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## BoE budget battle builds

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — It appears the final vote on the Grosse Pointe Public School System's 2023-24 fiscal year budget will follow a familiar pattern and end up passing by a 4-3 vote.

A resolution by Trustee David Brumbaugh for his budget failed by a 4-3 vote at the Board of Education meeting Monday, June 12, with him and Trustees Colleen Worden and Valarie St. John voting in favor. President Ahmed Ismail, Vice President Lisa Papas, Secretary Ginny Jeup and Treasurer Sean Cotton all voted against the measure.

The meeting began and ended on the same 4-3 vote regarding how

long it should last in light of the May 22 meeting lasting nine hours, as 80 some people made public comments.

Ismail said the district sought advice from legal counsel and determined the meeting could be recessed under Michigan's Open Meetings Act. A deadline of 10:30 p.m. was set.

"It's not good for anybody to be here until 3:30 in the morning," Ismail said. "The OMA expressly provides for a recess. If that's longer than 36 hours, the meeting notice has to be reposted 18 hours before we resume."

Superintendent Jon Dean noted Monday night's agenda indicated just that. The meeting was set to resume at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June

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## From patrol to chief

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The new public safety director is being sworn in at 2 p.m. Friday, June 16.

Jim Bostock, a 20-year veteran of the department and recipient of two life-saving commendations, takes the oath of office in the equivalent of hallowed ground for public safety officers — the garage housing fire trucks at city hall.

"Jim has always been there for the city," said City Manager Nick Sizeland. "He's well-liked by his officers and has the respect of the community. He's going to lead this department for years to come."

Sizeland recommended Bostock's promotion from deputy director, a post he's held almost exactly two years. A united city council agreed Monday, June 12.

"Absolutely," said Councilman Tom Caulfield.

"This is truly an honor to serve as director of such a great group of men and women," Bostock told the council. "Our mission is simply this: to keep residents, visitors and businesses in Grosse Pointe Park safe."

His method is simple. "We do that through excellent service, community outreach, integrity, professionalism, transparency and accountability," Bostock said.

"That kind of leadership is impressive," said

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## Three dead from overdose

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Police are investigating three fatal drug overdoses that occurred Saturday evening at a house on Canterbury.

Public Safety Director John Kosanke said two females and one male are dead.

"We're not releasing anything further right now out of sensitivity to the families and so we don't compromise our investigation," Kosanke said.

That includes personal details, such as names and ages of the deceased, what drug or drugs were involved and how the department was alerted.

Five people overdosed on the same night in July 2020 in two separate incidents that led to the death of one man in the Woods and another in the Park. Three people at the gathering in the Woods were hospitalized.

—Ted O'Neil

## Hip hip, hooray!

Students from Grosse Pointe South High School, top, Grosse Pointe North High School, middle, and University Liggett School, bottom, graduated from their respective schools over the last week, with each school either enjoying perfect weather (South and North) or dodging predicted rain (Liggett) to successfully host beautiful outdoor ceremonies. Best wishes to the class of 2023 as these new grads move on to their next exciting chapters!

## Pipe bomb was non-functioning, police say

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — There was no risk of harm in the case of a pipe bomb discovered by a Pier Park employee in a flower

bed near the pedestrian drop-off area Friday, June 2, the investigation has determined.

"An agent from ATF (The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) did tell us that, upon further

examination, the device was non-functioning," Farms Director of Public Safety John Hutchins said. "In other words, it would not and could not have gone off the way it was put together."

As the Farms department, as of press time, still was waiting on the formal report from the Michigan State Police, it is not yet able to comment on theories behind

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# MedStar to handle Park ambulance runs

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The Shores stands alone as the sole Pointe providing in-house ambulance service now that the Park is transferring medical runs to a private contractor.

Effective July 1, Park officials shift ambulance transportation duties to MedStar.

Doing so lets public safety officers spend more time patrolling the community than in hospitals doing paperwork.

“If we go to MedStar, that’s going to allow officers to stay in service and be on patrol,” said Jim Bostock, Park deputy public safety director. He is scheduled for promotion to director Friday, June 16.

Bostock said a typical ambulance run requires staffing by two officers and lasts longer than an hour, considering time spent at hospitals.

Park officers made 312 ambulance runs during 2022, according to the public safety department annual report for the year. According to Bostock, then, with each run occupying two officers for an hour, ambulance operations kept officers off road patrol for 624 hours during the year, the equivalent of one officer being off road patrol for nearly 16 weeks.

“We want to be able to put more staff on the road,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

He said the \$49,000 annual cost of retaining MedStar will balance operational savings.

“You have to look at the cost factor, too, of what it takes to provide an ambulance,” he said. “You have to consider the equipment purchases for an ambulance.”

The Park’s 15-year-old ambulance has about five years of useful life remaining and a replacement cost upwards of \$300,000 to \$400,000, he said.

The matter of contracting comes

down to numbers.

The Park had 21 officers cross-trained as emergency medical technicians when outgoing Park Chief Bryan Jarrell was hired two years ago.

“We have 12 now,” Jarrell said. “By law, I have to have two (EMTs) on a shift to run the ambulance.”

Officers are being forced to work extra back-to-back shifts to fill the EMT gap.

“It’s been happening long enough that they’re sick and tired of it,” Jarrell said. “They’re getting run into the ground.”

MedStar CEO Kolby Miller said the company’s more than 900 employees and 165 ambulances can be arrayed to handle the Park on top of the 189,000 patients transported annually throughout its nine-county service area.

“During known peak periods, there will be additional ambulances in the community,” Miller said. “We use a fluid posting plan. It’s computer driven. We consider ourselves a partner, not a vendor.”

The Park city council on Monday, June 12, approved a three-year contract with MedStar. The company already handles runs in the Farms, City and Woods.

“We privatized our ambulance service over 25 years ago,” said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager. “It has benefitted us. They have the latest training. They have more frequent runs so they have more experience and are able to outfit their vehicles with the best and most current equipment. They’re also paramedics.”

“We’ve been using MedStar for years now and it’s been, for the majority, good,” added John Alcorn, public safety director in the City of Grosse Pointe. “Every once in a while, something happens. I’ve been able to reach out to them and get someone on the phone to discuss what happened and make sure it doesn’t happen again. I think that’s going to be true with anybody.”

“In the Park, (ambulance) service has always been received well by residents,” said Steve Poloni,

former chief of the Park, City and Shores.

He’s currently doubling as Shores city manager and interim manager of the City.

“It’s basic service,” Poloni said of the level of care provided by park public safety officers. “MedStar would be bringing in an advanced service. Residents love the service (by public safety officers), but I don’t think they’d hate MedStar. It’s an upgrade in the qualifications. Both services work well. It comes down to what the residents, mayor and council decides.”

MedStar already serves the Park in a backup role through a mutual aid agreement with the City.

“It is evident that (contracting ambulance runs) works due to the fact that the Farms, the City and Woods have all been utilizing MedStar,” Poloni said. “At one time, the Woods had its own medics. They figured out it was economically advantageous to make that move. I’m not aware of any drawbacks in the service.”

“Directors of public safety in communities that have MedStar are satisfied with the service from MedStar,” Bostock said. “As far as response time, the national standard is eight minutes or less 90 percent of the time. MedStar far exceeds that.”

Jarrell said the Park response time is about half that due, in part, to a patrol officer arriving ahead of the ambulance, which is deployed from headquarters on Jefferson.

“That will not change at all,” Bostock said of his officers’ response time. “When a medical run comes out, we are still going to respond to the home. We are still going to stabilize the patient. The only thing that’s going to change is the rig that shows up is going to be white (MedStar’s color), not red (the Park’s color) and the patient is going to go in a MedStar ambulance. That’s going to keep not one, but two and maybe three of my officers in service instead of going to the hospital.”

“Our public safety officers also respond to medical emergency calls,” Reeside said. “It’s not just the ambulance. Officers have basic

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## Fitness Funfest

The Pointe Fitness & Training Center is partnering with the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society for a family-fun day of fitness, food and dogs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17. The day’s itinerary includes yoga, an outdoor HIIT class with a DJ, an onsite food truck, a weightlifting competition and much more.

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society will be on site with lovable dogs in search of their forever homes. Guests will have the opportunity to connect with these furry companions and potentially bring home a new family member.

There will also be a raffle held featuring a variety of generously donated items and prizes. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at the front desk. All proceeds from the raffle will be directly contributed to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

It’s important to note the gym will be open to both members and non-members throughout the duration of the event. To ensure safety, Pointe Fitness kindly requests all participants to complete a waiver before engaging in any workouts. Moreover, those who choose to

become gym members on the day of the event will receive an exclusive discount, making it the perfect opportunity to join their fitness community.

### Schedule

◆ 11 a.m. free indoor yoga class (limit 20 people)

◆ 12 p.m. outdoor HIIT workout class (limit 30 people)

◆ 1 p.m. indoor weightlifting competition — Squat/Bench/Pull-Up (limit 25 people)

◆ 2:30 p.m. raffle drawing to benefit Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society

### Parking information

Free public parking for the event will be held in the Salter Memorial Park within walking distance from Pointe Fitness. There will be no available parking in the Pointe Fitness lot on the day of the event.

General Admission is free. Head to [eventbrite.com/e/pointe-fitness-funfest-tickets-635526355437?aff=ebd5sbdestsearch](https://eventbrite.com/e/pointe-fitness-funfest-tickets-635526355437?aff=ebd5sbdestsearch) to reserve a spot. Pointe Fitness is located at 19556 Harper in Harper Woods. For more information, contact Pointe Fitness at (313) 417-9666.

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## CHIEF:

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Mayor Michele Hodges.

Bostock is a former minor league infielder who knows that it takes more than one person to accomplish the mission.

“We’re a team,” he said. “We’re a community and, most importantly, we’re a family. We’re accountable to you and each other. It’s definitely not lost upon me

the responsibility that’s been bestowed upon me. That’s to keep Grosse Pointe Park safe.

Bostock said he’s fortunate to work in a community that highly values public safety.

“We’re the guardians of the community and we run toward the danger, instead of away from it,” he said. “I look forward to the challenges that lay ahead.”

Bostock replaces Bryan Jarrell, hired in 2021.

Park officials had no problems with Jarrell, but canceled his contract to save costs. The job of deputy director is not being filled, saving money in the top ranks.

“Chief Jarrell did a

great job,” said Councilman Martin McMillan, a member of the public safety committee.

“We have challenges,” Hodges told Bostock, referring to municipal finances. “Management solutions are part of our path forward. I know you’re up for it.”

Bostock began his law enforcement career in 1996 as a corrections officer. He finished first in his classes at police and fire academies. In 2002, he joined the Detroit Police Department and was assigned to the special operations unit.

He’s been with the Park since 2003.



Jim Bostock

“He finished top in his class in both the police and fire academies,” Sizeland said. “Jim started his career as a patrolman and has been promoted to sergeant, lieutenant and chief.”

Awards consist of eight department citations, two life saving citations and three unit citations.

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# Firefighter rescues bird that had flown the coop

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Early the first Friday morning in June, 9-month-old cockatiel, Tiki, was resting in his favorite spot — a hanging basket in the kitchen of his Moran home — when Natalie Fotias walked out the back door to water the lawn and he saw an



Tiki is a 9-month-old cockatiel.

unexpected opportunity. “He’s still very young and we have been getting his wings trimmed regularly, but we didn’t know

that even if just one feather on each wing grew in, he could fly high,” she said of the family pet, whose love for snuggling is similar to that of a puppy. “He always likes to be right by us, so if we walk out of the room, he does his flock call, ‘Tiki,’ and then eventually he’ll flutter after us, but this is the first time he soared, so I had no idea he was even capable.

“He made several high loops over our house and then he flew west and I thought he was gone for sure.”

But because the white and yellow, orange-cheeked bird is so affectionate and vocal — playing peekaboo is a favorite pastime of Tiki’s — he occasionally replied as Fotias began to call out to him.

After 20 minutes of the staggered exchange, she found him five houses down, hanging out on a tree branch that was about the height



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Tiki hops onto Farms Fire Specialist Amber Williams’ shoulder for a smooth ride to the ground.

of the two-story house next to him.

“I stood there for over an hour just calling to him, as he was having the time of his life pruning every leaf and twig from this tree branch,” Fotias said, before she had the thought that the fire

department was the only place she knew that had a ladder tall enough. “... I was honestly very hesitant to make the call because it seemed so frivolous — like why would fire and police respond to a call about a bird in a tree? — but I was really

desperate.

“We love Tiki,” she explained. “He is a true member of our family and I couldn’t bear the idea of telling our 12-year-old, Costa, that he was gone and I didn’t try to do everything I could to get him back.”

Cue Grosse Pointe Farms Fire Specialist Amber Williams, who arrived around 9:30 a.m. with the department’s 24-foot ladder.

“He crawled up my arm and then rode my shoulder all the way down,” Williams said of the simple rescue that was successful in a matter of minutes. “... It was funny because we had Liggett Elementary here doing a station tour and the kids were cracking up that we were going to

rescue a bird from a tree.”

Now, a little more than a week later, Tiki is back snuggling in the safety of his home, where Fotias reported he’s surrounded by plants, two parakeets and a lot of love.

“In retrospect, it’s clear to me why (the department) would do it for us, because many officers go to great lengths — and in this case heights — to build relationships with residents and (to) be part of the community they serve,” Fotias said. “... We hear the stories about the corrupt or the bad faces and the bad sides of things and not all the hundreds of thousands of officers that do this work because they are committed to community and to service.”

## Park water rates up three percent

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Water and sewer rates are going up 3 percent in the coming fiscal year, starting July 1.

The city council adopted the increase Monday, May 8, based largely on the recommendation of a municipal financial consultant.

The advisor urged Park officials during a meeting April 24, to raise rates 3 percent to, in part, beef up the water-sewer fund. The fund is short of fund balance, the technical name for reserves.

“The fund balance is way too low in our opinion,” said Andy Campbell, a director of the Baker Tilly office in East Lansing.

Park officials retained the firm last year to analyze water-sewer operations and recommend a sustainable financial course correction.

“The needs for a rate study were because of impending lead service line repairs and capital needs that were not being reinvested back into the system,” Campbell told the council.

“It’s no surprise,” said first-term Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the financial advisory committee. “Our maintenance has been kicked down the road the last 10 to 15

years.”

