Dear Gabby: My husband and I moved out of state about a year ago. Whenever we come back to Grosse Pointe, our calendars are immediately full of family and friend obligations.

It is so fun to see everyone but we are exhausted and want to have a mix of relaxation and social time.

How can I create

boundaries without hurting my loved ones' feelings? — **Pooped out in the Park**

Dear Pooped, Gabby: This is a real issue for many people. There just aren't enough hours in the day!

The best thing I can suggest is to "host" a little gathering at a local restaurant or bar

one of the first days you are in town. That way, you can invite everyone you wish to see and fulfill many social obligations at once.

Pre-order a few appetizers and even open a little bar tab if you wish. If someone near and dear to you can't make it, try to schedule a coffee meet-up or go for a walk.

Ultimately, most people will understand that it's difficult to make time for everything and everyone in such a short space of time.

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



Dear Ann Landers: Your column is a valuable tool for getting messages to people everywhere. Please tell them: Always make sure you get prescription drug dosage directions directly from your doctor.

I have psoriasis and have tried almost everything to get rid of it. I recently was put on some high-powered drugs. One drug has to be monitored with blood tests and taken exactly as prescribed. My doctor told me to take four pills a week, two on

Saturday morning and two Saturday evening.

My doctor's handwriting was hard to read, but I took the prescription to my pharmacist, thinking he could surely figure it out. When I picked up the pills, the instructions on the bottle read, "Two pills daily and twice on Saturday." Thank God my doctor had told me what he wanted me to do and not just written it down.

If I had not remembered his instructions, I would have been taking 16 pills a

week, which could have created some serious problems. I asked the pharmacist to call my doctor's office and straighten it out. He did so at once.

Please tell your readers to get it straight from the doctor's mouth. — **Avid Reader in Mesquite, Texas**

Dear Avid Reader in Mesquite: Your letter is yet another excellent example of how my readers help one another through this column. "Getting it straight from the doctor's mouth" is superb advice. Of course, it takes the time of the doctor, but if he is dedicated and caring, he won't mind.

Dear Ann Landers: I have to agree with the letter from Richard Notebaert, chairman and CEO of Ameritech, who said that consumers should always examine their phone bills carefully.

When my husband looked at our last long-distance bill, he became unglued. The total was \$111.58. Upon scrutiniz-

ing the figures, we discovered that 25-cent calls were billed at \$2.50. The decimals were in the wrong place throughout the entire column. Our long-distance company corrected the bill, and the final total was only \$23.40.

I wonder how many people have paid an incorrect bill without checking its accuracy. As Notebaert pointed out, there is no substitute for your own vigilance. — **Huntsville, Texas**

Dear Huntsville: Something tells me a lot of people are going to be looking at their phone bills more carefully from now on. I know I am. In fact, it's a good idea to look more carefully at ALL of your bills. I would be interested in hearing what mistakes my readers have found.

Dear Ann Landers: I am sure you get many letters complaining about rude, crude and abusive sales clerks. I would like to say a word in their defense.

My job is to evaluate clerks. I have a long list of

Classic Ann Landers

people I observe, interact with and rate according to 30 factors. They have no idea who I am. I've been doing this work for five years and have visited more than 400 "installations," from small convenience stores to large department stores.

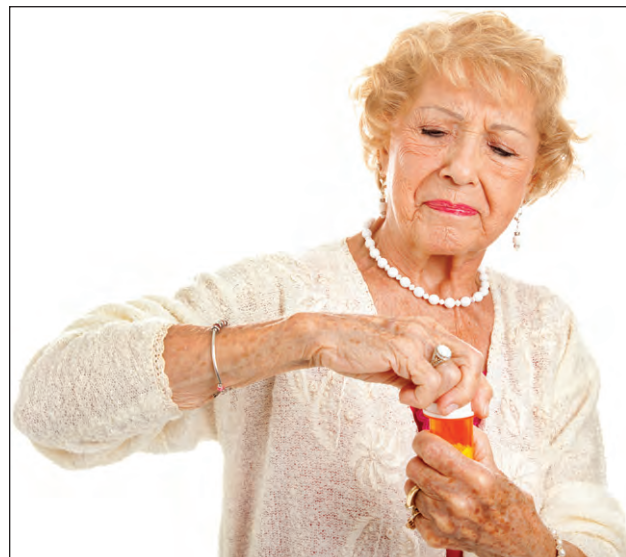
I have demanded services to which I was not entitled and asked for "extras" the stores were under no obligation to provide. I have been deliberately antagonistic and sometimes downright nasty. I once tried to return an item that had been purchased at another store. The clerk took it and gave me a full credit. I have yet to find a sales clerk who was crude, rude or unpleasant.

When you get letters complaining about sales clerks, I would bet they are from people who have

tried to return merchandise that has obviously been used or for which they have no receipt, or the customer insisted the clerk take a credit card that had expired or been maxed out. Please don't print my name or city, Ann. It is essential that my identity not be revealed. Sign me — **Mystery Shopper in the USA**

Dear Mystery: It appears from your incognito research that the vast majority of sales clerks have the patience of Job. While a few may be surly and unpleasant, most people would agree with your assessment that sales clerks live by the motto "the customer is always right," even when he isn't.

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Husband's secret life as serial cheater revealed

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 23 years. About a year ago, our 22-year-old daughter became suspicious that her dad might be having an affair. She found out it was true through his text messages.

later all went away for a vacation together.

Some time has passed, and I looked at his phone and saw he's been at it again, this time with a 30-year-old woman who lives here, and another one in another state.

stop womanizing and lying to you.

I'm glad you are seeing a licensed therapist, because you need to decide rationally whether the situation you're living with is one you are willing to tolerate.

You should also schedule an appointment with your doctor to be tested for STDs, and one with an attorney to find out what your rights are as a wife of 23 years in New Jersey. After that, you will have a clearer idea of what to do.

DEAR ABBY: I met this guy online three months ago. He's the greatest guy I have ever met. He respects me in ways no other man has respected me, and I appreciate that about him so much.

I feel like I may be in love with him, but I don't know if that's the case or if it's because I'm alone and vulnerable and want someone to love me back.

I was never close with my biological father or my adoptive father, so some of this may be "daddy issues." Should I tell him how I feel about him, or is it way too soon? — **TAKEN BY HIM IN MICHIGAN**



When we sat down as a family and discussed it, at first he denied it. He got upset to the point that he told our daughter to leave the house, which she did for two weeks. We asked her to come back after my husband and I talked to work things out and I took him to confession. We

When I told him I knew, he denied it. Recently, I've been going to counseling. I need advice. — **SUSPICIOUS IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: By now it should be apparent that your husband cannot or will not

DEAR TAKEN: It would be more prudent to wait until you are sure about your feelings for this guy before declaring your love. Slow down.

Let the relationship evolve until you are sure about your motivations. If you do, he may beat you to the punch.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem. I'm 8 and I want a dog, but my parents won't let me have one. The last time we had a dog, I left the door open and it got run over. I feel really sad and bad about it, but I want another dog.

Even though it was an accident, my parents don't trust me. How can I show them I'm responsible enough and I won't forget to close the door again? — **REALLY WANTS A DOG IN SACRAMENTO**

DEAR REALLY WANTS: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Because you didn't mention how long ago your dog was lost, I will assume it is fairly recent.

You might be able to regain your parents' trust if you begin accepting responsibilities at

home. Do they want you to make your bed, keep your room neat, help in the kitchen or the yard? Shouldering these kinds of responsibilities can show parents you are ready for more... like caring for a pet, for instance. I wish you luck.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 47 years. Since she retired from her job, she has become addicted to her DVR. She records everything she can think of to watch "later." She has shows she recorded from last year but hasn't watched, and they take up 90% of her DVR disc.

She uses only about 10% for new shows that she watches to make room for other programs. So, every night, we have to watch what she has recorded that day to make room for the next day's recordings.

If I say anything about it, she gets very upset and it causes tension. I don't mind some of the shows, but there aren't that many I will spend time watching. I wish there was a support

group for husbands of women who are addicted to their DVRs so we could understand what's going on in their heads.

How should I deal with the problem? — **SAVED FOR LATER IN TEXAS**

DEAR SAVED: If there is a support group for husbands of compulsive wives, I am not aware of it. The solution may be to inform your wife that she can now stream many of the shows she's been saving on the DVR.

A compromise might be viewing ONE of the archived programs a night in addition to the new ones, if possible.

However, if she's not agreeable, consider buying yourself your own television set. That way, you are not obligated to watch anything you don't wish to.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

A summer's bounty side Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This recipe comes to us from my sister-in-law, who herself is an exceptional cook. We recently visited them in Baltimore and she made it for the family barbecue. It was so good that I even ate it the next morning for breakfast.