The higher rate is expected to generate an additional \$163,226 during fiscal year 2023-24.

The projection covers a \$124,100 total anticipated increase to the city from the Great Lakes Water Authority, the regional water-sewer operating system.

Most metropolitan Detroit communities contract with GLWA to supply drinking water and handle regional storm and sanitary sewer services.

“GLWA’s charges for fiscal year 2024 are anticipated to increase by \$52,800 for sewer charges and \$71,300 for water charges,” according to a summary by Ginger Moriarty, Park finance director and treasurer.

Effective July 1, then, all Park water and sewer bills will be based on the following flat rates:

- ◆ GLWA now, \$61.34, new, \$63.18;
- ◆ sewer service now \$71.96, new \$74.12;
- ◆ capital projects now \$7.50, new \$7.73 and
- ◆ water flow now \$3.80, new \$3.91.

Campbell said he recommends cities maintain enough reserves in the water-sewer fund to operate the department

for six months. In the Park’s case, that equals \$3 million.

He doesn’t expect the city to fill the coffers overnight.

“Over time there needs to be movement in a positive direction to restore reserves in the water and sewer fund to a more sustainable balance,” Campbell said. “Our minimum recommendation is three months. That would be about \$1.5 million for the combined fund. If you get below \$1.5 million, we start sending red flags because you’re getting to the point now that one issue could drain the fund.”

Contracting water and sewer services to GLWA insulates the city from being responsible for directly maintaining and repairing the region’s costly infrastructure.

“GLWA is responsible (for fixing) for a lot of things that could go wrong,” Campbell said.

“So, three months (worth of reserves) is reasonable for your fund, knowing you still have responsibility for the (local) collection and distribution system. But, you’re not responsible for the really big potential emergencies at interceptors.”

He said if residents last year hadn’t passed a 10-year, 2-mill water and sewer millage, he would have recommended a 32 percent water rate increase.

In terms of current dollar value, the 2-mill millage generates a little more than \$17 million per year for a 10-year total of about \$170 million. When figuring in inflation and rising property values, Campbell said the Park is likely to get total millage revenue closer to \$25 million.

Even so, the needs of the water and sewer system total \$41 million, he said.

“Over the next eight years, the current capital improvements for sewers is about \$14.1 million,” Campbell said. “Water is estimated at \$27 million. That takes into account modest (5 percent) inflation, not the crazy stuff we’re seeing now.

“We know we need \$41 (million) if you do these capital improvements. The millage is going to bring in maybe \$25 million of that. Where is the rest going to come from? That’s the point tonight of why our (rate hike) recommendation is what it is.”

## Pier Park baby pool reopens

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — “Our summer’s continuing,” Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis said, after the Pier Park baby pool reopened Saturday, June 10.

The pool was closed for a week and a half after red-winged black-birds began dive-bombing anyone in the area in an attempt to protect their nearby nests.

“We’re standing on the baby pool deck and we’re not getting attacked, so we felt it was safe to reopen it,” Galatis said of the go-ahead. “... We haven’t had any issues all weekend.”

The Pier Park baby pool’s current hours — until school restarts — are noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

— Laurel Kraus

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, JUNE 19

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Master Plan Update workshop, 7:15 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 20

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 3:55 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods’ Music on the Lawn, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 24

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park’s After 6 on Kercheval, 6 p.m.

## BOMB:

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the intent with which the pipe bomb was left at the park.

“There are several possible scenarios,” Hutchins said. “Most of them do not involve the intent to injure anyone.”

It remains the department’s belief, he added, that the pipe bomb was an isolated incident.

The investigation remains ongoing.



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# Recent North grad flying high

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

With high school graduations occurring just last week, the phrase “spread your wings and fly” was probably uttered more than a few times.

For 2023 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate Ethan Rokicki, that's a been there, done that kind of thing.



Rokicki snapped this photo of downtown Detroit during one of his training flights.

Rokicki, 18, got his pilot's license in February with the ultimate goal of becoming a commercial pilot.

“I've been passionate about airplanes since I

was about 3 years old,” he said. “Just everything about them and how the process works.”

The Farms resident started his journey while living in Florida temporarily, then completed it after moving back to the Pointes.

“I flew about 20 hours at the Grosse Ile Municipal Airport and did about 80 hours in total,” he said. “The FAA

requires 40 hours before you can take the written test, but that's pretty rare. The average is probably 70 or 80 hours.”

A former naval air station, President George H.W. Bush trained there during World War II.

“They've got pictures of him and one of Amelia Earhart who landed there,” Rokicki said. “The lobby is like a museum.”

In addition to his hours in the air, which had to include 10 solo hours, Rokicki said he spent three days preparing for the written exam taking online practice tests.

“You have to do five solo flights that they call cross country, meaning they have to be at least 150 miles,” he added. “Those were really fun.”

As any parent knows, it's nerve racking enough when a child learns to drive, but flying is a different story.

In Rokicki's case, his parents, Amy and Jeffrey, were already prepared. “My brother, Ryan, is a pilot, so they were used to it,” he said. “They already knew what all was involved but they were still nervous. I'm really grateful to them for letting me do this because it's definitely not cheap.”

Ryan Rokicki, a 2018 North graduate, now flies for PSA Airlines, the company that handles connector flights for American Airlines.

As a rookie pilot, Rokicki has the most basic license.

“It's pretty rudimentary,” he said. “I can only fly on sunny, clear days when there isn't much cloud cover.”

His training came in a Cessna 172, a single-engine, high-wing four seater. He can only fly planes under 200 horsepower, but eventually will upgrade to flying multi-engine planes over 200 horsepower.

The next step is obtaining an instrument rating, which allows for flying at night or in low visibility weather. That will start when Rokicki enrolls at Florida's Jacksonville University in the fall where he'll pursue a bachelor's degree in aviation management and science.

“It's basically being a pilot but having a business degree,” he said. “The other pilots told my brother that there will be times he can expect to



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Ethan Rokicki, a 2023 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate, holds his pilot's license in front of a Cessna 172.

be laid off.

“It all depends on the economy,” he added. “They told him there were a lot of layoffs in 2008 during the recession and during COVID because fewer people

were flying.”

Post-college, Rokicki hopes to land a job with an airline.

“It doesn't matter if it's flying cargo or passengers,” he said. “Whoever will hire me.”

## Grant could reduce city pension gap

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Twenty-nine million dollars is pretty good except when up against \$53 million.

The \$24 million difference represents a funding shortfall in the city's pension system.

In an attempt to whittle down the gap, the council in May authorized the city manager to apply for a cash

injection from a state grant.

Qualified cities must have defined benefit pensions funded less than 60 percent.

At the close of 2021, the Park's pension plan had assets of \$28.72 million versus \$52.8 million in liabilities, resulting in an underfunding level of 54.5 percent.

“In 2022, the state created the Protecting MI Pension Program to

assist underfunded municipal pension systems,” Ginger Moriarty, the Park's new finance director and treasurer, wrote in a report to council. “The one-time grant program was designed to provide payments in the amount it would have taken a (defined benefit) plan to reach 60 percent funding.”

“It doesn't solve the structural issue, but it does provide some relief,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

“This is just a one-time bump to help us,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

Park officials should know July 17 if they received a \$2.9 million grant boosting assets to \$31.62 million, resulting in a 60 percent funding level.

“Payments are due by Aug. 30,” Moriarty said. “Funds will be paid directly to the Municipal Employees' Retirement

System of Michigan.”

The state has \$750 million to distribute.

“There is a limit on grant funds received,” according to grant information from the state treasury department.

“Qualified units for the grant program may receive a grant award amount not to exceed an amount equal to the amount necessary to achieve a funded ratio of 60 percent or the (\$170 million) cap on grant awards, whichever is less.”

Councilman Brian Brenner asked if the Park has a good chance, or any chance at all, of being approved for loans that may be intended for disadvantaged jurisdictions.

“There is hope we'll get some amount,” Sizeland said.

“Some cities are funded only 10 percent,” Councilman Martin McMillan said.

## Closing house flipper loophole

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — A gap in the municipal code letting short-term, quick-sale property owners operate without obtaining certificates of occupancy is closed by revisions made in May to building regulations.

Changes appear in Article 3 of Ordinance 238, the property maintenance section of Park buildings and building regulations.

“(A section) has been modified for clarity as well as a removal of a loophole in which house flippers were able to buy, renovate and sell a house in less than a year and were not required to obtain a certificate of occupancy after the renovations are complete,” said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager.

Section 7-13 of the ordinance stresses that it is unlawful for anyone

to occupy a dwelling or structure without a certificate of occupancy and that certificates of occupancy expire upon changes of occupancy.

Another amendment to the ordinance downgrades violations of Section 7 from a misdemeanor, which can be punished by fines and jail time, to a municipal civil infraction, which involves only fines.

Appeals to the building code will be heard by a new board, the building code board of appeals.

Rights of appeal require aggrieved parties to submit a written application for appeal within 20 days of the decision in question.

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**Grosse Pointe Park**

**Fraud**

A female resident told police last week that someone routed her paycheck without permission to an unknown account.

**No ops**

A traffic stop for speeding on Mack near Buckingham at 11:40 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, ended with the arrest of a 37-year-old Detroit man for violating a suspended operator's license.

**Broken window**

On Wednesday, June 7, between 6:30 and 8:45 p.m., someone tossed a rock through the storm door window of a house in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield.

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

**Grosse Pointe Woods**

**Key message**

Five vehicles were reported stolen Wednesday, June 7, and Thursday, June 8, four of which were unlocked with the keys inside. They were:

- ◆ A 2023 Ford on Beaufait
- ◆ A 2020 Chevy on Cook
- ◆ A 2018 Lincoln on East Ida
- ◆ A 2020 Jeep on Edshire

In addition, a 2008 Jeep was stolen on Broadstone. Broken glass was found

on the driveway. "Public safety is asking for help from residents to lock their homes, cars and garages in order to reduce opportunities for thieves," Chief John Kosanke said. "Also, never leave keys in the vehicle."

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

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**Free for all**

A black woman in her early 30s pushed a cart of \$250 worth of steak, paper towel and toilet paper out of a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 7:50 p.m. Sunday, May 28, without any attempt to pay.

The next day, at 2 p.m., a white woman in her 50s with long, gray hair stole \$200 worth of various wines from the same business.

Then — at 9 p.m. Sunday, June 11 — a black man wearing an army jacket stole \$332 worth of groceries from the business.

Investigations into all three incidents are ongoing.

**Chill pill**

Officers were called to de-escalate the situation at a local hospital when a patient in the emergency room was verbally aggres-

sive to staff at 11 p.m. Monday, June 5.

**Kia damage**

An unknown person broke the rear passenger window of a 2021 Kia Sportage parked in the 17000 block of Mack at 4 a.m. Wednesday, June 7.

When the vehicle's alarm went off, the suspect fled.

**Bank fraud**

A fraudulent account through online bank Chime Banking was opened in a Grosse Pointe woman's name Thursday, June 8.

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

**Grosse Pointe Farms**

**Bike theft**

A black, Specialized Roll 2.0 bike and Burley child seat were stolen out of an open garage in the 400 block of Maison

between 4 p.m. Monday, June 5, and 8:45 a.m. the next morning.

The value of both is more than \$800.

**Retaliation**

A firepit on McKinley was damaged between 6:10 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, as though someone kicked it several times until it was pushed off the brick foundation.

The homeowner believes a contractor, against whom she has filed a civil lawsuit, may be responsible.

**Mathematician**

When asked to pick any number between 21 and 19, after being stopped for weaving on Moross without headlights at 12:26 a.m. Saturday, June 10, a 26-year-old Detroit man began counting from one to 21.

He admitted to drinking two beers and a preliminary breath test found his blood alcohol content to be 0.21 percent, for which he was arrested.

**House party**

After a homeowner in the 100 block of Ridge twice was warned of noise complaints during a backyard party, the 31-year-old Grosse Pointe man was cited for disorderly conduct when officers were called a third time at 12:35 a.m. Sunday, June 11.

**Intimidation**

When an employee at a business in the 19000 block of Mack attempted to assist a woman out of the store, a 29-year-old Chesterfield man attempted to block any exit and then followed the employee behind the counter at 10:42 a.m. Sunday, June 11.

After spitting at her, he grabbed a bottle of alcohol and walked out. The man was arrested for retail fraud and assault.

**Car theft**

A white 2022 Porsche Macan was stolen from Merriweather between 9:45 p.m. Sunday, June 11, and 5 a.m. the next morning.

The homeowner believes the vehicle was locked with the keys inside.

A purse was left in the vehicle containing various credit cards and graduation cards.

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

**Grosse Pointe Shores**

Nothing to report, per dispatch.

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

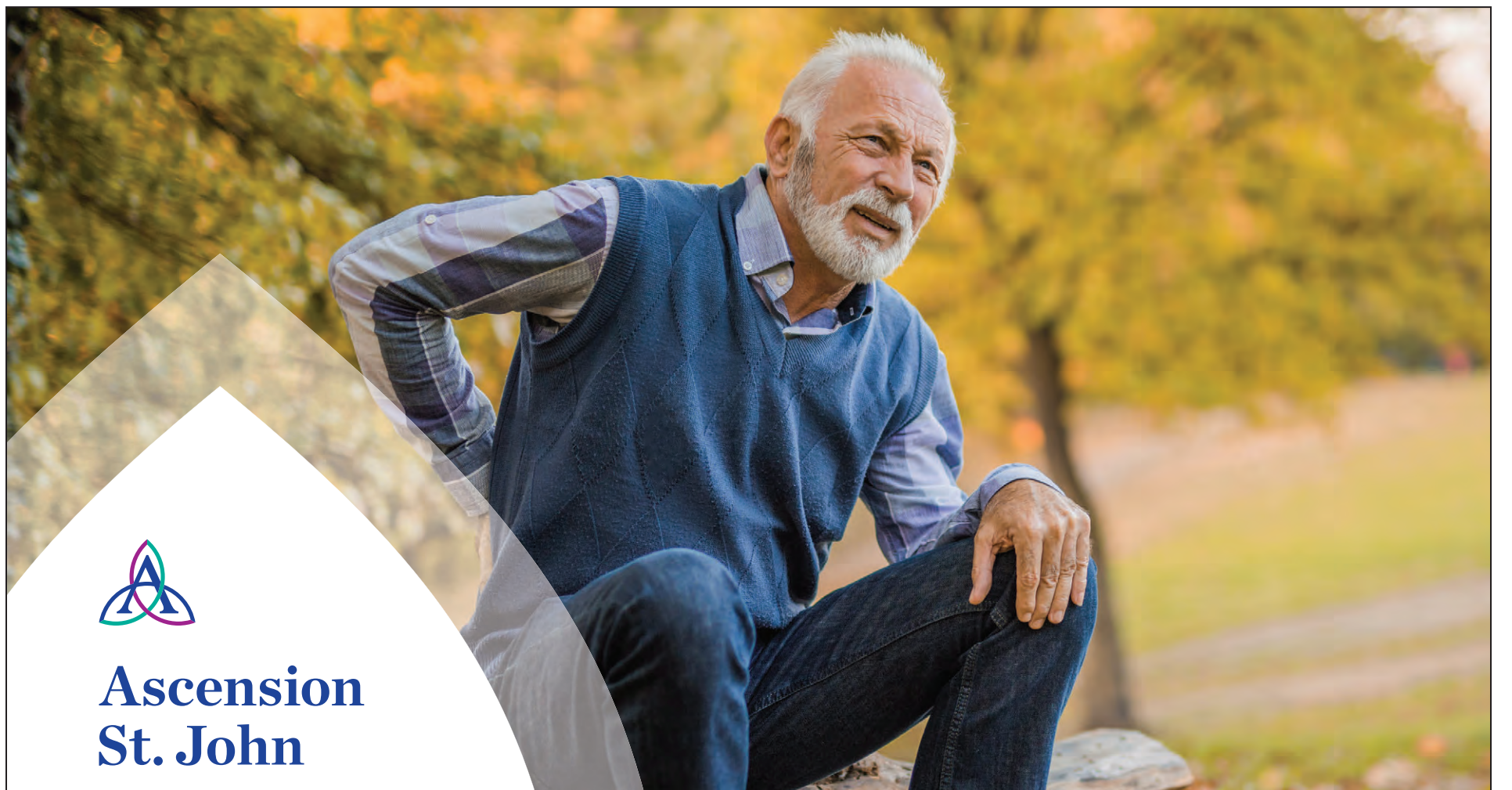
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### OUR VIEW

## The art and onus of compromise

There's something to be said about the art and onus of compromise as the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education prepares to vote on the 2023-24 fiscal year budget June 20. It's also important to remember that compromise and concessions often only buy time or provide a temporary resolution and, as such, mean very little if we don't fix what's at the root of the issue. In our case, GPPSS has been spending money at a rate that outpaces our district's income for far too long, despite countless cautionary flags to slow down.

As reported by Ted O'Neil in today's edition of the Grosse Pointe News, two budget-reduction options based on parameters set by the board were presented during a May 22 meeting: Trustee David Brumbaugh's \$4.1 million proposal in recommended cuts, which included the caveat of an additional strategic review on where to make deeper cuts later on; and a second plan, presented by Vice President Lisa Papas and Treasurer Sean Cotton, aimed to cut nearly \$5 million from the start.

At the close of the meeting, the two sides agreed to meet to find middle ground between their proposals. A compromised draft emerged, which included \$4.5 million in cuts and spending reductions, keeping several of the administration's original proposals with a few changes.

After a public hearing during its June 12 meeting, Brumbaugh's resolution failed 4-3 (see page 1A). A final vote on the overall budget will take place Tuesday, June 20. Any changes can be made until the day of the vote.

As is the nature of compromise, it's likely neither side will walk away completely happy with the outcome. We believe an important lesson came out of this budget-cut drafting process: Our district must keep in mind what got us here in the first place, which was continuing to spend money at a vigorous pace in the face of decreasing enrollment. But at least some form of forward progress can continue, amid painful cuts that are necessary for our district's long-term survival and financial health.

Take a recent example of our country's debt ceiling and the importance of addressing the root of the problem, which is the government's excessive spending. President Joe Biden and Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy successfully compromised to avoid default on the U.S. debt. The compromise served an essential and valuable purpose. It helped avoid the chaos that would have ensued otherwise, such as the government no longer paying its bills, like Social Security. But on the flip side, the compromise now allows the government to continue to spend without the assurance it will be more fiscally responsible to not increase the country's debt any further.

The nation now has a modicum of breathing room, at least for the next two years. But the persistent problem and impetus for concessions — the ballooning national debt — hasn't gone away.

Last week's graduation ceremonies at Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North served as a powerful reminder of why our emotions run so high and why we all care so much about the future of our public schools and keeping them strong. Having our administration, teachers, students and board up on those stages, smiling and celebrating our graduates,



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### OUR VIEW

## It's a love story as Taylor Swift's fans say 'yes!'

In a city that's hosted a Super Bowl, a few World Series, Stanley Cup finals and an annual worldwide auto show — not to mention hosting next spring's highly-anticipated NFL draft — we are no strangers to big happenings. But last weekend felt like all of those events wrapped into one when international sensation, singer and songwriter Taylor Swift brought her "Eras" tour for two sold-out shows Friday and Saturday night to Ford Field.

We won't sit here and pretend we are the world's most pre-eminent "Swifties" in our newsroom, but we sure do know a moment when we see one.

From the buildup of when her tickets went on sale last fall, to the second she hit the stage for more than three hours to the delight of her frenzied fans, Ms. Swift also managed to create an unmistakable, feel-good vibe for 48 straight hours throughout metro Detroit. She's come a long way from the first time the Motor City got a glimpse of her as a 16-year-old, when she performed the national anthem before a Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day game in 2006. And this weekend her fans, which included a strong contingent from the Pointes, proved they were ready for it.

Known as Swifties, fans decked themselves out in attire that represented one of Ms. Swift's album "eras." Fans lived out their wildest dreams last weekend, flooding the streets of Detroit in carefully curated outfits involving some combination of sparkles, glitter, flowing sundresses, leather skirts, sunglasses, hats and

omnipresent cowboy boots. They came armed with friendship bracelets, each one spelling out one of Ms. Swift's song titles regarding an ex-boyfriend, or with a song lyric to exchange with other fans. They sang along, word-by-word, to a set list consisting of 44 songs divided into 10 distinct acts that showcased her albums like "1989," "Fearless," and "Reputation."

The show has received unanimous critical acclaim and praise for its production values and for Ms. Swift's musicality, charisma and versatility. From all accounts, her Detroit shows were worth the wait. Last fall, fans rushed to buy tickets to experience it, despite TicketMaster playing the anti-hero with its initial monopoly and subsequent price gouging. Ms. Swift promptly defended her fanbase and decried the company's money-grubbing methods, a financial situation music fans unfortunately know all too well.

These hard-to-come-by, pricey tickets included top VIP packages that averaged \$899 apiece. On the open market, those same tickets went into the thousands of dollars, and scammers preyed on those eager enough to buy a seat. Hopefully those fans will never, ever, ever consider getting back together with people who operate on that level of cruelty.

But the concerts also gave a legitimate big boost to Detroit businesses, an effect known as "Swiftonomics." Countless local hotels, bars, restaurants, retail stores and Uber and Lyft drivers experienced a huge uptick in sales and

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is what it's all about. Doing all the heavy lifting and making hard decisions, while balancing the need to keep our schools top-notch, is what paves the way for graduating seniors and their families to reach the destination of graduation day, the most momentous occasion in their academic careers to date.

Some good definitely came from our board's willingness to develop a compromised budget. But the vital question we are left with is what more can we do to increase our fiscal responsibility within this budget cycle, and where can we be innovative and proactive in our methods to increase revenue to avoid this situation and the need for compromise, cuts and concessions the next time around.

## LETTERS

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### With everyone's input outcomes are better

Until placement of the huge 50-foot-wide, 25-foot-high 35-foot-deep Les Braves II Monument obstructed its historic house, terrace and lawn views, the GPWM was the ONLY GP mansion FREE to all with unimpeded Lake St. Clair vistas.

By disregarding transparency, one of its own stated Core Guiding Values, the GPWM missed its chance to preserve for posterity valuable historically important features of this nationally registered 1910 Alger property. Community input on size and placement could have influenced Les Braves II installation at an angle facing the house and ballroom instead of across the lakefront, preserving some of the view, providing a more private area for reflection, and shielding the garden

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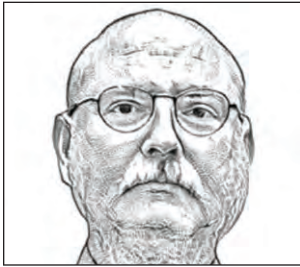
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I SAY By Ted O'Neil



# Growing up in the Shores

St. Clair Shores, that is. Your neighbor to the north. Sometimes referred to as the poor man's Grosse Pointe.

Back then I didn't know much about the Pointes, and to be honest didn't have a reason to. St. Clair Shores is an oddity in that it has three separate school districts. Back in my day, there weren't many reasons to leave your school district, much less the city.

For example, we had A&P for groceries. The

north end had Farmer Jack and the south end had Kroger. Of course, that was before anyone had even heard of Meijer.

After finishing eighth grade at St. Germaine Catholic School, which was about five blocks west of our house, I went three blocks south to Lakeview High School.

After football or basketball or hockey games, we went to Burger King. Lake Shore and South Lake both had McDonald's. You didn't dare venture into enemy territory on those nights, and especially not wearing a letter jacket. That was just asking for trouble.

Speaking of high

school, some of you probably remember the old Bi-County League. It always struck me as odd that aside from the three SCS schools, North was a member but South wasn't. Now we've got the mega humongous Macomb Area Conference, which might just end up expanding into the Michigan Area Conference. All of those schools moving among divisions every few years just doesn't seem to foster the same rivalries like back then. (P.S. Get off my lawn!)

I do recall going to South one summer for a multi-school hoops scrimmage and we were amazed. A school with

more than one gym? That's become fairly common since girls basketball was moved to the winter, but back then us blue-collar kids had never seen anything like it. Heck, our gym didn't even have two scoreboards.

And our football field didn't have lights. Home games were Saturday afternoons. And we walked 12 miles to school, in the snow, uphill both ways.

St. Clair Shores also is referred to as the boating capital of Michigan. Not only because of the marinas along the Nautical Mile, but because so many streets between Jefferson and the lake

have canals. I was more than a little disappointed when my mom told me growing up that she and my dad almost bought a house on one of those canal streets when they moved from Harper Woods the year before I was born.

It really wasn't until I started at the Grosse Pointe News last year that I realized how popular boating is here as well. Again, I had no reason to know about a place like the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club or all of the city parks on the lake. All I knew back then was there was a really cool-looking place with a huge pool in OUR city and WE can't get in?

It wasn't until I started covering the Woods that I learned how Lake Front Park came to be.

And not to wax nostalgic too much, but since coming back to the area after taking this job, sometimes it hits me how much has changed but also how much is the same.

Gone are the corner hardware store, the local pharmacy and Pete's Italian Bakery, which had the best pizza ever.

But the VFW Bruce Post still has the best Lenten fish dinners, Greater Mack still stops and starts in about five different places and the fish flies still are invading.

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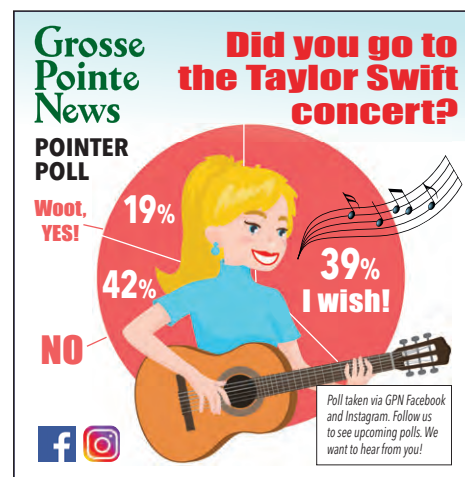
revenue, thanks to fans who came to Ms. Swift's first live shows in five years. Fans arrived in droves not just from metro Detroit, but from around the state and country to fill Ford Field, which has a capacity of 65,000.

According to reports, the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau expected more than 100,000 tourists to come to the city between last Thursday and Sunday, all of whom were enchanted enough by Ms. Swift to make the journey to the "D." In addition to ticket costs and merchandise sales, fans also invested in parking around the stadium, which set attendees back anywhere up to \$200 to park in a secured lot. The city's best hotels, most of which were fully booked before the weekend, charged north of \$800 a room.

But keep in mind these are Taylor Swift fans. They'll just take these

champagne problems and shake it off.

We walked away from last weekend with a big win — a love story, if you will — for our city, for fans and for anyone who appreciates buzz-worthy, feel-good events like this. And with Ms. Swift's talent and entertainment value, we have a feeling that being a Swiftie is something that will never go out of style.



## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1973

50 years ago this week

**POLICE GIVEN ROUGH TIME BY STUDENTS:** An estimated 300 to 400 youths, most of them high school students, congregated en masse at the Parcels School parking lot Thursday evening and fired bottles and rocks at police officers trying to break up the hostile crowd. No one was reported seriously hurt during the exchange, although two Woods public safety officers suffered some bruises. Some

of the department's older scout cars received minor damage from flying missiles before officers from the Woods, Shores and Harper Woods dispersed the students.

### 1998

25 years ago this week

**POUPARD PRINCIPAL RETIRES AFTER 36 YEARS:** Despite the rain and cold, summer was in full bloom June 5, as students and staff of Poupard Elementary School bid farewell to principal Jay Flowers. At a farewell

assembly, each class presented a gift to Flowers, who began his education career in Utica in 1962.

### 2013

10 years ago this week

**SOC MOVES INTO ITS NEW HOME:** Formerly housed in Barnes School, then the Neighborhood Club, the newly renovated, updated and handicap accessible Newberry House behind the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital is now home to SOC. The three-story brick structure has both large and small meeting rooms, a computer room, a cafe, a commercial-size kitchen and offices.

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# City streamlines redevelopment process

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — As the City maintains its commitment to bring in developers, and therefore more revenue, off the back of two St. Clair apartment complex approvals and a number of new businesses headed for The Village, city council earlier this year approved three ordinance amendments to streamline the site plan review process.

“The purpose of this is some minor tweaking to the site plan review process, to better align with the City’s overall commitment to making sure the process and procedures are as quick and painless as possible for people looking to invest money in the City of Grosse Pointe,” City Planner John Jackson noted, “and also to align with the best practices from the Redevelopment Ready Communities program, which is something that the City’s been committed to for some time.”