I think this recipe is brilliant for three reasons. The first is that it uses vegetables that are bountiful, readily available and so fresh this time of year.

The second is that everything is cut to the same size as the orzo which makes it easy to shovel in quick. Sweet corn, zucchini, feta and basil are a perfect match that are lightly dressed with a simple, flavorful dressing.

The third reason is that it's a great accompaniment to any heavy grilled meat that may be served at a cookout or picnic.

You could even add pine nuts or toasted slivered almonds and make it a cold vegetarian dinner for a hot night. It's time to start thinking about Labor Day. I will absolutely be serving this.

Orzo salad with corn and zucchini

- 1 cup orzo
- 2-3 ears of corn, shucked
- 2-3 small zucchini (2 cups)
- 1/4 cup basil, chopped

- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 4 ounces crumbled feta
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

Bring water to a boil in a large pot and add in the corn. Cook for seven minutes. Remove from the pot and set the corn aside.

In the same pot of boiling water, add in the pasta and cook to package directions, about eight minutes. While the pasta is cooking, dice the zucchini

into small cubes that are about the same size as a corn kernel.

Once the pasta is cooked, strain and add to a large serving bowl. This is when you want to add the oil and vinegar. Adding it to the pasta at this stage will encourage it to absorb into the pasta for maximum flavor.

Next, cut the corn off the cob and add to the pasta along with the zucchini, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper.

Toss everything together and taste to make sure it's seasoned well.



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Put the salad in the fridge and when you are ready to serve, add the feta and fresh herbs and give it one final toss.



First pick

It's harvest time in many U.S. wine areas, and the first grapes to be picked annually, almost everywhere vines grow, are those that make sparkling wines.

Wine with bubbles, a most celebratory beverage, is almost always made from grapes that are harvested earlier, mainly because the best of these wines call for higher acidity. And it is usually best to use the natural acids found in grapes to make a balanced sparkling wine.

For that reason, grapes for sparkling wines are typically harvested as early as August, sometimes at the beginning of the month. On rare occasions the sparkling wine harvest begins as early as late July.

Most consumers who love sparkling wines are prepared to spend a little bit more to get them, partly as a result of the difficult processing that it takes to make them in comparison to standard table wines with no bubbles. But also, the taxation on sparkling wine is higher than it is for still wines.

Wines with bubbles can be produced using carbonation, which essentially means infusing still wine with carbon dioxide, or they

might be made using a bulk process (called Charmat) in which the bubbles are produced in a large tank by a second fermentation, which calls for the yeast to be removed so a clear wine can be bottled.

There are several other methods for making sparkling wines from still. And the most expensive method, harking back to a technique developed in France, calls for a table wine to be put inside heavy glass bottles along with additional yeast and a bit of sugar, thus allowing the second fermentation to occur under a steel cap.

Since the second fermentation produces carbon dioxide, and the steel cap prevents it from escaping, the CO2 has nowhere to go except into solution, adding bubbles to the product.

At that stage, removing the spent yeast cells is a complex process, and it is one of the reasons why production of the highest quality sparkling wines including Champagne usually is more expensive.

Champagne from France remains the most expensive sparkling wine in the world, and over the last five years the sale of it in the United

States has been so strong that prices have basically exceeded the rate of inflation. Recent research indicates that prices for France's best bubbly may be stabilizing a bit.

One more thing that has made California's less expensive version of Champagne a little more attractive is that the earlier harvest of sparkling grapes has been accomplished for the last several years well before the California wildfires erupted, which had a detrimental effect on red wine grapes and even a few white wines.

Since sparkling wine grapes were never affected by the wildfires' smoke taint, prices for modestly priced domestic sparklings have remained stable at \$7 to \$13.

The more classic French method sparklings that are produced in California typically sell for between \$20 and \$50 per bottle and with remarkable skill, California winemakers are making some of the best bubbles in the history of the state.

At higher price points, the best of these wines usually carry a vintage date and are four to six years old when they hit the retail shelf. Most offer much more complexity than the less expensive products. Also, the bubbles are much finer.

Nonvintage sparklings can be superb, however, and many of them work beautifully with food, even though many consumers see them solely as before-food celebrations. Try NV brut with

seafoods for a flavor match that's appealing.

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The dog days are (almost) over

By Brian Owen
Special Writer

The dog days of fishing are well upon us and I couldn't be happier. This is the time of year where the smallmouth are scattered all over the lake in search of food. The sheepshead and silver bass have taken over the shallows and mayflies are not nearly as abundant or non-existent.

Deeper weed beds and rock piles can hold numbers of smallmouth but are harder to find, especially if you don't use underwater technology, like me.

I'm not against it, I just don't have it on my current fishing boat.

While the bite may be tougher, it's Lake St. Clair and you never know what can happen.

You can still catch fish in the shallows. They will likely be smaller juveniles but

you can find an occasional giant cruising the flats in search of a tasty meal.

The reason I love this time of year is because it forces me out of my comfort zone and challenges me to try new things.

Here are some exciting things you can do this summer before the bite is hot again in the Pointes:

Fish an inland lake

I first started fishing in Oakland County, in particular Orchard, Cass and Sylvan lakes. These are deep, clear lakes formed by glaciers and they all hold smallmouth bass and of course, largemouth too. However, my new favorite lake in Oakland County is Middle Straights.

You can launch a kayak right out of Bloomer Park and start catching bass immediately.

I typically throw a top water this time of year because the largemouth and pike will annihilate it if the conditions are right.

Practice your finesse technique

When the bite is slow, it's time to slow it down and throw a finesse presentation. My favorite is the drop shot.

A drop shot has a small hook with a plastic bait above the weight. The weight hits the bottom and your bait stays slightly above the lake bottom. My favorite bait for this is a four-inch Poor Boys goby in any color!

In fact, just this week I landed a 19-inch smallmouth in about four feet of water using this rig. You can always try fishing a tube. I've heard they work pretty good.

Head to the rivers!

If you have the horsepower, head to the channels and St. Clair River. You will need heavy jig heads and a good trolling motor to keep your line straight up and down, but you'll increase your chances of getting into a school of big fish.

Remember my pal Justin who fishes with me? Well, he and his other fishing buddy Brian were crushing four pounders in the Middle Channel this week and didn't invite me!

Head Up North

I made my way up to Burt Lake in search of giant smallmouth. The season is a few weeks behind our season downstate and you can get on some great mayfly hatches or post spawn feeding frenzies.

Burt Lake has giant small mouth bass and is connected to Indian River which produced the current state record smallmouth at 9.98 lbs. It was 23.1 inches and caught on a crawler harness in 2016.

Try new things!

I have a few on my summer bucket list that I'd love to try before the bite is back on. For starters, snorkeling my spots and studying the foliage and food sources available.

Secondly, underwater spear fishing. It's a new stamp you can get with



PHOTO BY BRIAN OWEN

Burt Lake Smallmouth.

your license this year.

Just be sure to report your numbers to the DNR each month.

Lastly, underwater fishing. I've only seen it on YouTube but it looks

so exciting. If I do any of these things this August I will share my experience!

Have fun out there and stay in the strike zone!



PHOTO BY BRIAN OWEN

19" on a goby drop-shot.



PHOTO BY BRIAN OWEN

Justin and Justin double-header

EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

» **Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations**
Detroit Opera House, 8 p.m.
1526 Broadway St.

» **Candlelight Open-Air Concert**
The War Memorial,
7-10:30 p.m.
32 Lake Shore Drive.

» **Downtown Street Eats**
Cadillac Square Park,
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
662 Woodward Ave.

» **Free Community Yoga**
Belle Isle Aquarium, 6-7 p.m.
3 Inselruhe Ave.

» **Ian Finkelstein**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

» **Movie Nights in the D**
Campus Martius Park,
6-10 p.m.
800 Woodward Avenue.

» **Nick Hempton Trio**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.

» **Storytime with Miss Jane**
Ewald Branch,
10:30-11 a.m.

» **Thoughts to Action Discussion Group**
Offsite, 7-8:30 p.m.
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» **TSA PreCheck with AAA Grosse Pointe**
9 a.m.-5 p.m.
19299 Mack Ave.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

» **Doug Stanhope**
Detroit House of Comedy,
7:30-9:30 p.m.
2301 Woodward Avenue.

» **Against The Odds Tour: Blondie + Special Guest The Damned**
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.
2211 Woodward Ave.

» **Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations**
Detroit Opera House, 8 p.m.
1526 Broadway St.

» **Candlelight: From Bach to The Beatles**
St. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church,
6:30-7:35 p.m.
438 St. Antoine.