Two of the changes — to Chapter 14, Buildings and Building Regulations, as well as Chapter 58, Signs — are relatively

minor in that they respectively address a clarification to better align with the process and procedures that are in the zoning code and a clarification that sign allowances can be reviewed administratively rather than coming before the planning commission if they are in compliance with the sign ordinance. The latter already is a matter of practice due to council direction from a number of years ago, former city manager Pete Dame noted, but the ordinance had yet to be changed to reflect it.

The more significant change — affecting Article II, Administration and Enforcement, as well as Article IV, District Regulations — removes redundant language while spelling out that minor modifications to site plans can be approved administratively, instead of requiring developers to set a date to come before the planning commission for approval.

For this purpose, minor modifications would be considered minor alterations to existing building facades; additions to

landscape plans; restriping parking lots or building dumpster enclosures; or changing a site from one permitted use to another that does not substantially affect the character or intensity.

“If the second floor of Kercheval Place went from office to residential, that would be a change in use that has potential implications that we’d want to bring to the planning commission for their review,” Jackson explained. “But change from retail to restaurant or restaurant to a service use that’s permitted is something that we feel comfortable reviewing at the staff level on a daily basis.”

Planning commission approval still will be required for new construction; significant additions to an existing building; new uses that require special use approval; and proposals involving use of the public right of way.

However, maintaining the prior standard of sending most approvals to the planning commission would make the City ineligible to become a Redevelopment Ready Community, Dame noted.

# St. Clare & Park deal pipes

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Park officials endorse St. Clare of Montefalco’s design for installing a new water main under the campus parking lot between Charlevoix and Mack Avenue.

Work is a partnership of sorts between the city and church. The city is paying \$179,000 for the water main while St. Clare accepts the cost of disconnecting the lot’s storm drains from the municipal sewer system.

“St. Clare has committed to, at its expense, pave the parking lot as well as creating a retention basin

under the lot holding rainwater,” said Nick Sizeland, Park manager. “It mitigates our need to use the EERV by taking pressure off the system” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “That’s a huge consideration.”

“It’s a great example of two entities working together for one common goal,” Councilman Martin McMillan said.

Disconnection reduces runoff entering city storm sewers, leaving more capacity in the system for rain to drain away rather than contribute to the risk of backups and a repeat of the July 2021 flooding of roadways and basements during thunderstorms.

“Design and engineer-

ing of the new main and supervision of installation will be accomplished by St. Clare’s consulting engineer, (while) Park engineers have the right to review, approve or otherwise provide comments to (St. Clare’s team) relating to the plans and specifications,” according to an agreement the Park council approved Monday, May 8.

“The water main is part of additional infrastructure improvements associated with the replacement of the parking lot and storm sewer improvements across the property,” Sizeland said.

Water main work is contracted to Nagle Paving Company.

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wedding area. The garden on the Jefferson side of the ballroom might have been saved, freeing up funding for the theater, still unusable despite a 2022 community usage survey.

Scale is important. The monument appears much larger on the Alger Mansion lakeside lawn than the original does on its 6 mile long empty Omaha Beach. I appreciate the

structure’s intent; my father was a United States Naval Academy graduate. However, as a Grosse Pointer whose family has enjoyed the GPWM for decades, the recent destructive changes greatly sadden and distress me.

Historically significant GP public properties must be made accountable to public input. Grosse Pointe governments should immediately stop this sort of thoughtless damage by passing legally binding

ordinances requiring attention to public input. Updating facilities should not mean disregard for historic community treasures.

SUE SCHEIWE  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Equity grading

I had to read the cover story about GPPSS adopting equity grading more than once, hoping I had missed that it was a late “April Fools” prank. GPPSS has long been a gem in our community, consistently ranking near the top of school districts in the state. Families located and stayed here for the promise of their children receiving a first class education. Sadly, the decline is apparent for anyone to see. “Equity grading” (AKA lowering standards) will accelerate this decline, and further erode the attractiveness of our community.

ALAN DOMZALSKI  
Grosse Pointe Woods

# Thank you for your service

On Thursday, May 4, the Pettipointe Questers No. 243 gathered at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch in Grosse Pointe Park to hear Bill Welborne, a Tuskegee airman, give a history of the Tuskegee Airmen, who were the first African American soldiers to successfully complete their training and enter the U.S. Army Air Corps. Almost 1,000 aviators were produced as America’s first African American military pilots. Welborne is one of three surviving members of the original group.

**Right, Bill Welborne, chief master sergeant, crew chief with the Tuskegee Airmen and also chairman of the membership committee for the Tuskegee Airmen Detroit chapter, stands with a resolution for the Tuskegee Airmen of the United States. During his service, Welborne was stationed in Japan, Philippines, England, Libya, Germany, France and all over the U.S. and has been to 102 countries. Welborne was a mechanic and worked on aircraft like the P51 Mustang, a pursuit aircraft, as well as the F86, F100, F4 Phantom and F14, all fighter planes.**



**Right, Welborne brought along dioramas of Tuskegee Airmen articles and information that gave history and background.**



**Right, The Questers gave Tuskegee Airman Bill Welborne a certificate of appreciation for his service and for speaking with members about the history of the Tuskegee Airmen. From left are Betsy Berg, Pettipointe Questers No. 243 program coordinator; Dona DeSantis-Reynolds, Pettipointe Questers No. 243 program director; Welborne; and Kay VanDeGraff, Pettipointe Questers No. 243 president.**



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**Bill Welborne, who will be 90 in July, speaks to the Questers about the lives of other Tuskegee Airmen, what happened to them and how they were treated before President Harry S. Truman desegregated the military July 26, 1948. Welborne also spoke of their heroism and how they escorted American bombers to protect them from German planes. Some of the things the Tuskegee Airmen accomplished were destroying 111 German airplanes in the air and more than 100 on the ground. The Tuskegee Airmen came home with 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 744 Air Medals, 14 Bronze Stars and eight Purple Hearts.**

## HOUSE:

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incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply or the requirements of this code are adequately satisfied by other means,” according to the measure.

Composition of the appeals board also changes. The former board consisted of city council members.

“However, the state Single State Construction Code Act (of 1972) requires that board members be qualified by experience or training to perform the duties of a board member,” Rothe said.

A united city council approved the changes Monday, May 8.

“After the adoption of this ordinance, a new board will have to be appointed.”

Members of the ordinance committee began reviewing the ordinance in April.

“It’s more of an update,” said Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the ordinance committee. “It makes it easier for residents to follow these codes and find them. The end goal is, once we get our entire codebook rewritten, it will all be online.”

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# Oyster house opens late summer

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Before embarking on a speedboat chase down the Thames to recover the stolen Agra treasure, Sherlock Holmes hosted Dr. Watson and a Scotland Yard inspector for dinner at his 221B Baker Street lodgings. They had oysters and “something a little choice in white wines.”

If Holmes had similar occasion this summer in the Grosse Pointes, he wouldn't have to arrange the menu.

Starting early August, ostreophiles have Brine Oyster House, located at 15033 Kercheval and Maryland.

“The theme is bringing tide to table,” said owner and chef Trenton Chamberlain. “Fresh quality is huge. A good number of people really enjoy oysters. We're going to be highly sought after.”

Brine is the latest addition to the Park's

growing restaurant scene.

“It's kind of the crowning jewel in the Park,” Chamberlain said. “The community is ready for something a little high-end but also casual. I really, really think we're not only going to be a knockout in the Park, but we're going to be bringing a lot of people to the Park.”

Inspiration for Brine comes from two points on the compass.

The two-story building's façade is out of New Orleans' French Quarter — brick walls, tall doors and windows; and, most distinctive, a wrap-around, cast iron-looking balcony jutting over the sidewalk. A Bourbon Street feeling is enhanced by live jazz music.

“We're a restaurant first with jazz entertainment,” Chamberlain said.

The long, rectangular interior is what Chamberlain called new American style. It

is modeled after The Darling Oyster House in Charleston, S.C., a favorite spot of a member of Brine's ownership team.

“The upstairs dining room will be available for large groups for weddings, rehearsals and celebrations of all kinds,” according to the ownership. “The space's design highlights include coastal colors, a warm wood bar and banquette. Eclectic nautical artwork, mosaic tile accents, zinc bar top, and influences from historic New Orleans architecture are seen throughout.”

“The exterior is New Orleans-style, but it's a seafood-driven oyster house restaurant,” Chamberlain said. “That's the biggest thing.”

He said executive chef Gavin Russell's menu features oyster shooters, entrees, sandwiches, dessert, fish of the day, oyster chowder, steak frites, fried

chicken sandwich, Brine burger and coconut cream pie.

Libations include curated cocktails along with a beer, champagne and wine list created to complement seafood.

Total capacity is about 120, including patio and balcony seating.

“That's where a lot of people are going to focus their time,” Chamberlain said.

Brine is the fourth restaurant Chamberlain and member of the Cotton family, a member of which owns the Grosse Pointe News, opened on lower Kercheval.

Each restaurant has a theme. Red Crown has a new menu of street tacos. The Bricks Pizzeria is self-explanatory. LeRouge Boulangerie is a French bakery.

Now comes an oyster bar in a New Orleans-style building inspired by a restaurant in South Carolina.

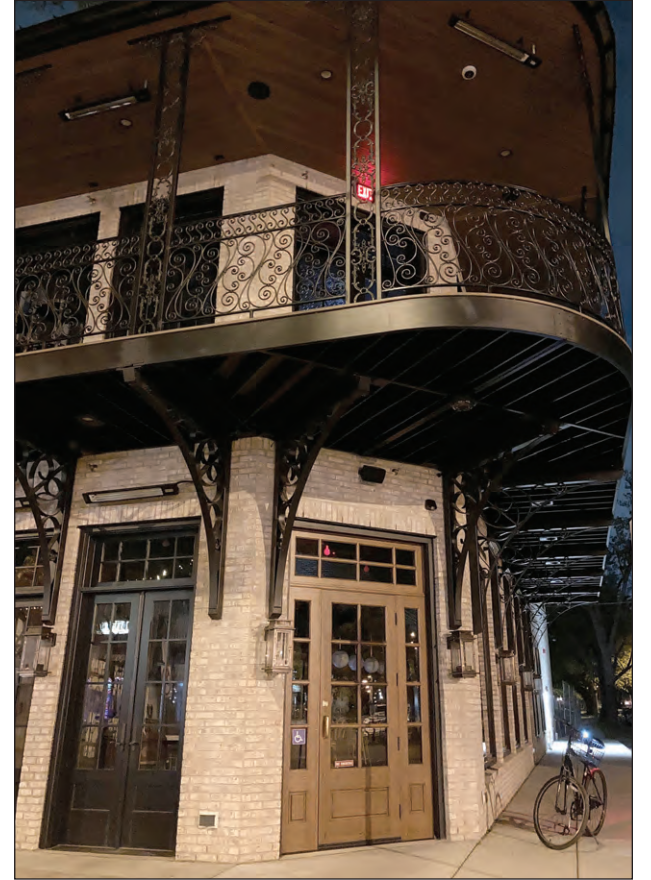


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**Brine Oyster Bar is due to open Aug. 5 at Kercheval and Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park, site of the former Janet's Lunch.**

The targeted opening is Saturday, Aug. 5. Operations are scheduled five days per week for dinner and weekend brunch.

# Boutique brings sustainable European style to GP

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — French music can be heard drifting up the stairs before customers catch a glimpse of the newest women's boutique to call The Village home, accentuating the shop's vintage Parisian aesthetic.

Épanoui — French for “blossom,” which highlights the fulfillment of recycled and biodegradable material being used to create luxury clothing rather than ending up in a landfill — offers minimalist, feminine clothing and accessories, with many brands not currently found in Grosse Pointe.

“My message is sustainability, so I focus on designers who prioritize sustainability for manufacturing and also (the) ethical process of making the clothing,” said owner Jennifer Dubrulle, a Grosse Pointe resident, who currently lives on the same street on which she was raised.

Located on the lower level inside Apple Blossom Baby and Decor at 17110 Kercheval — the stairs are to the right, past a display case — Épanoui opened Thursday, June 1, as a long-term pop-up that will remain at least through August.

Its online shop — found at epanouiapparel.com — went live last fall and is the culmination of Dubrulle's career in luxury retail management, which began in the '80s when she was a manager in the Ms. J department of The Village's Jacobson's location.

“It's really nostalgic to be here,” she said of her latest venture, “so I'm excited about it.”

Among the lines Épanoui currently carries are:

◆ St. Roche, the boutique's most sustainable line, which uses materials such as 100 percent alpaca and organic linen;

◆ A Perfect Nomad, a sustainable resort-wear line, using materials such as raw woven cot-



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

**Épanoui offers minimalist, feminine clothing, with a sustainable message.**

ton and organic linen;

◆ Byniumaal, a line based out of Spain, which uses organic cottons and linens;

◆ and Unreal Fur, much of which is recyclable deadstock.

“The artisans are very much hands on,” Dubrulle noted of the clothing lines Épanoui carries. “There's not a mass production process. It's mostly handmade.”

The boutique also carries ADA belts — a sustainable line famous for its wrap belt design, which can be tied 30 different ways — as well as Behno, a Napa leather, ethically produced handbag line, which is made by artisans in India and is a popular luxury brand in the United Kingdom.

“The clothing should accent you,” Dubrulle said of how it's important to her the customer doesn't get lost in the look. “... The clothing shouldn't be the focus. The person should be the focus.”

Épanoui offers 15 percent off a customer's first purchase, as well as free local delivery. Orders through the website of more than \$250 also are eligible for free shipping.

For those interested in an at-home, private shopping experience, Dubrulle also offers two-hour trunk shows, where she brings bags of clothes to a home at no extra charge. For attendees of a trunk show, orders are 20 percent off.

Such shows can be scheduled via info@epa-

nouiapparel.com or by calling (248) 459-8497.

Long term, Dubrulle dreams of growing Épanoui's concept to include a coffee shop, perhaps with a business partner.

“I'd like to have a

lounge area so you can just relax, kind of like you're in Paris,” she said.

Currently, the shop's hours mirror those of Apple Blossom Baby: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

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# Congratulations, Class of 2023!



The community gathered at Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett to celebrate the class of 2023 at outdoor graduation ceremonies during the first weeks of June.