» **Downtown Street Eats**
Cadillac Square Park,
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
662 Woodward Ave.

» **Friday Beach Party**
Campus Martius Park,
4-10 p.m.
800 Woodward Ave.

» **Ian Finkelstein**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

» **Lunchtime Acoustics**
Cadillac Square Park,
12-2 p.m.
662 Woodward Ave.

» **Market Fridays**
Cadillac Square Park,
11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
662 Woodward Ave.

» **Meek Mill**
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre, 8 p.m.
2600 E Atwater.

» **WWE SMACKDOWN**
Little Caesars Arena, 6:30 p.m.
2645 Woodward.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

» **Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations**
Detroit Opera House,
2 & 7:30 p.m.
1526 Broadway St.

» **Chess Club**
Ewald Branch, 2-4 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» **District 3 Health Fair**
12-4 p.m.
9016 Van Dyke.

» **Free Fitness Classes**
Robert C. Valade Park,
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
2670 Atwater St.

» **Ian Finkelstein**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

» **SWV**
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre, 8 p.m.
2600 E Atwater.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

» **10th Annual Hug Detroit Day Block Party Backpack**
12-10 p.m.
905 E. Milwaukee.

» **Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations** Detroit Opera House,
2 & 7:30 p.m.
1526 Broadway St.

» **Randy Napoleon Quartet**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.

» **William So**
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.
350 Madison St.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

» **Detroit Tigers vs. Seattle Mariners**
Comerica Park, 7:10 p.m.
2100 Woodward Ave.

» **Savvy Seniors Computer Classes: Wild in the World Wide Web**
Ewald Branch, 9-10 a.m.
15175 E Jefferson

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

» **Allen Dennard Quartet**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.

» **Detroit Tigers vs. Seattle Mariners**
Comerica Park, 7:10 p.m.
2100 Woodward Ave.

» **Dirty Dog Stompers**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
97 Kercheval.

» **Kamasi Washington**
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.
2600 E Atwater.

» **Noah Jackson & Full Circle: Residency & Session**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.

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

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



This absolutely enormous drink holder has been spotted all over Grosse Pointe lately — namely in the hands of moms on the baseball field. I had to accost someone and grill them all about it. Apparently it was recommended by a famous mom blogger and now it's everywhere.

I immediately ordered the giant mug (in coral

because I thought it looked fun). The brand is Reduce, which sounds kind of crazy seeing as it is massively oversized. The benefits to the cup are that it fits in any cupholder, holds 40 ounces of liquid and keeps it cold for hours on end or hot for



around 10 hours. It brags that you can "sip it your way" by sipping from a straw, opening the flap to drink normally or open both flaps to gulp. I'm pretty sure I saw some people using gulp mode during Little

League playoffs and I'm pretty sure it wasn't water. Kudos to you, ladies! My son was pitching and I was wishing there was some straight up gin available.

Anyway, this cup sure is great. I like to bring it in my car all day and keep refilling it. I definitely have been drinking more water.

The cup is available on Amazon and likely other online stores and sells for

\$29.99. It comes in lots of nice colors. If you see me and my coral giant mug around town, come say hi! I am giving this four alligators. I don't think it's earth-shattering, but I do use it almost daily and hydrating is never a bad thing.

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@grossepointe-news.com.

4 Out Of 5



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Left to right, Claire Foy as Diana Cavendish, and Andrew Garfield as Robin Cavendish in the 2017 movie "Breathe," directed by Andy Serkis.

MOVIE REVIEW "Breathe"

2017 - Rated PG-13
1 hr 58 min

Nobody does the come from behind and overcome great adversity movies quite like the Brits. That certainly rings true with "Breathe," the true story of Robin Cavendish, who changed the way people with debilitating diseases live their lives.

It's been compared to other movies like "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" and "The Theory of Everything." While it's a fair comparison, "Breathe" is just brimming with a deep sense of tenderness, charm, and a fair amount of humor sprinkled in — something I found lacking in those films.

If you're looking for something guaranteed to lift your spirits and put a smile on your face, this should do the trick.

Breathe is about Robin (Andrew Garfield) and Diana (Claire Foy) Cavendish. Early on we encounter them in their heady world of cricket, tennis, tea and travel. While the newlyweds are on a business trip to Kenya, Robin is struck down with polio.

He's paralyzed from the neck down, and needs to be on a respirator to survive. They're told he most likely has only a few months to live.

Obviously he's devastated and wants nothing to do but die. What's even more disturbing to him is that Diana has just informed him that she's with child. But she's not one to let him wallow in self-pity. She loves her husband too much to let him slip away.

The story takes place in the late 1950s and early '60s. At the time, polio patients were consigned to a life in a hospital, where they were essentially just waiting to die. However, when the couple returns to England their friends and family rally around them. Robin learns how to speak again and it isn't long before he gets the wanderlust bug again. He's not one to be stuck in the hospital.

Their friend, the eccentric professor Teddy Hall (Hugh Bonneville) is committed to helping them out. He toils away until he creates a wheelchair that's fitted with a respirator. This is a huge step towards Robin's independence.

This development is

totally unprecedented and the head physician is dead set against him leaving the hospital. As they leave, he shouts at them that he gives Robin two weeks to live!

Diana manages to scrape together enough money to purchase a ramshackle old home and the couple soon move in. It's an exciting time for them, which is made even more stimulating by the birth of their son Jonathan.



Movie Junkie Mark by Mark Domin



There's a touching scene when Diana places the newborn baby next to Robin's cheek and he begins to cry. You can feel the overwhelming love he has for his son. Interestingly, Jonathan was a co-producer of this amazing film.

However, the two of them aren't done with their adventures. Robin gets tired of being complacent. He eventually gets the urge to travel, which poses even more challenges than driving around the countryside. Especially when he sets his sights on a trip to Spain. Impossible for a paralyzed person tied to a respirator? Don't tell that to Robin Cavendish.

After a bit of planning and innovation, they figure out a way to travel

in their customized van inside the belly of a cargo plane, along with some thoroughbred horses no less!

Their escapades in Spain are both harrowing and delightful and it's probably my favorite part of the film.

One of the most jarring scenes in the movie is when the couple travels to Germany for a conference on the treatment of severely disabled patients.

They visit what is considered the most technologically advanced facilities in the world. There they see a cold, sterile large room with heads poking out of the walls — patients consigned to a life inside an iron lung. It reminded me of something out of the film "2001: A Space Odyssey" for some reason.

It was so disturbing for the Cavendishes, they quickly exited, and then spoke out against this type of treatment before an audience of physicians.

Throughout the film it's clear that the couple is devoted to each other and very much in love. Both Garfield and Foy deliver absolutely riveting performances, especially when you consider Garfield only had his voice and facial expressions to convey all the emotions and thoughts that went through his mind. Foy's Diana is headstrong and resolute throughout.

While the couple constantly broke new ground

for the disabled, they never lost the commitment to their relationship. It's truly an inspiring and heart-warming movie that never stoops to sappiness.

And it's the directorial debut of actor Andy Serkis ("Lord of the Rings," "Planet of the Apes"). I look forward to seeing what he does next.

Note: There are several movies with the same title. Be sure to look for the one that was released in 2017.

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Hoopla and Kanopy. Also on Starz and Prime Video.

★★★★☆

About this column:

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

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

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FOOTBALL ENTERTAINING

TOUCH DOWN



Stunning outdoor space makes game day entertaining a winner



Story: Anne Gryzenia • Photos: Jill Cavanaugh, Anne Gryzenia and Olivia Monette

Above, the unique vintage fountain from DuMouchelles, was a Christmas present to Greg from Powell. The long-lasting gift adds character and the calming sound of water to their beautiful yard.

Grosse Pointe Farms residents Powell and Greg Corbett are no strangers to entertaining. From small gatherings to large-scale parties, they love to get their friends and family together often at their home. The Corbetts set out to create the perfect space to gather, with a flow that makes entertaining easy and enjoyable. Mission accomplished!

To set the stage for a perfect football-themed gathering,

we have used simple garden flowers with mix-and-match tableware. The faux grass runner and stadium blankets in the colors of a few of our favorite Michigan teams help kick off a fun and festive football season.

Mixing metals and linen adds texture and depth to the scene, evoking a casual yet elegant feel that makes guests feel special, yet relaxed and comfortable for game time.



From top: The outdoor fireplace is central to the backyard gathering space, while blue and green decor keeps all fans happy.

A football-themed flowerbox centerpiece sets the tone for the game playing on the bar's TV, as seen from the outdoor dining table.

An island with seating, a wet bar and grill has both form and function. It allows the cook to enjoy visiting with guests while grilling.

The covered patio houses the indoor/outdoor TV and bar area with a large commercial wine/beverage cooler. The ability for guests to self-serve makes light work of hosting and entertaining.



Review: The only book on entertaining you'll ever need

By Anne Gryzenia

This book was gifted to me, and it has since been a major source of ideas, inspiration and confidence in entertaining. The layout of the book starts with the 'anatomy of an event' and gives you the building blocks of any party. The resources are endless — from how many people you can seat at any size table, to different types of chairs to rent or buy, to table coverings, accents, serving pieces and so much more. It's a gold mine of ideas! From there it moves on to some kitchen basics, and then on to the really fun stuff — a ton of party themes to get your creative juices flowing (and your mouth watering). From Oktoberfest to unicorns to Christmas to Southwest themes — you

can get inspired by the beautiful photography and expert ideas and then execute any way you choose. As Chef Kelli would say, "Find your inner party person. Do not let other people's rules or style be a barrier. Listen to your intuition about what feels manageable for you. Up your party game by adding a little fluff and swag in the way of décor, it creates an eye-catching elevated stage for your menu offerings." Side note, for our football entertaining idea, we used bits and pieces from a few party themes outlined in the book — like homemade pretzels, interesting tablescapes ideas, and so much more. This book would make the *ideal* gift for anyone who likes to entertain. It's available now at local bookshops (including Coreander's) and via Amazon.

Homeowner's notes: Building the dream

By Powell Corbett
Guest Writer

We love the outdoors in Michigan year round. When we decided to plan our outdoor space, we knew we wanted a spot we could use for entertaining family and friends all year. This outdoor kitchen allows us to cook and entertain while guests sit at the bar. The island has plenty of counter space for serving appetizers while people visit with the master chef! There is also a great sink with one side built as a beverage chiller. There is a small fridge area for condiments, and for serving sides. In addition to the large grill, is a side burner to heat soups, chili, beans, etc.

We wanted a large table that could accommodate up to 18, as sitting down for dinner and catching up is a very special time for our family. We added six heaters along the pergola line so we could extend the outdoor dining season. We added fun twinkle lighting into the pergola to add a 'starry like' ambiance.

As for the indoor bar space, we were just going to build in the large three-unit commercial refrigerator that my brother found. To make it more appealing, we repurposed some of the wood we found in the upper attic of our garage space and framed it in. We discovered how gorgeous the wood rafters were in the attic, so we opened up the bar's ceiling area — and once we did, it took on a life of its own! We turned the upper attic area into more of a loft space and left it open in the bar.

We decided to continue the blue stone from outside into the bar so when the doors are all open it flows nicely. It also makes cleanup a breeze with just a hose.

We used the space so often we decided to add the fireplace inside the bar for another heat element, and it works really well. It has truly made it a year-round entertaining space.

We love that people come in and feel so comfortable. My friends tease that it's the 'girl's wine-and-therapy garden bar and the men love sitting outside watching sports and catching up. It's also lovely that when you entertain it keeps a lot of the 'mess' outdoors.

The whole project took about a year to complete because we couldn't work outside during the winter months. It has been well worth the wait.

We are so grateful to our contractor Matt Piasecki, for his amazing hard work, dedication and creativity. He was a one-man show for so many of the projects. I honestly don't even know how it was physically possible for him to do so many of the things he did on his own. After about the first two weeks we trusted his eye and ideas so much we would just touch base and he would run with it. JJ Masonry did the masonry work, and they were really fun to work with. Greg and I had collected Pewabic tiles for years and were waiting for the right time and place to add them into our home. We decided to add many of them into the brickwork. On the back of the fireplace there are two angels 'watching over us.' I like to think of them as my father and my husband's mother. On the front there are two doves — lovebirds, which make me think of Greg and me

. On the front of the kitchen area where the bar stools are, there is a cross, which I love. There are also fun Detroit tiles, and even a frog on the side of the chimney as our son has a real frog and loves them. There are a few hidden around that you see just for fun.

When we had finished all these projects we realized the actual shingles on the outside of the garage needed to be revamped, so Matt went for it! He also designed and built the outdoor awning using some old curtain rods he found in the basement. He did such an amazing job re-using materials and keeping the space in line with the era of the home. It was very important to us to keep it in the same style as the home, which was built back in 1927. I think he nailed that.

It has been a wonderful labor of love and true collaboration of lots of wonderful people.

We are so grateful.



Halftime chicken chili

(Mrs. Biondi's White Chicken Chili)

- 1.5 lbs boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 2 cans chicken broth (14 oz. size cans)
- 3 jars Great Northern white bean, including the liquid (16 oz. size jars)
- 2 cups finely chopped white onions
- 2 T minced garlic
- 1 can chopped green chilies, including the liquid (4oz. can)
- 2 1/2 t cumin
- 2 t oregano
- 1 dash cayenne pepper

Cook chicken in a manner of your choice. Suggest marinating overnight in the fridge in chicken broth, sage, rosemary and thyme. Also suggest grilling chicken for a more rustic flavor profile. Chop breasts into 1/2 inch cubes and place in crock pot. Add cans of broth and the beans with liquid. Sauté finely chopped onions and minced garlic and add to the crock pot. Add can of green chilies with liquid. Add spices. Simmer on low. Serve with shredded sharp white cheddar cheese, sour cream. Cilantro optional. Warm up some crusty bread or cornbread and enjoy!

This recipe is a tried-and-true favorite, submitted by Grosse Pointe News staffer, Paul Biondi.

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Music on the Lawn

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its second Music on the Lawn event July 29, on the front lawn of city hall. Music was provided by Detroit Social Club Blues Band; food and beverages were available.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Kids enjoyed running around and dancing to the music of the Detroit Social Club Blues Band.



Ellie Klingbail, Ethan Klingbail, Drew Klingbail and George Bacha lined up on the picnic table to listen to the music.



Patti Vaughn, twins Vivienne and Catherine Gillman and their mom, Rosalie Gillman, listened to music and enjoyed a picnic.



Lynn and Jerry Wiszowaty danced the night away.



Edith McAtee, Coleman Connolly and Evelyn McAtee enjoyed cotton candy which was a very popular treat that night.



Birthday boy Alex Comer, Lyla Dwaihy, Jocelyn Comer, Jacob Walker and William Walker enjoyed a birthday treat Alex Comer's mom made to celebrate his birthday at the event.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today until 11:45 p.m. PDT. The Moon is in Leo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022:

Your practical, sensible approach to life includes an awareness of healthy lifestyles, which you may or may not follow. You are attracted to people with a strong work ethic. You are an excellent teacher. This year your zest for life is strong, which is why it's a fun-loving, playful year! Enjoy!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Another lovely, feel-good day! Romance is saucy and provocative, which makes this a great day for a date or a flirtatious luncheon. Relations with females (regardless of your own sex) will be warm and friendly. You are in touch with your creative vibes! Tonight: Protect children.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Invite the gang over for pizza and beer, or quiche and a buttery Chardonnay, whatever your pleasure. This is a great day to entertain at home. You will also enjoy redecorating your home, while some of you might explore real estate options. Tonight: Surprise at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Conversations with your everyday contacts are smooth and mutually friendly today. You find it easy to cooperate with others and listen to their point of view. In part, this is because you feel well-liked today. You feel appreciated. In turn, you will appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings. Tonight: Pay attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Once again, business and commerce are favored today! This is a great day for financial negotiations, business transactions, exploring ways to boost your earnings or to get a better paying job. It's also a positive day to shop for beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. Tonight: Guard your assets.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with Venus, which will stimulate your appreciation of beauty, especially in the arts and music and your everyday surroundings. You will be more inclined to tell someone that you love them. Money transactions will go well. Tonight: Disruptions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is the classic day for secret love affairs. You also might pursue secret financial transactions, or perhaps buy something beautiful (especially pricey clothing) and hide it in a closet to break the news later. Tonight: Feeling restless.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is another wonderful day to enjoy the company of friends, as well as groups, classes and participation in organizations. This is because your ability to relate to others is excellent. Enjoy hanging out with artistic, creative people. Tonight: Someone unusual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a popular time for you, and today, you look especially good in the eyes of bosses, parents, VIPs and the police. People will notice you today because you are high-viz. Because people in authority are favorably inclined to you, you can make your pitch or ask for what

you want. Tonight: Unexpected news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Grab every opportunity to travel or do something different to shake up your world today. You might be attracted to someone who is different from the kind of person you normally see. You'll be interested to learn about other cultures, especially their arts and crafts. Tonight: Travel changes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Once again, you have a favorable day to discuss financial arrangements with others. These could include discussions about debt, inheritances or insurance issues. It's important that you know that you have the upper hand and things will easily go your way. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is a positive week for relations with others. With Venus opposite your sign today, people will be friendly and cooperative with you. However, the Moon is also opposite your sign, which means you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Tonight: Patience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

This is a productive time for you because you are willing to help others, especially co-workers. Meanwhile, they are willing to help you. Because you have this mutually beneficial energy happening, make the most of it. Reach out to help someone. In turn, accept their help. Tonight: Guard your pets.