South held its front-lawn ceremony first, Monday, June 5, under blue skies and seasonably warm temperatures. North followed up with with equally beautiful weather Wednesday, June 7. Liggett moved up its time Sunday, June 11, to avoid pending rain but managed to fit in the ceremony before the skies opened. Guests of all three were treated to student speeches, choir and band performances and processions of 690 graduates receiving their hard-earned diplomas.

This year, 331 students graduated from South, 276 graduated from North and 83 graduated from Liggett.

— Meg Leonard

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Left, Hannah Gunnell is all smiles as the processional begins and the graduates walk outside.

Below, Trey Russell delivers his speech titled, “Uncertain, Overjoyed,” emphasizing the value of failure and challenging oneself.



Left, The pillars in front of South’s historic Cleminson Hall provide a grand backdrop behind the graduation stage. Top right, Noah Eszes gives principal Moussa Hamka a golf ball, as did many others, as part of a prank. Hamka, who had a good sense of humor about the joke, had to keep them in his sleeves until the end of the ceremony. Bottom right, Jane Kuhnlein shares a laugh with Principal Moussa Hamka before receiving her diploma.



Above, Gabe Wagstaff recited a poem titled, “Standing in the Light Together.” Below left, Grosse Pointe South principal Moussa Hamka, addresses the crowd and offers special recognitions and acknowledgements to the class of 2023. Below right, Graduates and guests stand for the national anthem, sung by the South choir at the school’s graduation ceremony Monday, June 5.

Above, Lilly Stidham, senior class president, comes off the stage after her speech called “Stolen Moments.”







Claire Schultz, honorary poet laureate, gives the inauguration speech at North's ceremony Wednesday, June 7.



Alayah Hightower gets high fives from graduation marshals after receiving her diploma. Behind her is Alexis Hill and Andrew Hill.

Right, Grace Cueter delivers the commencement address to North's Class of 2023. Cueter will be attending the University of Michigan.



Right, Isabelle Yoakam, Student Association president, introduces guests on stage to the audience.



Above, North Principal Kate Murray presents the graduating class.

Below, Allicea Sommerville plays "Fire Dance from the Petite Suite" on harp, a first for a North graduation ceremony.



Above, Grace Lemanski, class president, welcomes North graduates.



# Knighted!



From left, ULS Board of Trustees President David Nicholson, Head of School Bart Bronk, and Head of Upper School Shernaz Minwalla listen to student-elected speaker Oliver Service, of Detroit, at the school's 2023 commencement ceremony. Service will be a student-athlete at the University of Texas, where he will play baseball.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ULS

Valedictorian Brooke Summers, of Grosse Pointe Woods, addresses the audience at University Liggett School's 2023 commencement ceremony Sunday, June 11.



# Ferry Elementary mom goes out in style

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**

— The end of the school year and the end of a career are usually marked by special events and Monday, June 5, at Ferry Elementary School may have taken the cake.

Lt. Cmdr. Nicole Deem of the U.S. Coast Guard, who is retiring after 22 years of military service tomorrow, June 16, landed her helicopter at the school where her son attends.

“My son, Gunnar, is a fourth grader there and my daughter, Aila, will start kindergarten there in the fall,” said Deem, a Woods resident. “I usually do a flyover there anytime I’m in the air and I’m there quite regularly for school events, so I knew there was plenty of clearance with that big, open field.”

Deem began her career as a pilot with the U.S. Navy in 2001, after graduating from

the University of California-San Diego with a degree in animal physiology and neuroscience.

“My dad was in the Navy so I grew up around it,” she said. “He was a submariner.” At the time, however, women were not allowed to serve on submarines.

“My first assignment was flying anti-submarine missions,” Deem said. “I figured hunting subs was the closest thing to what my dad did.”

Deem transitioned to the Coast Guard in 2010.

“My commitment to the Navy was up so I got my DD214 (discharge from active duty) and joined the Coast Guard through our direct commission aviation program,” Deem said. “We get a lot of pilots that way from the Navy, Marine Corps and Army.”

As for the landing at Ferry, Principal Jodie Randazzo said it was a big hit.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Will Colomb, Aila Deem sitting in her mom’s pilot chair, U.S. Coast Guard pilot Lt. Cmdr. Nicole Deem and James Fisher, Gunnar Deem’s fourth grade magnet teacher at Ferry.



U.S. Coast Guard helicopter taking off from the Ferry Elementary School field.

“It was awesome and the kids loved it,” she said. “Nicole and I had talked earlier in the year about trying to coordinate a day for it.”

Randazzo said school families were invited, so there were plenty of people on hand.

“It was nice to have so many community members there,” she said. “The seniors from the high schools came that morning for their clap-out and a lot of them stayed to watch, too. It was a fun, eventful day.”

Deem said she’s able to do

flyovers at the school because Coast Guard crews don’t just hit the air when there’s an emergency.

“We routinely fly a few times a week to maintain our proficiency and certifications,” she said. “We don’t just do Lake St. Clair, either. We cover from the eastern side of Lake Michigan south of Muskegon over to the finger lakes and Buffalo area in New York. We average about 300 search-and-rescue missions a year.”

She’s finishing her eighth year at USCG Air Station Detroit, where she also has

served as deputy executive officer. Deem said she and her husband, Bob, who served in the Army, plan to stay in the area.

“We were high school sweethearts and then went our separate ways,” she recalled. “We reconnected a while later and were married within a year and a half.”

As for the future, Deem is considering a role with the FAA that would include some flying.

“I love to fly and I’ve got about 4,000 hours in the air,” she said. “I’m definitely going to miss it.”

## BUDGET:

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14, after press time.

Brumbaugh’s motion to strike the 10:30 p.m. hard stop was defeated 4-3, and the agenda was adopted as is by the same 4-3 vote. Shortly after 10:30 p.m., Ismail indicated there was another two hours of public comment left based on the number of people who signed up. A Brumbaugh motion to extend the meeting two hours failed 4-3.

Brumbaugh’s resolution was based on his suggestion at the board meeting May 22 that recommended keeping in place the \$3 million in cuts administration found based on budget parameters the board approved earlier this year, with an additional cut of \$1.3 million by reducing the number of FTE teachers by 10. The administration also suggested cutting elementary school Spanish, not filling vacant paraprofessional positions, eliminating

communications role, eliminating one middle school vice principal position and closing all three middle school pools. The board did not support eliminating the middle school principal position, bringing Brumbaugh’s plan down to a reduction in spending of \$4.1 million.

Brumbaugh also suggested the district conduct a strategic review regarding deeper cuts over the next several months and extend the contracts of executive administrators by a year to July 2025.

A second plan, presented by Papas and Cotton, aimed to cut nearly \$5 million and suggested eliminating the positions of deputy superintendent for educational services and director of secondary instruction.

Beyond the administration’s cuts, Papas and Cotton suggested cutting one counselor at each high school and reducing teacher FTEs by 16.9.

At the close of the meeting May 22, Dean offered to work with

Brumbaugh and Cotton to find a middle ground between their proposals.

The current draft budget, which Cotton called “the very definition of compromise,” includes:

- ◆ \$4.5 million in cuts
- ◆ keeping several of the administration’s original proposals with a few changes
- ◆ Teacher FTEs will be reduced by 14.2, including 5.1 at each high school
- ◆ Instead of closing all three middle school pools, Brownell and Pierce will remain open for at least another year
- ◆ Rather than eliminating one counselor position at each high school, one position at North will go unfilled due to retirement
- ◆ A proposal to spend close to \$90,000 on virtual mental health services for both high schools has been removed.

Cotton also said most of the cuts are recurring expenses, meaning the district will reduce spending by \$13.5 million over the next three years.

With the teacher reductions at the high school level, it is expected core class sizes would increase, there would be fewer sections of some classes offered and classes that exceed graduation requirements could be cut.

Dean previously said that could mean classes beyond Advanced Placement level, such as in foreign languages, might be cut, although students could still take those classes through dual enrollment or the Michigan Virtual Academy.

Dean also noted that no final decisions would be made until the master schedule is finalized.

Amanda Matheson, deputy superintendent for finance, said the new budget contains \$875,000 for teacher salary increases and \$543,000 for increased health insurance costs. Those numbers could change after negotiations with the district’s various bargaining units are complete.

Dozens of teachers in matching red T-shirts

stood outside the meeting holding signs regarding the ongoing talks. The board has held several closed sessions the past two months to discuss the issue.

Total revenue is projected to be \$104,368,171, with expenditures of \$103,139,050. The district’s fund balance next June should be slightly over \$9.9 million, or 9.6 percent of expenditures.

Papas said she did not think it would be proper to extend the contracts for executive administrators while trying to negotiate with teachers and other unions.

Cotton had offered the executive administrators association a plan to extend their contracts one year that was rejected. It would have meant a 10 percent pay cut for that group if fund equity fell below 8.5 percent and layoffs if it fell below 7.5 percent.

Brumbaugh said failing to extend those contracts would lead to several executive administrators leaving the district, creating a leadership crisis.

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# Mason fourth graders bring history to life

Visitors to Mason Elementary School's Living Museum on May 3 had the opportunity to visit with captains of industry, Nobel prize and Grammy award winners, sports legends, world famous artists and even members of royalty.

The fourth graders participated in the Living Museum as part of an extensive research project in class. Students selected a person of interest to learn how they persevered to become an influential figure. They designed their own tri-fold boards and researched and wrote reports in class.

For the presentation to

who in addition to discovering radium and polonium, made major contributions to cancer treatments.

"I chose Marie Curie because she had such an impact on the world and she created life-saving tools that probably no one else could," Fowler said.

In her speech, she noted, "People didn't think girls were smart or could study science," adding that Marie Curie, another Nobel Prize winner, proved them wrong.

Many students selected figures in history they viewed as role models.

Noelle Weathers said she selected civil rights



**Noelle Weathers displays Rosa Parks' prisoner number during Mason's Living Museum.**

ber "7053" — Parks' prisoner number after she was arrested for protesting during the Montgomery bus boycott.

Her favorite Rosa Parks quote is: "I believe that there is only one race — the human race."

For Cameron Murphy, the key was a shared interest. He chose professional skateboarder and entrepreneur Tony Hawk because, "I really like skating and I think he is a really good role model because he always tries his hardest and never gives up."

Mackenzie Huinder admired Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1993.

"She's a role model for me because she is a woman's rights activist," Huinder said.

Her favorite RBG quote is: "Fight for the things



**Eddie Schultz, who chose Alexander Fleming as his person of interest, discovered his own substance he calls "Sticksome."**

you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Some students earned style points for the props they brought, going above and beyond with their costumes and striking convincing poses. One young man, Calhoun Sledz, even gave his speech in an Australian accent, as was only fitting for his historical figure, Australian adventurer Steve Irwin, known as the Crocodile Hunter.

The Living Museum represented "a culmination of weeks of hard work," said Alison Locke, who teaches fourth grade along with Julie Nurse and Joseph Ratcliff. "I was so proud of each one of them."

"It was a momentous occasion," Nurse agreed.

# Pointers win scholarships

Women helping women achieve their educational goals is a mission of Chapter AO of the international Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Sisterhood, which recently awarded scholarships and awards to three outstanding students in the Grosse Pointe communities.

Grace Cueter, a graduated senior at Grosse Pointe North, is the P.E.O.



**Lillian Hunwick**

recipient of a \$2,500 Star Scholarship given in recognition of leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and the potential for future success.

Grace will be attending the University of Michigan this fall.

Lillian Hunwick, a graduated senior at Grosse Pointe South, received the \$1,000 Johanna M. Gilbert Scholarship for outstanding achievement in the performing arts, academics, leadership and community service. She will be attending the University of Michigan this fall. This scholarship is made possible by the Gilbert family in memory of the late Chapter AO member Johanna Gilbert, who participated and shared a lifelong love of music in the community.

Other awardees include Ruta Hailu, a junior at Grosse Pointe North High



**From left, Ruta Hailu, Vivian Rizer and Grace Cueter**

School and Vivian Rizer, a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School. These young women both received gifts in recognition of their academics, leadership and community service. This award is dedicated in memory of Florence Miller who was an educator in Grosse Pointe and active in P.E.O. for more than 50 years.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is one of the oldest women's organizations in the United States and Canada. Founded in 1869, P.E.O. has provided more than \$389 million in financial assistance to more than 119,000 women through loans, grants and scholarships.



**Calhoun Sledz delivered his speech about Australian adventurer Steve Irwin in an Australian accent.**

staff members, parents and other guests, students were encouraged to dress up as their favorite influential person and bring props to the celebration.

Athletes were in abundance, with several students sharing inspirational quotes on their boards and in their speeches.

"If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up," said basketball great Michael Jordan, selected by both Jordan Ruta and Liam Widzinski for his perseverance on the court. "Figure out how to climb it, go through it or work around it."

Scientists also were well represented. Alexander Fleming (aka Eddie Schultz) told the story of how he discovered penicillin in 1928 by serendipity.

"I went on vacation and left my petri dishes out by accident," the Nobel Prize winning microbiologist recalled. "Then when I came back, I found bacteria killing mold on the dishes."

Fleming was knighted in 1944, and received the Nobel Prize in 1945.

"I tell ya it wasn't easy," he added. "Back then we didn't have the technology or the funding."

Schultz said he chose Fleming as his influential figure because "my dad told me that he discovered the first antibiotic by accident and I thought it was a really cool story. My dad is a nurse, so he knows a lot about stuff like that."

Schultz, who wants to be a chemist when he grows up — and already has discovered a new substance he calls "Sticksome" — went on to say that antibiotics "have saved thousands and millions of lives."

Maura Fowler also chose a famous scientist with a groundbreaking discovery — Marie Curie,



## TROMBLY ALERT

**Trombly School opened in 1902 with a promise to deliver elementary education to the children of nearby families.** It fulfilled that promise for the next 118 years, until in 2020, the GPPSS leadership voted to close this walkable elementary school. The closure was attributed to financial issues, despite Park residents being promised \$3.84 million in bond money for critical improvements to Trombly.

Trombly is now falling into disrepair, and its future lies in the hands of the current school board. Inklings heard in the community are that soon, Superintendent Jon Dean's administration will recommend selling historic Trombly School to the highest bidder for demolition and redevelopment.