BORN TODAY

Actress Blake Lively (1987), singer-songwriter, record producer Elvis Costello (1954), actor Sean Connery (1930).

Summer Coloring Puzzle

Can You Find The 10 Differences



Contract Bridge

A DROP IN THE BUCKET

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	Q 9 4		
♥	10 7 2		
♦	J 8 5		
♣	9 6 3 2		
WEST		EAST	
♠	K 6 2	♠	8 5 3
♥	Q 9 8 5	♥	J
♦	K Q 10 7	♦	9 6 4 3 2
♣	J 7	♣	Q 10 8 4
SOUTH			
♠	A J 10 7		
♥	A K 6 4 3		
♦	A		
♣	A K 5		

The bidding:
South West North East
 2♣* Pass 2♦** Pass
 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
 4♥

*strong, artificial **negative
 Opening lead — king of diamonds.

A declarer should be willing to sacrifice a trick if it increases his overall chance of making the contract. Thus, if South makes exactly four hearts in the present case, he scores 620 points (at duplicate or Chicago scoring); if he makes an overtrick, he scores 650; but if he goes down one, he is minus 100.

The 30-points declarer can gain by making five hearts are obviously a drop

in the bucket compared with what he can lose if he goes down trying for an overtrick.

Observe how this applies to today's deal. South takes the diamond lead with the ace and sees that he could lose a spade, a club and an unknown number of trumps. How many trump tricks he will lose depends on how the trumps are divided or on how he plays the suit.

At trick two, declarer plays the ace of trump, on which East produces the jack. If South carelessly continues with the king, he goes down one, losing two trump tricks, a spade and a club. But South should not play the king after East's jack appears, since if the jack is a singleton, the king play will almost surely prove fatal.

Declarer should reason that East started with either the singleton jack or the doubleton Q-J. By leading a low trump next, South can restrict himself to one trump loser in either case. This safety play will cost him a trick if East started with the Q-J, but South should be willing to lose 30 points to ensure the contract.

In the actual deal, if South decides to play safe and leads a low trump toward dummy at trick three, he loses only one trump trick — regardless of which heart West chooses to play — and so finishes with 10 tricks.

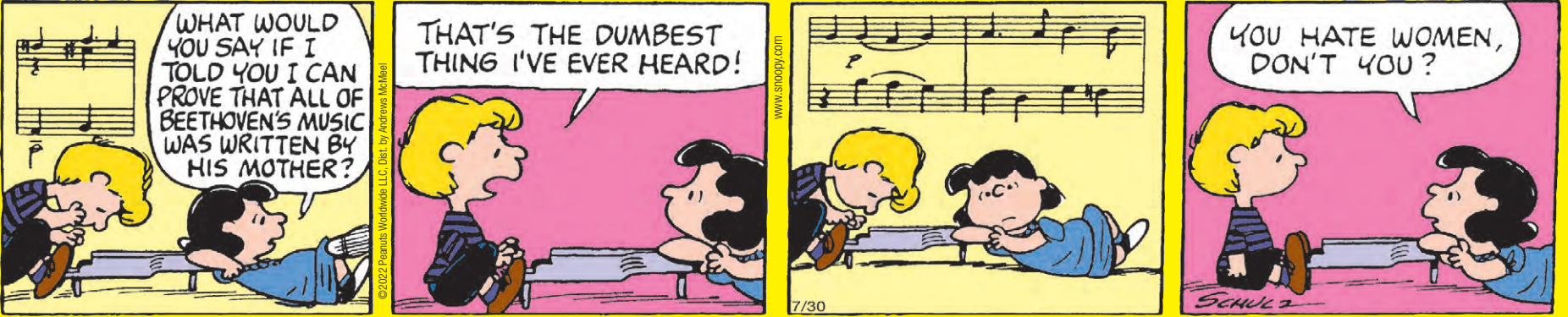
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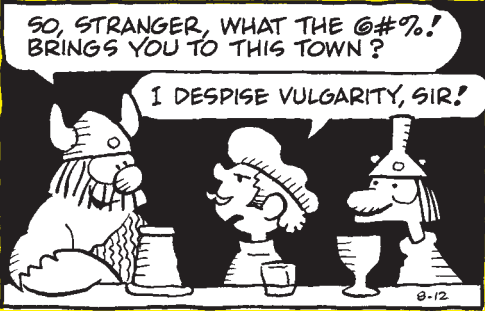


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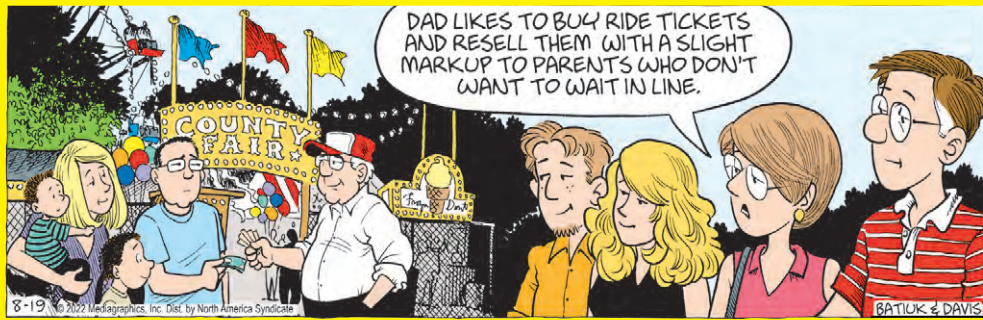
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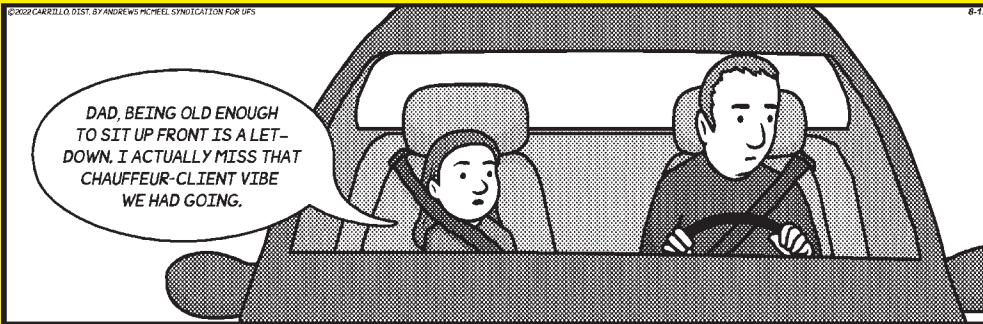
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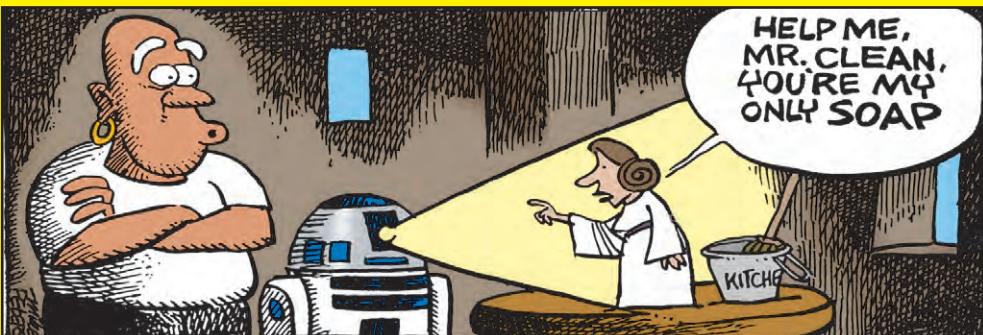
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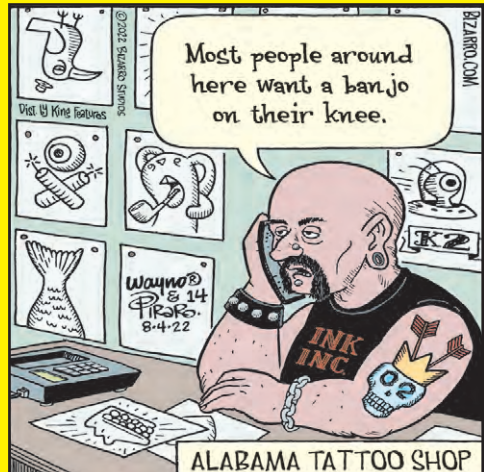