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## ‘Design Revolutions’ focus of EyesOn Design at Ford House

Car show takes place Father’s Day, June 18

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The 2023 EyesOn Design at Ford House car show takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 18, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Guests are invited to peruse more than 200 vehicles — cars and motorcycles — that were specifically selected for the invitation-only show, and each of which falls under this year’s theme of “Design Revolution.”

“We are still here, firmly here, and we’re going to take it up a notch this year,” 2023 EyesOn Design Chairman Kathy Lightbody said. “I love that we are different and what makes us different is our focus on design. It feels different to the judges, too. We have 65-plus current and retired designers doing the judging.”

“And we love our slot on Father’s Day,” she added. “In 2021, we had it in September, but we came back on Father’s Day last year and it was overwhelmingly well received.”

Also well received — and returning for a second year — is the EyesOn Design Driving Tour, planned 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, June 16. For a fee, participants are taken on a 75-mile winding tour of southeastern Michigan, followed by lunch and a visit to a surprise destination.

Friday evening is the Vision Honored gala, where the EyesOn Design Lifetime Design Achievement Award will be presented to Ralph Gilles. The event, which takes place 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Conner Center in Detroit, features remarks from Tom Gale and Ed Welburn. Tickets to the black-tie-optional event are \$95.

“(Chief Design Officer) Ralph Gilles is the youngest guy ever honored by EyesOn Design,” Lightbody said. “He’s been with Stellantis his entire career. He is the hippest, coolest guy — a rock star of design. And he’s an avid sports car racer. He’s very much the



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A 1954 Firebird I, 1956 Firebird II and 1959 Firebird III will be shown at the event, courtesy of the General Motors Tech Center.



Above, a 1968 Yamaha DT1 250, owned by Rusty Hibbs of New Baltimore. Right, a 1949 Packard Custom will be featured, courtesy of the Packard Motor Car Foundation in Shelby Township.



“I love that this is being presented to him by two previous winners,” she added. “What makes ‘Vision Honored’ unique is it is voted on by previous winners, so it’s coming directly from their peers.”

Gale, retired vice president of design for Chrysler, also serves as this year’s EyesOn Design grand marshal. Welburn is a retired vice president of global design for General Motors.

“We say design is non-denominational,” Lightbody said. “Designers appreciate the opportunity to be with other designers in a non-competitive environment. In some cases, they’ve worked together, in many cases they went to the same school, but this is a non-competitive environment for designers to talk design.”

### Inside look

Following Friday night’s affair, car lovers may further whet their appetites for Sunday’s show by attending design symposiums Saturday.

“We introduced design symposiums last year and those were a hit,”

Lightbody said. “We’ll have two again this year. Saturday morning at the GM Design Center is ‘Corvette Racing.’ Saturday afternoon at Stellantis in Auburn Hills is ‘Viper Design.’

“This is a big deal because non-industry people can’t get into those design centers,”



A 1908 Ford Model “S” Roadster, owned by Paul James Sloan of Grosse Pointe Farms.

she added. “The fact they get access is a rare opportunity to begin with.”

The first symposium, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., includes a panel of racers, engineers and designers who will trace the evolution of Corvette racing from the days of the Automobile Manufacturers

Association ban to today’s corporate-sponsored efforts.

“The AMA ban stopped corporate-sponsored efforts, but behind the scenes, these things still were taking place,” Lightbody said. “It was very clandestine. They’ll talk about everything that was going on behind

it happened,” Lightbody said. The afternoon symposium, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Stellantis North American Design Center, includes the original Viper concept car and seven other historically significant Vipers on display.

Gale will serve as moderator. The symposium also includes Gilles, Herb Helbig, Dick Winkles, Mike Shielding and Ernie Barry. Since its inception in 1992, the Dodge Viper was an exotic and distinctive American supercar. From initial sketches through final testing, every component of the assembly process involved human craftsmanship that distinguished the Viper as one of a few custom-built vehicles on the planet. For example, more than 90 percent of the Viper’s interior was hand-wrapped in the finest leather available; and Viper’s entire paint process was done by hand and required 150-plus man hours to achieve a concourse-quality finish.

“I love the addition of the symposiums,” Lightbody said. “It’s such a rare thing to get inside

Participating in the morning symposium are Corvette Hall of Fame members Tony DeLorenzo, Burt Greenwood, Allan Baker, Doug Fehan and Herb Fishel — “A really impressive group of people who were there when

a design center and to have a gathering of these people.”

**The main event**  
A 19-member vehicle selection committee is responsible for this year’s EyesOn Design lineup. “They are so focused on getting the cars that represent the theme,” Lightbody said. “They are relentless at getting these cars. We want to tell a story and they go to great lengths to get the cars that tell that story.”

Among 15 vehicle categories is a celebration of 70 years of the Corvette. “Eight generations of Corvettes will be assembled,” Lightbody said. “America’s Sports Car first appeared as a 1953 GM Motorama Concept Car. For any Corvette lover, this will be a really special display to see.”

Another category takes a look at “The Dawn of the Pony Car.” “We have the first one created from each brand,” Lightbody said, noting the Ford Mustang, Chevrolet Camaro and Dodge Challenger, among others.

Guests also will peruse categories such as

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# Neighborhood Club hosts World's Largest Swim Lesson

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

For the first time, the Neighborhood Club will participate in the world-wide event, The World's Largest Swim Lesson, from 3:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 22.

Members and guests are invited to the Neighborhood Club pool for a lesson about staying safe in and around water. "This is something we've always been trying to do and this year, we're finally able to put it on," said Justin Vicari, aquatic and wellness supervi-

sor for the Neighborhood Club. "We wanted to help bring awareness to swim lessons and the importance of safety for swimming."

Vicari said those interested must register with the Neighborhood Club in advance; the event is limited to 40 people.

"Then just come to the Neighborhood Club and we'll have swim instructors here for a half-hour lesson on safety in and around pools and water," he added. "Then they'll get in the water ... and the instructors will give a basic swim lesson."

All ages are welcome, though parents must get in the water with children younger than 4. Any and all are welcome. The event is free for members, \$10 for non-members.

"The reason the World's Largest Swim Lesson is on (June 22) is because it's just a day after the first day of summer and it's 12 days before the Fourth of July," Vicari said. "It's cool that everyone does this event on this day all over the globe ... in different countries and in different places in America."



Since its inception in 2010, the World's Largest Swim Lesson has welcomed more than 354,000 participants, providing more than 170,000 hours of water safety training and generating more than 2.5 billion live-saving lessons to children and adults.

According to the American Red Cross, data from 2020 shows an increase in children's water competency and the overall number of people taking swimming lessons. However, research released by the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2021 shows drowning has become

the leading cause of unintended death for U.S. children ages 1 to 4 — ahead of car accidents, birth abnormalities and cancer. Additionally, drowning is the third-leading cause of unintentional injury-related death throughout the rest of the world.

"With everyone getting ready for the holidays, it's a great time for people to learn about safety and swimming," Vicari said.

For more information or to register, visit neighborhoodclub.net.

## Fore The Helm outing is June 26

Spots still are available for the fifth annual Fore The Helm golf outing, which takes place Monday, June 26, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Registration for the four-person scramble begins at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

All golfers receive the use of a cart for two, entry into lowest score and longest drive contests, a boxed lunch, heavy hors d'oeuvres following the event and four drink tickets for the "19th Hole."

Prizes will be awarded for low score for men's, women's and mixed teams, as well as men's and women's closest to the pin.

Cost per golfer is \$275 or \$1,100 per foursome.

Sponsorships also still are available. In addition



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to signage recognition, sponsorships include entry for a four-person team.

Non-golfers have the option of offering support by skipping the golf and heading straight to the afterglow at 5:30 p.m. The social event includes hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, and tickets are \$60.

To register, sponsor or purchase tickets, visit

helmlife.org/fore-the-helm-2 or call The Helm at (313) 649-2104.



## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Marchiori Catering

Marchiori Catering offers summer garden dining at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The buffet is open 5 to 8 p.m. with drinks until 10 p.m. Thursdays, June 15, July 13 and July 27. Cost is \$30 per person. Reservations are required. Call (586) 771-8600 or email marchiori catering@gmail.com.

### Library

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

◆ Jim Gill concert, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Jim Gill concert, 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, June 16, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Book Bike at GP Pride, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17, in The Village.

◆ Paracord Maker Kit, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 19, at Central Annex, 120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Music Monday, 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, June 19, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Street Art Class, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 19, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Fizzy Science, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Summer STEM, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Shelf Indulgence, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at Cellar 313, 15112 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Pollinator Party, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Appy Hour, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Summer Scares Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Saturday Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21. Jennifer Bingaman of The Family Center is the guest speaker.

### Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a variety of classes and programs. To register for the following, call (313) 885-4600 or visit neighborhoodclub.org.

◆ The Art of Self-Care, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Friday, June 16, in the fitness studio. Registration is required by Thursday, June 15. Learn to reduce pain and tension, relieve stress, unblock stuck energy pathways and more. Free for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

◆ American Red Cross Lifeguard Course, 3 to 8

p.m. Friday, June 23; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 24; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 25.

Cost is \$250 per person, for ages 15 and older. A second session takes place July 14 to 16.

◆ Self-Defense Training for Women, 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 25, for ages 16 and older. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Registration is required by Friday, June 23.

◆ Nutrition for Optimal Brain Health, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Registration is required by Tuesday, June 27.

### Songwriting

Rise Up Detroit presents "Songwriting Circle" with Maureen Kaiser at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille, 17315 Mack, Detroit. A performance by Laura Rain & the Caesars will follow. Admission is \$15 at the door. Call (313) 821-4998 after 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday to reserve a table.

### Sunrise on Vernier

Sunrise on Vernier, 1850 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a garage sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 17. All proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Donations are accepted Thursday and Friday, June 15 and 16. Clothing will not be accepted. Call (313) 642-2000 or email grossepointevernier.avc@sunriseseniorliving.com.

### The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of programs and classes. Register for the following at warmemorial.org.

◆ Father's Day Gift-Making Kids, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17.

◆ Campville USA begins Monday, June 19, and runs through August. Camps include Mad Science, Kidcreate Studio, Creative Nature Art and Design, Elena Victoria Sewing and Fashion Design, Kids Empowered, Chess Camp by Chess Wizards, Alex Thomas and Friends Animation, Creative Writing Symposium and Live Safe Academy.

◆ An open-air candlelight concert, 7 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, featuring Max Richter, Jules Massenet and Astor Piazzolla. Tickets start at \$32.

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Carole Ann Williams

Carole Ann Williams, 84, passed away Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Miss Williams was the daughter of Jack G. and Gwen B. Williams of Grosse Pointe Shores. She graduated from Grosse Pointe University School (now University Liggett School) and Mount Vernon Junior College in Washington, D.C.

Miss Williams worked in the events department at Hudson's Department Store for many years. She was a member of The Junior League of Detroit and Sigma Gamma Association. She was also a former member of the Women's Economic Club of Detroit.

She will be sadly missed by Heidi H. Ford of West Chester, Pa., and D. Cressler Heasley, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, who are the children of Carole's longtime companion, David C. Heasley (who predeceased her); and also by her goddaughter, Shannon N. Forster of Portland, Ore. She is also survived by her cousins, Scott Williams of North Haven, Conn., Bruce Williams of Morgan Hill, Calif., and Kirk Williams of San Jose, Calif.

A visitation will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 17 at Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Interment will follow at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Friends are invited to attend.

## Kevin B. Sherwood

Kevin B. Sherwood, 50, of Evanston, Ill., died Monday, April 24, 2023.

Kevin was born July 24, 1972, in Aspen, Colo. He grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated

from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1990, where he was a member of the varsity basketball team. Kevin subsequently graduated from Michigan State University in 1994, majoring in economics.

After college, Kevin started his career at a new transportation logistics firm, American Back-Haulers, later acquired by CH Robinson. He quickly rose to several senior sales leadership positions. Kevin then joined Command Transportation as Vice President of Sales shortly after the company's founding, where he led the sales organization over a 10-year period until acquisition by Echo Global. Kevin went on to work at Uber Freight as an Enterprise Sales Manager, responsible for both account sales and operational enablement projects. In his over 25-year career, Kevin's skills in sales, business development, strategic management and team leadership were sought by many organizations.

One of Kevin's joys was mentoring others both in his chosen industry and outside the work environment. Kevin's wonderful empathy, sense of humor and willingness to help others won the hearts of his family and many friends. He worked hard to maintain his relationships, staying very close to his friends from high school and college throughout his life, while adding many new friends from his various work ventures and neighborhoods. Kevin earned love through his generosity, caring nature and free spirit. Even during Kevin's final years, he showed courage through his own health challenges while still trying

his best to care for everyone around him.

Kevin is deeply missed by all. He is survived by his wife, Sandy; their two sons, Carson and Alexander; his parents, Cecile and David; and his brother, Christopher.

A memorial will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 15, in Evanston, Ill., at the Canal Shores Golf Course, 1030 Central St., Evanston IL 60201. Kevin's family hopes that his many friends and colleagues will join the event to celebrate Kevin's life.

## Robert E. L. Greening Jr.

Robert E. L. Greening Jr., 95, passed away Thursday, May 25, 2023, in Grosse Pointe after a brief illness.

He was born Nov. 15, 1927, in Detroit to Robert E. L. Greening Sr and Ruth V. (nee Kaake) Greening. Bob was raised on the east side of Detroit and graduated from Cass Technical High School. He attended Wayne State University until he was drafted into the Army. He served in the Philippines until his honorable discharge in 1947.

Bob married Marlis E. Engels in 1949. They moved to Grosse Pointe Farms and he began what would become a 42-year career with the Detroit Edison Company in power distribution. After he and Marlis divorced, he married Mary Stead in 1966 and the couple moved to Grosse Pointe Woods.

Bob joined the Edison Boat Club and pursued his passion for sailboat racing. As an active member, he introduced the new fiberglass Flying Scot to the club, eventually convincing other Detroit-area sailing clubs to acquire



Carole Ann Williams



Kevin B. Sherwood



Robert E. L. Greening Jr.

their own boats to team race three boats from each club on Lake St. Clair. Bob became Commodore of EBC in 1962 and remained active until his death. He later became a sailing instructor at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, passing on his knowledge and experience to novice sailors.