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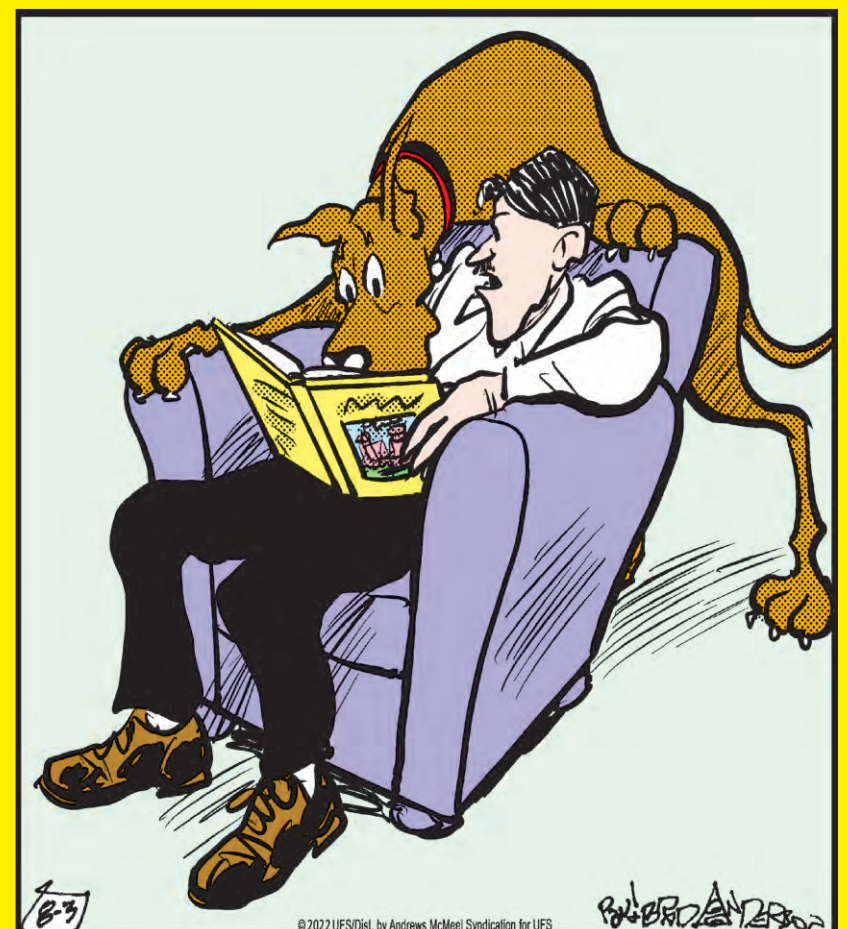
John McPherson



The Maple Valley Church saw a huge boost in donations with the addition of the new "smart" collection plate.

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"There are no dogs in this book."

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FALL SPORTS

PREVIEW



2022

As school bells ring and the weather cools, Grosse Pointe's fall sports season is heating up. Take a look inside for team previews, pictures and playoff hopes for your favorite high school squads from around the city.

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2D | VOLLEYBALL

Knights volleyball sets new goals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The first year under a new head coach for any team is usually focused on establishing culture and seeing where a program stands. With University Liggett volleyball head coach Lisa Gonzalez about to enter her second year at the helm, it is all about seeing where the program is headed along with achieving some results.

As the Knights prepare for the start of the fall season, those results might start coming. More importantly, this season is going to put

plenty of emphasis on growth. Liggett's squad this year has some returning starters from last season, but also plenty of young, fresh faces. Plenty of youth on a team can bring uncertainty, but Gonzalez is confident from what she has seen so far that this young Knights squad is ready to put in the work.

"Going into this year, I was able to adjust and rethink everything we did last year and find better ways to go about it this year," she said. "I think the biggest thing that is exciting is that I saw a lot of freshmen. There's pros and cons to

it, but the freshmen that we got have so much hustle and it seems like they're passionate about volleyball."

Growth is going to be a major focus this season for the Knights. The roster has plenty of underclassmen, with sophomore players taking on the roles of captains. However, a young team with only a second-year head coach gives both the players and coaching staff the chance to improve together for the long run.

"Even though they're young we can mold them and help them

grow," said Gonzalez. "We can only go up from here."

Team chemistry is also going to get a boost from a mostly young group coming together this year and being able to have multiple seasons together. From the coaches to the players, a foundation for the next few years is being set for the Knights.

Teamwork and team chemistry are crucial in volleyball just as in any other sport. This season, Liggett wants to start tracking its success and progress with wins. Even more important, in the eyes of Gonzalez, is building up the reputation of the program both at the school and around the area.

"They're going to become like a family," she said. "The program itself, with the girls being dedicated to the sport and growing and winning games, they're going to start respecting the game of volleyball... Even though they're young, they're going to set a standard for everybody else. If a freshman can do it, anyone can do it."

The young group of Knights do seem to be on a mission to prove what they can accomplish already. There are plenty of important les-



Part of Liggett's young roster work with each other during pre-season practices.

sons that this year's young Liggett volleyball team is going to learn through the ups and downs that are sure to come this fall. Having a roster filled with youth along with a young coaching staff is the perfect way to learn those lessons from each other.

"I've won a lot but also taken losses and have learned how to manage losses and fix my errors," Gonzalez said. "I want to teach them that it's not about win-

ning but improvement and growth. Last year was about changing the culture. This year is about putting everything into play...I want this program to be looked at as a good program overall."

The Knights opened the season on Wednesday, Aug. 24 on the road against Lutheran Westland. Its home opener is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 29 when it hosts Parkway Christian.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Coach Lisa Gonzalez, right, is preparing for her second year at the helm of University Liggett's volleyball program.

Blue Devils look to grow through grit

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last season had its ups and downs for the Grosse Pointe South volleyball team. The Blue Devils captured the MAC White Division title, but ended up exiting the state play-off tournament earlier than they would have liked.

The upcoming fall season presents the opportunity for a fresh start for South. Some key seniors from last year's group are gone, but a new core of senior leaders is ready to step up and lead the team to even greater heights than it was able to achieve last year.

"We lost four seniors, one of which was a first-team All-State selection,"

South varsity volleyball head coach Janeil DiVita said. "We do have five returning players who are seniors now and look to provide bigger roles and leadership this year."

The five returning seniors this year include Mary Clare Hessburg, Mary Gorski, Anna Meads, Rachel Rihani and Saniyah Smith. That group of seniors is joined by a mix of juniors and sophomores along with two freshmen, Gabriella DiVita and Alexandra Lupo.

Senior leadership is always important and South's team this year has plenty of it. The roster varies in terms of experience, but coach DiVita is confident she has put together the best

lineup for the style of play she wants to achieve. That style is defined by athleticism and aggressiveness.


"We're going to be the strongest offensively," DiVita said. "We have girls with height. ... We're going to be a young team, but if we can get the ball to the setters on defense or on serve returns, then we can be hard to stop."

Aggressive offense and gritty, scrappy defense is what the Blue Devils want to be known for this year. A major focus during pre-season practices and early non-league games for South is going to be building up a stronger defense.

Part of building that

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VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULES

GROSSE POINTE NORTH VARSITY			
8/23	@ Livonia Stevenson Tournament		
8/27	Motor City Power Series (Pontiac)		
9/8	@ Fraser		
9/10	Program Cup (Brighton)	10/6	Fraser
9/13	@ Henry Ford II	10/8	Motor City Power Series (Livonia)
9/15	Utica	10/12	@ Utica
9/17	Motor City Power Series (Pontiac)	10/18	Sterling Heights Stevenson
9/22	@ Sterling Heights Stevenson	10/20	@ Grosse Pointe South
9/29	Henry Ford II		
10/4	Grosse Pointe South		

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH VARSITY			
8/23	@ Livonia Stevenson Tournament		
9/6	Sterling Heights Stevenson		
9/8	@ Henry Ford II		
9/12	@ Marysville	10/10	@ Shrine Catholic
9/15	@ Fraser	10/12	Fraser
9/19	@ Lutheran North	10/15	@ Walled Lake Central Tournament
9/21	Utica	10/18	Utica
9/26	Avondale	10/20	Grosse Pointe North
9/28	@ Sterling Heights Stevenson	10/25	@ South Lyon East
10/4	@ Grosse Pointe North	10/27	@ Livonia Stevenson
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9/26	@ Frankel Jewish Academy	10/25	Cranbrook
		10/27	Southfield Christian



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South's Anna Meads prepares to serve during a match last season against Utica. Meads is one of five senior varsity players returning to the Blue Devils' lineup in 2022.

Veterans hold key to North volleyball success

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When a team has seven returning seniors, it is easy to say that experience is going to be its biggest advantage. That is the case for the Grosse Pointe North volleyball team this fall, which hopes that a veteran lineup can continue leading the program on the path toward success.

"It's a pretty experienced team this season," Norsemen head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "It's looking bright. We've already had a few scrimmages where we've brought home wins. We've got a pretty decent front line and it's a tall front line which we don't normally have...There's also a strong back row with three returning defend-

ers who could all be dominant."

Kaitlyn Barr, Olivia Dodenhoff, Annabelle Julien, Madelyn Olson, Lily Parker, Elizabeth Rheume and Mary Schaden make up the group of seniors expected to lead the Norsemen's lineup. They are joined by a group of juniors and one sophomore on the roster who are going to look up to that senior group for guidance.

Having a large group of experienced seniors is a plus when it comes to chemistry. Chemistry and trust is crucial in volleyball, so having athletes who are comfortable playing with each other already is definitely an advantage. The trust that the players already have built in each other gives North confidence that the team

can be stronger this year in every facet of the game.

"The camaraderie of the girls and the relationships they have on and off the court are huge," Brozo said. "This team brings a lot of friendship onto the court which shows in their sportsmanship and being good teammates. They lean on each other and we have strong player-coach relationships too so our offense and defense all around can be dominant."

Being strong on both sides of the ball is clearly a focus for the Norsemen this year. However, there have been changes on offense that Brozo and her coaching staff have been paying particular attention to during pre-season practices. The coaches have seen some new strengths and improvements emerge when it comes to part of North's offensive game.

"Our service game is very strong this season, which in the past it hasn't always been," Brozo said. "It's kind of where we had our downfall. This season, we're coming out strong with our service game and running a faster offense with our experienced players and moving the ball more than we ever have."

Faster, more aggressive offense and tough defense is what the Norsemen are looking at to help bring them from third, where they finished last season, to first in the MAC White division. Strength and speed can come with growth and maturity, which North has plenty of this season with the amount of experience the lineup has.

That experience and maturity is also going to



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's volleyball team has a wealth of experience entering this season with seven seniors returning to the roster, including Lizzy Rheume.

be the key for the future of the program. With so many seniors on this year's roster, the next couple of seasons at North might be more focused on youth. While the goal is to win as many matches as possible this fall, Brozo sees this season also as a valuable opportunity for the veterans to help the younger players for the

benefit of the program overall.

"Using the older girls to be role models and having a program that's going to grow from freshman to senior year," she said. "I try to get involved with the JV teams, especially when we can carry such large numbers, it helps when we have good role models in our older kids to

grow the program." North was in action Tuesday, Aug. 23, after press time, in a tournament hosted by Livonia Stevenson. The Norsemen travel to Pontiac on Saturday to play in the Motor City Power Series tournament before taking on Fraser on the road Thursday, Sept. 8 for their MAC White opener.



North players have been working on setting up a faster paced offense during pre-season practices.

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tough attitude and stout defense is by facing strong competition early in the year. This fall, the Blue Devils have set themselves up with a few tests early on that they feel will give them a good idea of what needs to be improved throughout the season.

"I wanted to set up a tough pre-season schedule so we could work on a good base and foundation before the league starts," DiVita said. "Our goal is to win the league this year — we won it

last year — and make it further into the tournament. ... I hope our early season schedule helps set us up for success heading into the league."

Repeating as MAC White champions and making a run in the postseason certainly would make this fall season a success for South. However, DiVita wants to see the most success in the growth and attitude of the team, especially on a squad that will have many players returning at least one more season in the future.

"We're still trying to build our team culture,"

DiVita said. "It's a process that takes time and the girls are starting to understand what we expect and getting better every year is on our mind. We want to see how we compete and how we can continue to develop and grow. It doesn't mean winning every game but going out and competing every night."

The Blue Devils began their season Tuesday, after press time, at a quad match hosted by Livonia Stevenson. They hit the court next Tuesday, Sept. 6, at home hosting Sterling Heights Stevenson.



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The Blue Devils varsity volleyball team posing with the 2021 district championship trophy last fall. South will look to win its third consecutive division title this year.

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South runners find strength in depth

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When it comes to strength at the top, this year's Grosse Pointe South boys cross country team knows that it has runners it can depend on. The Blue Devils's group of top experienced runners can certainly lead them to success, but the team also has plenty of depth in its younger athletes, who can help the team this season and beyond.

Saying the Blue Devils have strong depth may seem odd, as this year's roster looks a bit shorter than it might normally be. However, South is confident that this fall, the priority is quality over quantity.

"We have a smaller team than we've had in the past," said South boys cross country coach Mark Sonnenberg. "That's actually a good thing I think in many ways. It allows us to have a more tight-knit team with about 50 guys, which is still a pretty big number compared to most programs."

Punctuating the top of that roster of around 50 runners are South's two senior captains. A duo that shined last year and



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK SONNENBERG

Logan Detweiler, front, is one of South's senior captains this season and is expected to be one of the team's top runners on a consistent basis.

is looking to make an even bigger impact in their finals seasons, making their coach confident that they can be the keys to the Blue Devils success this fall.

"We have a one-two punch with Logan Detweiler and Brendan

Downey who could very well threaten school records," Sonnenberg said. "They look really strong. Last year, Logan was all-state. Both of them just missed all-state cuts for the mile in the spring. People are going to see them com-

ing." Detweiler and Downey are expected to be South's top finishers at many of this season's meets. They are what some might call the "two-headed monster" at the top of the Blue Devils list of runners

this season. However, they are not the only ones expected to be earning big points this fall. Both Detweiler and Downey are at the top of what Sonnenberg is looking at as the team's top five runners this season. Juniors Jet Miller and Tommy Caulfield are part of that along with sophomore Jack Martin.

Even outside of South's top five there is plenty of talent. Sophomore Josh Sonnenberg, coach Sonnenberg's son, has been impressing his dad and the rest of the coaching staff with what he has shown in pre-season training. Even a pair of freshmen in Myles Meldrum and Simon Justin are being looked at to make their mark right out of the gate.

"Both of them came in with zero reputation," said Sonnenberg about the freshman duo. "They showed up and ran really solid...I believe they're going to turn into some really excellent runners."

Even though South has a group of runners expected to be consistently near the top, the beauty of cross country is that any given runner

on the roster can make a big impact during any competition. While one goal of the team is to have as many runners contributing on the score sheet as possible, it is also important to have everyone contributing to the growth of the program.

"The goal is that this is the closest and most disciplined team we've ever had, and a team that impresses people just on the way they behave," Sonnenberg said. "It's more than just the successes we have. Obviously, I want to qualify for states and win the region and I want our top two to lead us to a top ten finish at states...First and foremost, it's the health of the program and having the reputation of if you need somewhere to send an athlete, send them to us."

South's boys cross country team had its first meet of the season last Friday at the Lamplighter Invite in Livonia. The Blue Devils placed 13th overall in Division 1, Flight Two, with Downey having the team's top finish with 15th place. South is back in action Saturday, Sept. 10 in the Algonac Invitational.

Blue Devils plan to elevate program's tradition of excellence

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As the girls cross country program at Grosse Pointe South gets ready to begin its 44th season, the goal of continuing the team's tradition of success has remained the same. This fall, the Blue Devils bring a roster of 50 runners from all levels of experience ranging from seniors to freshmen looking to carry on that tradition and make their own mark in South's running history over the next few months.

At the helm of the team this year is once again head coach Steve Zaranek. The longtime coach has tapped four seniors, Miranda Barba, Ava Carr, Sofia Guevara and Grace Winger as this fall's captains to lead the Blue Devils in

their goal of continuing the program's strong tradition. From what coach Zaranek has seen from this group so far over their high school careers makes him confident that he has the right leaders in place to do that.

"We have one of our finest senior classes ever with incredible character, amazing personality and perfect examples for all on our team," he said. "Our captains have the leadership skills that it takes to form a tight-knit, family-oriented team. They, along with our other seniors, will be at the core of our success this season."

Making sure that leadership and team chemistry are in order are going to be key if South wants to be competitive this season not only in the state and region but just

in the MAC Red Division. The competition is tough for the Blue Devils right in their own division. The collective group of talent, not only from the experienced leaders but everyone on the roster, has the team confident they can give the defending MAC Red champs a run for their money this year.

"Romeo will be the team to beat," Zaranek said. "They are on a roll right now with super talented kids. We hope to be as competitive as always in the MAC and look forward to the challenge. We also have a great lineup of invitationals."

Helping the Blue Devils in that quest for success in the MAC is a solid returning core of runners. Including the four senior captains, South has nine of its top

ten athletes from 2021 returning to the team this fall, giving the team a major boost when it comes to experience.