Bob and Mary enjoyed traveling by railroad across the United States and Europe. He constructed model train layouts in his homes, eventually forming the Lakeshore Garden Railway club in 1987. He constructed a year-round model train layout in his backyard, including three separate villages which he shared with young and old visitors for many years.

Bob's interest in music began later in life when he learned to play banjo, euphonium and trombone, along with his wife Mary, who played trumpet. They were active members in various community bands on the east side.

Bob was active in the community as a long-time board member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission, where he organized an elementary school poster competition with awards of tree seedlings to be planted in Grosse Pointe Woods. He was also an active member in the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

Bob is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary; his children, Lee Greening (Pamela), Bruce Greening (Katherine), Steven Greening (Steven Chauvin) and Susan

McInally (David); grandchildren, Robert, Timothy, Geoffrey, Ashley and Emily; and great-grandchildren, Robert, Easton and Hazel. He was predeceased by his two younger brothers, Charles Greening Sr., and Alan Greening.

A private ceremony was held at Acacia Park Cemetery. A celebration of his life will be held at a future date at St. Michael's Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Humane Society of Detroit, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025, michiganhumane.org/donatenow.

## John B. Eubank

John B. Eubank, 67, passed away at home in Grosse Ile Tuesday, May 30, 2023, with his loving fiancée Shannon by his side.

John was born Nov. 12, 1955, to the late Darrell and Doris (nee Tandy) Eubank. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1974 and retired from Durcon as a grading operator.

John was a wonderful person to all who knew him and a wizard of coffee, horticulture and grilling. He had a love for coffee that was unrivaled by anyone. He could create the tastiest and most fragrant brews. When combined with his intellectual and witty conversation, it made for the ultimate coffee drinking experience.

He loved listening to



John B. Eubank

music and cooking, but his greatest passion was his pencil collection. John was fascinated with pencils since he was a child. He could explain every detail of pencil history and his collection would be highly interesting to the members of the American Pencil Collectors Society.

John touched many lives in many ways. He deeply loved his fiancée Shannon Oakley and they made many cherished memories together. Their courtship lasted 18 beautiful years.

John also will be remembered by his brother, Mark Eubank, of Michigan, and sister, Shoshanna Eubank Kalson, of Israel.

John's family and friends are grateful for the time spent with John. He was loved and will be missed dearly, but his family knows that he is now at peace.

A private memorial service will occur at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Pencil Collectors Society, 523 S. Walnut St., Colfax, IA 50054.

## EVENTS:

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◆ Scholars Series: Intercultural Music Making Through Percussion, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, presented by Professor Mark

Stone & Sam Jeyasingham. The event is free and open to the public.

◆ Tammy's Tastings: Brunch Drinks, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 22. Cost is \$59.

◆ Mosaic Tile-Making for Beginners, noon to 1 p.m.

Saturday, June 24, with instructor Sue Majewski. Cost is \$95 per person.

◆ The lecture, "The Great Crusade Lecture Series: The Road to The Great Crusade," presented by Steve Mrozek, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. This event is free to the public.

## Ford House

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

◆ Maker Studio: Nature Photography, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$30 for members,

\$40 for nonmembers.

◆ Storytime: "Nothing Special," by Desiree Cooper, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 27.

◆ Game Night: Lawn Games, 6 p.m. Fridays, July 7 and Aug. 4. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

◆ Making it Work tour, a look at the employees who helped operate the Ford estate, 3 p.m. through June 29. Cost is \$18 for adults,

\$9 for ages 6 to 12; members pay \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 6 to 12.

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## Back and better than ever

### Music on the Plaza returns with 2023 lineup

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — With Motown sounds, country tunes and vintage jazz spread out over the next seven weeks, Music on the Plaza is returning to the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval in The Village from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Free to the public, the 2023 lineup is:

- ◆ June 15, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South Jazz Bands, kicking off the festivities the night before the last day of school;

- ◆ June 22, newcomer Not2Nite, a yacht-rock favorite;

- ◆ June 29, newcomer BandWagon, playing a mix of classic rock, modern and country;

- ◆ July 6, Grosse Pointe acoustic duo Uncle Brown and ME;

- ◆ July 13, The Reason YoCame;

- ◆ July 20, The Kufflinks, with 1920's parlor-style music;

- ◆ and July 27, Mainstream Drive, returning high energy dance cover band.

"The Main Street Grosse Pointe Promotions Committee focused on choosing a wide variety of musical genres for this year's concerts, mixing returning favorites with some talented and fun new

acts," Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock said in a release. "The addition of The Loop social district means those over the age of 21 can purchase an adult beverage from participating businesses — The Village Grille, Old Pony and Sidestreet Diner — and spend even more time enjoying The Village with their friends and families."

The last Music on the Plaza performance July 27, coincides with the date of Paint the Windows. With this year's theme "Color My World," students of all ages can sign up at [bit.ly/PaintRegist](http://bit.ly/PaintRegist) to decorate

business windows in The Village.

The annual Streetside Celebration then kicks off 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 28, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 29.

Donors and sponsors for Music on the Plaza 2023 include Ascension St. John Hospital, the Grosse Pointe News, Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick Inc., Brieden Consulting Group, Small Favors, Savvy Chic Boutique, Sidestreet Diner, Merrill Lynch, Kercheval Dance, Pet Supplies Plus and Temrowski Elder Care.

Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, is the rain location.



## Deadline for Art Takeover Project nears

Artists are invited to submit artwork for the Art Takeover Project, a walkable art exhibition which takes place the entire month of September.

Deadline for submissions is Sunday, July 23. The project is open to all Michigan artists ages 18 and older.

The Art Takeover Project, the brainchild of Posterity Gallery owner Michelle Boggess-Nunley, is centered around the concept that through art, better community-to-community connections can be made.

Participating local shops will share their space with artists for this month-long event, created to connect and provide visibility to local artists and storefronts. Art can be two- or three-dimensional and can include wall art, sculptures, installations or interactive displays.

The exhibition is a spinoff of last year's Art Collab Project, which challenged artists to step

out of their comfort zones by collaborating with another artist working in a different medium or practice. Artists were paired together at random, then challenged to create something new together and share their experiences.

The Art Takeover Project takes place throughout The Village with "collaborations" between artists and businesses. An illustrated map of participating businesses and artists will be available for visitors to see all of the displayed artwork and vote for their favorites.

For more information, visit [posterityartgallery.com](http://posterityartgallery.com).

### Dates to Remember

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

July 23

**EXHIBITION DATES:**

Sept. 1 to 30

**BUSINESS AND**

**ARTIST PAIRING:**

First week in August

**INSTALL DATE:**

Last week of August to Sept. 1

## EYES:

Continued from page 1B

"Classic Twelves & Sixteens," "American Luxe," "Exotic Italian" and "The Electric Revolution."

"I love that a lot of the manufacturers are sending some of their electric vehicles," Lightbody said.

This year also boasts the largest collection of motorcycles EyesOn Design has seen to date, including more than 50 bikes in six categories, ranging from early 1970s to 1990s.

Judging on all vehicles begins at 10 a.m., when the gates open to guests at Ford House.

"Every year we have the Preserving the

Vision Award, which will go to Jim Bartel for his shadow cars," Lightbody said, noting his 1969 Shadow MK I Can Am Prototype, 1970 Shadow MK I Can Am Mosport and 1971 Shadow MK II Can Am. "He calls them the most radical cars ever in Can Am racing."

A variety of other awards will be presented, too, among them the Honorary Chairman Award, selected by 2023 Honorary Chairman Bob Riney, president and CEO of Henry Ford Health; the Grand Marshal's Award, selected by Gale; and Design of Exceptional Merit Awards, selected by design executives from Cally Design Research, Toyota Design

Network, General Motors and Stellantis.

The Visionaries Award is selected by visually impaired and blind judges who will choose a winner based on their "hands-on" perception of the most interesting sculptural shape from the Sports Car Revolution category.

The Visions of Excellence Awards ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m.

"We are moving the awards ceremony to right when you walk into the entrance of the field," Lightbody said, "to a large, covered grandstand. Moving it puts the ceremony more amongst the show instead of by the house."

However, each car will be driven up to Ford House to have its picture

taken, as is custom during EyesOn Design, she noted.

Overflow parking for EyesOn Design will be available at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. "Guests will be taking the trolley to EyesOn Design this year instead of shuttle buses," Lightbody noted.

While walk-ins are welcome for the car show, reservations are required for the Private Eyes Brunch, which takes place 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$95 for adults, \$35 for children younger than 10, and include admission to the car show.

Admission to the car show is \$35 per person,

free for children younger than 10 with an adult.

For more information or tickets, visit [eyeson.design.org](http://eyeson.design.org)

### History and purpose

Since its inception in 1988, EyesOn Design has creatively connected the love of car design with advances in vision research.

"It was a connection between vision and cars that was obviously not a straight line," Lightbody said. "It came about due to the creative thinking of (Grosse Pointe Park resident) Dick Ruzzin. His wife (Merrie Lynn) was involved with a vision impaired support group. She came home one day and said, 'We need to find a way to raise money for the sup-

port group.' Dick came up with the idea for a car show.

"He got the go-ahead from all the heads of design," she added. "That's where the connection between design and vision came from."

Proceeds from EyesOn Design are a major source of revenue for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology's work with the visually impaired and blind. The DIO is the research arm of the Henry Ford Health System Department of Ophthalmology.

Stepping down from his role as medical director of the DIO is Dr. Philip Hessberg, who retires effective July 1. David Goldman, M.D., of Grosse Pointe Shores, will replace him.



Above, A 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T, owned by Timothy Ramon of Lenox. Right, a 1973 Porsche 911 T Targa, owned by Alan and Jodi Klein of West Bloomfield.



A 1960 Imperial Custom Southampton, owned by Kevin Dombrowski of Shelby Township.

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## Planting Day a pleasant partnership

By Jody McVeigh  
 Editor

More than 50 volunteers got down and dirty during the Full Circle Foundation's annual Planting Day, May 21.

Full Circle participants, staff and members of the community turned out to plant vegetables, herbs and flowers in the expansive garden, which now boasts 55 raised beds.

"Every year, we're improving," said Mary

opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs — by Riverview Health & Rehab Center North in Detroit.

"They were trying to enrich their senior residents, to give them a place to go when they had visitors, somewhere to spend time outside," Fodell recalled, noting another agency tried to work the land before Full Circle took on the project. "... We call it our Edible

Garden because it's an outdoor classroom. We grow things the kids can eat on the spot."

Throughout summer, 25 participants of the Full Circle summer program tend the garden, from weeding and watering to harvesting crops. Some of the vegetables are taken back to Full Circle and cooked, some are sent home with participants and some are turned into special

deliveries.

"We give some to the police from all the Pointes," Fodell said. "We make flower arrangements and are reaching out to different elderly. And last year, we started selling at The Helm."

Once a week, The Helm



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More than 50 volunteers helped on planting day this year.

serves as a farmers' market, where Full Circle participants sell vegetables to seniors. The sale is run by Full Circle's interns as part of a program that began last year. Through donations, Full Circle is able to pay its interns throughout the growing season.

"Every Thursday, they pick," Fodell said. "Then they go to The Helm and sell to the seniors. The interns do it all themselves — selling, cleaning up. It's a whole business."

"It's not about how much we're making, but the connections with the seniors and the kids."

The garden was prepped in March and will yield a harvest through mid-October, "So there's always something for the kids to do," Fodell said. "We get lots of volunteers, too. If you volunteer, you've got dinner for the night."

Each year, she noted, the team tries to grow something new. This year's new crop includes acorn squash. Another new addition could be bees, from which students will learn to harvest honey.

"We started strawberries last year and pea pods, green beans, cherry tomatoes," Fodell said. "Let me tell you, a home-grown potato is heaven. The same with garlic."

The organization began growing lavender last year and packaged it in sachels. This year, Fodell hopes to use it to make soap.

Through the team's efforts, crops of radishes, scallions, arugula and herbs already are coming up. Strawberries should be ready by press time.

"When zucchini starts coming in at the end of June, we get a bushel a day," Fodell said.

Added Full Circle Program/Operations Coordinator Stephanie DiVirgil, "We'll get hundreds of zucchini and cucumbers, spaghetti squash, peppers."

Students tend the garden three mornings a week, then either deliver or sell the fresh produce the same day.

Vegetables and flowers are sold at low cost; it's more about the educational experience for stu-



From left, Katie Melville, William Melville, Ryann Melville and Liam Melville got their hands dirty during planting day.

dents than making a profit.

"Any profit goes right back into the garden program," DiVirgil said.

Added Fodell, "Very little money comes in, but we funnel it into the program, if we need tools, for

the cost of plants. We're lucky if we get \$50."

However, donations are welcome.

"We could use a rototiller," Fodell added. "And we spent money on a new timer for the sprinkler system. But I'm glad we get to pay the interns. When kids understand working for money, that's what it's about. They're proud and they learn. It's a good, magical place."

"It's a real community effort," DiVirgil added, noting participation from Backer Landscaping and Indian Summer Compost.

"Local community members come in and do the small things that have to be done now. The Full Circle young adults and their families, Full Circle employees — it's a real example of a true community effort."

The Edible Garden's magic recently was recognized as Full Circle was nominated for and received a statewide award from the Garden Club of Michigan.

"It's such an honor," Fodell said.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Hasti Raveau

## How to play with children

In part one of this two-part series, I talked about the reasons why engaging in play with your child is important for their emotional, social and academic development. But if you're a new parent or your parents didn't play with you as a child, you might not know where to start.

Playing with children is not rocket science, but it can feel that way if it wasn't modeled to you when you were growing up. Here's a guide:

1) Put away your devices. Free yourself of any distractions ahead of time so you can truly be present with your child. If your mind is somewhere else, you won't be able to make observations and be engaged with your child. If you notice your mind wandering away to your cell phone or to-do list, bring your attention back to your child, over and over.

2) Let go of your own agenda for how you two should be playing together and instead start making observations on how the child is playing. Verbalize your observations, such as, "Oh, you are drawing a circle," or ask them questions about what they are doing. It makes them know you are paying attention to them.

3) Let the child guide the play session. Notice what they are drawn to

and play with them using those toys or activity. Stay with that activity until they are ready to change direction to something else.

4) Be at the same height with children as much as possible so you can have lots of eye contact and shared smiles with them.

5) Label. Label. Label. Label and describe objects and verbs and ask the child questions so they can use their vocabulary. Don't be scared to use big words.