Sophomores Savannah Spangler, Adelina Parikh and Chloe Caulfield as well as juniors Kloie Roy and Morgan Deenik are some of those nine returning runners ready

to have an impact again this fall. Spangler is one that Zaranek is urging fans to particularly keep an eye on now after a breakout season last year just as a freshman.

"(Spangler) as a freshman led our team last year right through the state finals," he said. "She was close to breaking 20 minutes at the

state meet and we are hopeful she will be consistent in that range this season. She will help set that standard for our other varsity runners."

The Blue Devils are set to run on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Algonac Invitational and will also be in action a week after on Saturday, Sept. 17 in the Huron Invitational.



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Top right: South's girls cross country team captains for this fall. From left: Ava Carr, Grace Winger, Miranda Barba and Sofia Guevara.

Above: Blue Devils' girls cross country runners gather together after the Lamplighter Invitational, their first meet of the 2022 season last Friday night. South finished 18th overall in Division 1 Flight Two with Savannah Spangler posting the group's best finish with 25:21.1.

Veteran captains to lead young North roster

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For Grosse Pointe North boys cross country, this fall's team is mostly characterized by one thing: youth. With a group of ten seniors from last season now longer there, the Norsemen return only a handful of runners with previous varsity experience this fall.

The few runners that North does have coming back have the talent to lead the group to success. North's key returners this year include juniors Danny Webber and David Rochon along with senior captain Alex Agius. Those three are going to be looked on by coach Diane Montgomery to help lead a younger group of sophomores and freshmen this season, and help them learn to have success in the future.

"(Agius) was our num-

ber one runner last year and qualified for states as an individual," Montgomery said. "(Rochon) had a very successful track season competing in the 2 mile as his main event. Danny Webber is also coming off of a very successful track season running strong performances in the 400 and 800 meters."

The three upperclassmen leaders are going to have plenty of responsibilities when it comes to leading North both on the score sheet and the locker room. The advantage of a more youthful roster, which this year for the Norsemen includes six sophomores and eight freshmen, is the opportunity for growth in the future.

Of course, North wants to have as much success as possible this year. That is possible given the talent that is there based on what some of the more expe-

rienced runners have shown already in their careers. Runners like sophomores Wes Ramsey and Emmett Goosen as well as freshman Sam Parish are expected to make big leaps this season with what they are capable of. There is also another runner that seems to be particularly catching coach Montgomery's eye early on.

"Another runner who will certainly be in our varsity line-up is sophomore Caleb Kosel," she said. "He ran an outstanding 10:39 in the 2 mile his freshman year of track and has been working very diligently over the summer to secure a varsity spot."

The Norsemen begin the season this Saturday, Aug. 27 by running for the first time in the South Lyon Invitational. After that, it is on to the Algonac Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 10.



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North boys cross country captains Alex Agius, left, and David Rochon are ready to lead the Norsemen into the 2022 season.



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Grosse Pointe Woods residents playing pickleball during an evening session at Lake Front Park as part of the city's new pickleball program.

New pickleball, tennis programs become hits

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

If one was walking or driving through Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods on any given Tuesday or Thursday this summer, odds are they would have seen the tennis and pickleball courts alive with participants of all ages learning and enjoying the games. The Woods welcomed in new tennis and pickleball instruction programs this summer that were quickly welcomed by residents.

"Pickleball has been

great for ladies and retired couples," said Laura Digan, an organizer and instructor of the pickleball and tennis programs in the Woods. "The Woods just added pickleball courts to the Ghesquire Park skating rink. I like how the city is responding to the desire of the residents. This is a wonderful way to build camaraderie and exercise as part of parks and recreation."

Digan proposed her idea for pickleball and tennis programs at the park to the city before the summer began and was eager to get to work

once it was approved. More than 30 players signed up quickly, with more than a dozen more joining the waitlist for future sessions, showing just how much programs like these are already a hit.

Pickleball has become popular for the evening crowd, while Digan has spent her Tuesday and Thursday mornings this summer bringing her tennis instruction program to life by helping elementary and middle school aged children from the Woods to learn

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2022 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULES

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

8/27	South Lyon Invitational		
9/10	Algonac Invitational		
9/17	Autumn Classic (Stoney Creek)		
9/20	MAC Red Jamboree (Dakota)		
9/23	Mid-Season Spectacular (Goodells County Park)	10/22	MAC Division Meet (Lake St. Clair Metropark)
10/8	Wayne County Meet (Willow Metropark)	10/29	MHSAA Regional (Goodells County Park)
10/15	Gabriel Richard Invitational		

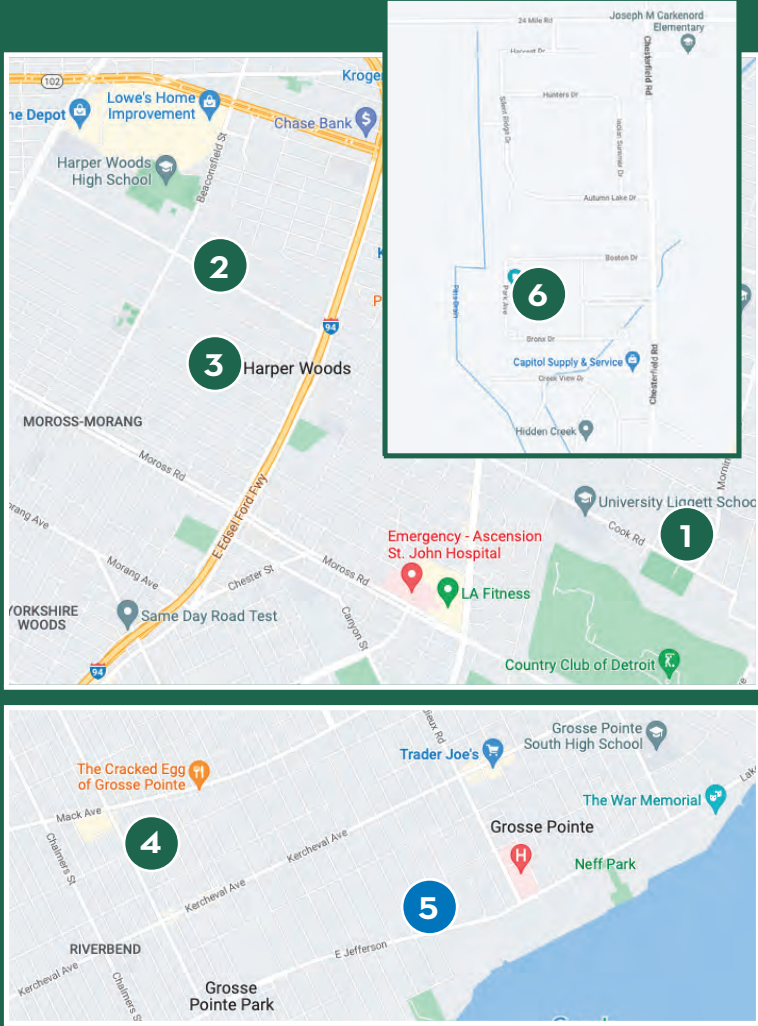
GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

8/19	Lamplighter Invitational (Livonia)		
9/10	Algonac Invitational		
9/17	Huron Invitational		
9/20	MAC Red Jamboree (Dakota)		
9/23	New Balance Invitational (Goodells County Park)	10/15	Gabriel Richard Invitational
10/1	Run the Pointe	10/22	MAC Division Meet (Lake St. Clair Metropark)
10/8	Wayne County Meet (Willow Metropark)	10/29	MHSAA Regional (Goodells County Park)



Laura Digan takes a break with her youth tennis students. Digan taught kids the game's basics on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this summer.

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- 3. 20254 Woodcrest, HW
- 4. 1365 Maryland, GPP
- 5. 1006 Whittier, GPP
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the game. While getting the children and their parents introduced to both tennis and pickleball, Digan has been able to see how these new park programs are bringing families closer together already.

"I see little ones that are so excited to be on court and move around

outside," she said. "We stretch and skip and learn to side-step...all important footwork for any child. Parents appreciate this and see how they can help their child with little things like skipping and hopping on one foot. The kids like it too. Then we are ready for the hard work. Hitting the ball. It's beautiful but extremely difficult. When they connect with the ball, they

are filled with joy." The summer session of pickleball and tennis programs ended on Aug. 11. Due to the program's success and high demand from the players, a fall session may be added in the future, although it has not officially been added yet. To stay up to date on tennis and pickleball programs in the Woods, visit the parks and recreation section of gpwmi.us.



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Pickleball players in the Woods were eager to join a new organized program, with more than 30 residents signing up quickly after it was announced.

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