6) Praise frequently. Aim for a 6:1 ratio of positive to negative comments. You can say simple statements such as, "I really love how you are drawing" or "Nice throw!" or "I appreciate how hard you are working on this puzzle." No, you will NOT spoil your child for praising them. You are building their self-esteem. Make sure when giving praise, you are being specific (e.g., instead of saying, "Good job," say how you really appreciated the way they did a specific thing), timely (make the praise soon after the particular event) and sincere.

7) Play can take many shapes and forms. It can be pretend play with dolls and action figures, or with cooking utensils. It can be making arts and crafts, building a puzzle, reading a book, exploring

the garden or your backyard, playing a sport, playing peek-a-boo, or singing and dancing. With older children and teens, it can be playing a board game, doing your nails or hair together, hiking, building something or playing video games.

8) You want to spend at least 10 minutes a day playing one-on-one with each child you have. The amount of needed daily play involving a parent actually is much higher for children age 5 and younger.

Some adults find it hard to engage in play with children and may need extra guidance and support around that. That's OK. A good child therapist or someone who specializes in play therapy can be helpful in facilitating these interactions until you have become more comfortable playing with your child.

*Hasti Raveau is a child and family psychologist and the founder and owner of Mala Child and Family Institute. For more information, visit malafamily.org.*

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**Devin Scillian and Arizona Son**  
 July 28 at 7 p.m.  
 Winner of the prestigious Detroit Music Award for Best Country Performer, Devin Scillian and his band Arizona Son come to Ford House for a night of country music.

**Michigan Philharmonic**  
 August 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
 This year's concert theme is "Michigan Phil at the Movies: Icons & Superheroes", and will feature music from films such as James Bond, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Incredibles*, *Titanic*, and more! These blockbuster movie scores are sure to bring great time, perfect for the entire family.




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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Staying alert and overcoming your midday energy slump

**Dear Gabby:** I am consistently exhausted every afternoon. I can hardly stay awake sometimes.

I eat well for the most part but is there something else I can do to feel more energetic other than loading up with coffee?

— Tired in the Farms

**Dear Tired,**  
This is a very good and common question.

Many of us often experience a dip in energy levels and feel tired in the mid-afternoon due to a natural phenomenon known as the circadian rhythm. Our body's internal clock regulates various physiological processes, including

sleep-wake cycles.

In the afternoon, typically between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., there is a temporary drop in alertness and an increase in drowsiness. This can be attributed to several factors, such as the natural tendency for our body temperature to decrease slightly during this time, hormonal fluctuations, and the accumulation of adenosine, a chemical that promotes sleep.

Additionally, our lunchtime meals often contain carbohydrates, which can lead to a temporary spike in blood sugar levels followed by a crash, further contributing to the feeling of fatigue.

To avoid mid-afternoon tiredness, a few strategies can be employed.

First, maintaining a consistent sleep schedule is critical. By getting enough quality sleep at night, you can enhance overall alertness during the day.

You can also incorporate short power naps of 15-20 minutes in the early afternoon, if possible, as they can provide a quick energy boost without disrupting nighttime sleep.

Staying hydrated throughout the day and opting for a balanced, protein-rich lunch can help stabilize blood sugar levels and prevent sudden crashes.

Additionally, my personal favorites are engaging in light physical activity or stretching exercises, exposing yourself to natural light, and practicing mindful breathing.

These tactics can all help invigorate the body and combat fatigue during the mid-afternoon slump.

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### Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

## Hoarding ruined my marriage

**DEAR ANNIE:** Eight years ago, it felt like I had a mental breakdown trying to deal with all the clutter coming in our house. I told this to my wife, but her reply was to justify why she needed everything.

Meanwhile, my frustra-

tion turned from anger to rage, and I started throwing things and shouting at her and not understanding how attached she was to her stuff. I threw boxes and boxes into the trash. Fast forward eight years to the present,

and the situation hasn't gotten any better. Her relationship with me has been put in a box and stored somewhere in the garage.

These last eight years, I've been trying to cater to her and make her feel happy again. Me throwing her stuff away was like I was killing the kids or something.

I was wondering if it's possible for me to file a lawsuit against her. I feel like I've been living in a prison for the last 25 years. It has pushed me to a point where I feel like I am losing control of myself. I am suicidal and depressed.

I totally realize my actions were uncalled for. But it just felt like I

was backed into a corner, and I kept getting prodded and poked and finally I unloaded.

This was totally out of character for me, but when you ask your wife, day after day, to please pick up her paperwork from the dining room table and nothing happens except more piles of paperwork start accumulating -- it's too much.

Anyway, I was just wondering if there's some way we could get the justice system involved to get her help. I'm just so frustrated that I put 25 years of my life into this woman and she just took advantage of everything I have done for her.

So now she's put a restraining order on me. It was delivered to me as I was checking out of the Veterans Affairs mental hospital.

On the day I arrived for the restraining order court date, she served me with divorce papers. And then, true to her hoarding nature, she is attempting to cut me out of everything and keep it all for herself. I feel so helpless.

I'm not seeking revenge or trying to make her life difficult, but I would love to see her get some help. — LEFT OUT

**DEAR LEFT OUT:** At this point, the best "revenge" for all the tur-

moil and depression that you say she imposed on you, through her cluttering and giving up on the marriage, would be to live well.

The best way to live well is to focus on what you can control. You can't control her actions, but you can seek help for anger management, depression and grief counseling for the marriage that did not work.

The best lawyer to get would be a divorce lawyer. And keep seeking help from the VA mental hospital. Good luck to you..

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## Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education spring benefit

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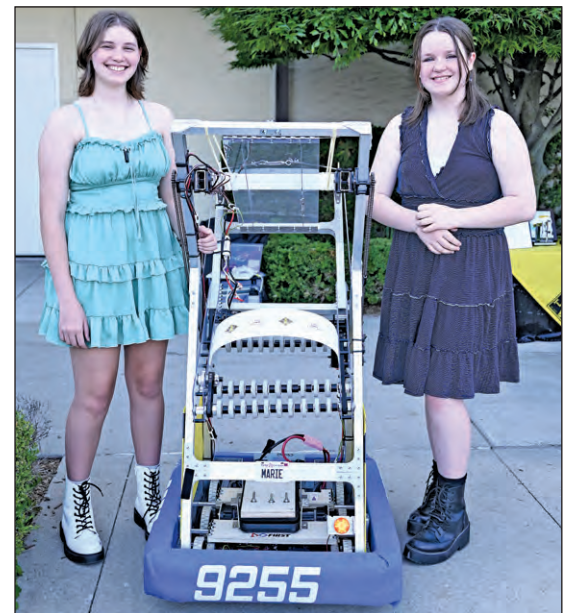
Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) held its spring benefit, Experience the Impact, on Thursday, June 1, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Approximately 200 people attended and raised more than \$200,000. Proceeds will benefit the GPFPE's biannual grant program, which funds opportunities for GPPSS students at every grade level and in every school in the district. It will also fund SEED (Social Emotional Encouragement and Development) grants, which support programs that target mental and emotional wellbeing. Since its founding in 2006, the GPFPE has given more than \$4.1 million back to the school system.



Maria Quint was on the phone with a group of Mason Elementary third grade parents who were bidding on the auction item, "Storytime with JT," which includes an in-person visit by author JT Mestdagh to an elementary classroom in the 2023-2024 school year. Mestdagh will read his book, "How The Sailfish Got Its Name." This auction item was so popular that Mestdagh said he would go to another school and two separate bids ended up winning.



Cynthia Ford holds up her paddle number to bid on the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Dinner and Concert auction item, which she and Edsel Ford II won.



Allie Betcher, an eighth grader at Pierce Middle School and Lainey Chesterton, a sixth grader at Pierce, stand beside the robot they helped build with their school robotics team called The Botmasterz.



Left, Cynthia Sohn, GPFPE Board/Benefit Committee and Claire Pfeiffer, GPFPE board member.

Members of the Grosse Pointe North High School marching band play a few songs at the event while wearing their new uniforms, which are the first replacements in decades, thanks in part by a large grant from GPFPE.





# Reinventing a staple

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

The cucumber is almost as versatile as a boneless, skinless chicken breast.

It's like a blank food canvas that can go any which way you want. Plain, salted, in a sauce or in a salad, it's always refreshing and perfect for anytime of year.

My daughter is insistent upon her school lunch. It has to be white bread with mayonnaise, lettuce and turkey. When I run out of lettuce, I slice an english cucumber up, thinly, to replace the crunch. She is a creature of habit and I'm ok with that and always happy with her chosen replacement.

We all need a good crunch in our lives.

This recipe is a Chinese smashed cucumber salad and it's good. I've always wanted to make it and the method and flavors were fantastic.

I used baby cucumbers and divided them into

four, cutting down the center then cutting half.

If you have a large cucumber, slice into thick chunks. You want to take a chef's knife and smash the pieces like they are garlic cloves. Then you infuse with fragrant flavors and extra crunch from roasted and salted peanuts.

This dish was really fun to make and was definitely a crowd pleaser. Sometimes it's fun to make something different.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Smashed Cucumber Salad

2 English cucumbers (or 4 mini cucumbers)

2 tbsp soy sauce

2 tbsp rice wine vinegar

2 tsp honey

1 tbsp sesame oil

2 tsp toasted sesame seed

fresh peanuts, chopped (optional)

2 tbsp cilantro, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Start by cutting the cucumbers into quarters. Smash them like they are garlic cloves. You want to break down the skin and flesh so the dressing can soak in all the goodness.

Mix together the soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, honey, oil and cilantro in a mixing bowl. Let marinate for at least 30 minutes.

Toast the sesame seeds in a pan until you can smell them, maybe three minutes. Add the chopped peanuts and seeds before serving. Toss together and serve. Best served with your favorite barbecue food.

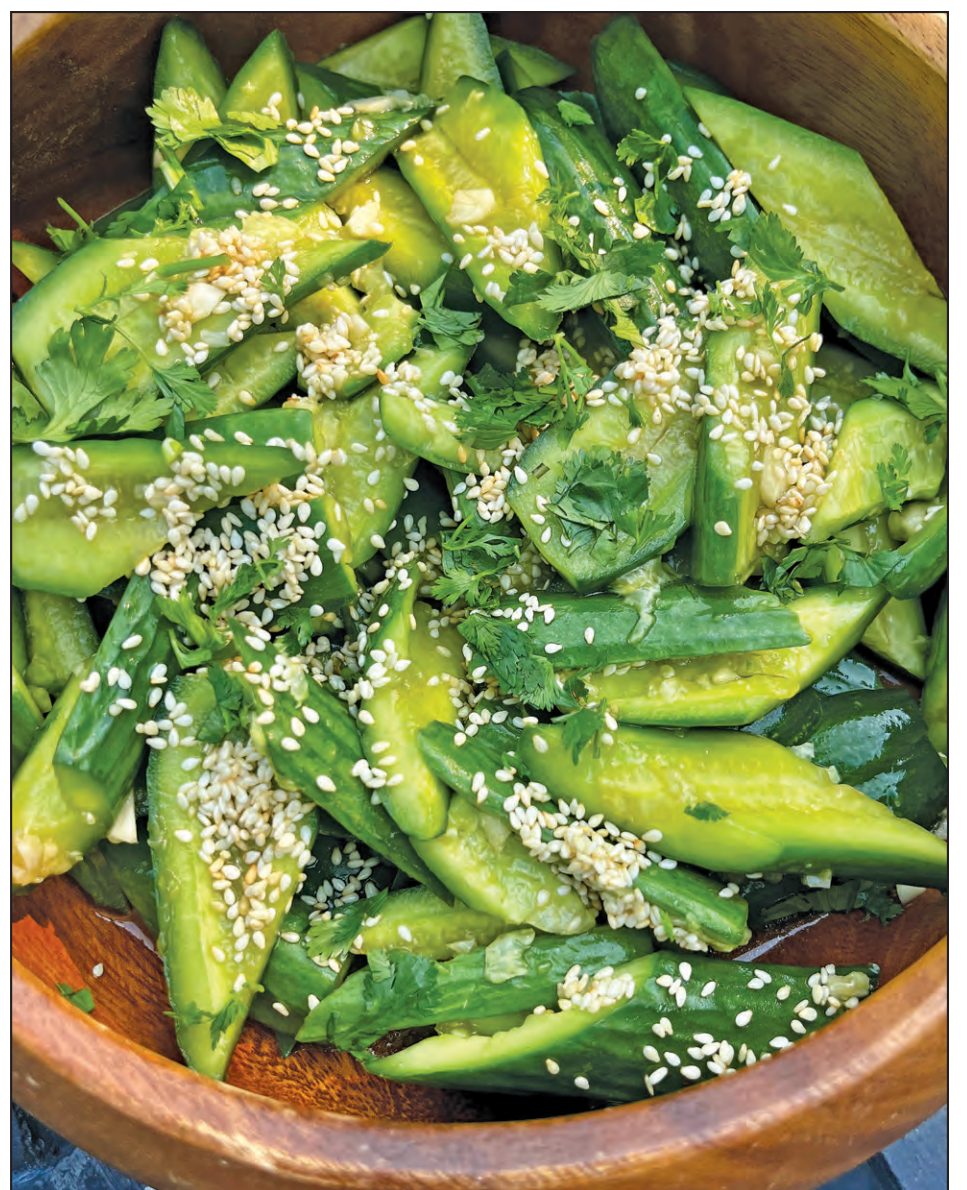


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## 'Wine ed'

You're standing in a wine shop facing a wall of obscure (to you) Italian red wines. One sounds familiar. And the price is fair. But you've never heard of the wine before: Salice Salentino (sal-ee-chay sal-en-teen-oh).

A clerk is either not available or can't tell you anything about it. Have no fear, however, help is on the way. If, that is, you have a cellphone.

This essay is all about wine education "on the fly," which is about as painless as you can imagine since you don't have to learn anything about Garibaldi, Italian government regs or laws about how wine must be made.

Just Google the wine's

name. You'll learn that Salice Salentino is a dark, slightly rustic red wine made from a grape called "negroamaro." Roughly translated, it means black/bitter.

It has now taken you less than a minute to learn that this wine, which likely sells for less than \$20 a bottle, sounds like a decent value, and although you're concerned about the word "bitter," you need to look at little further.

Another 60 seconds of reading on your cellphone determines that the Negroamaro grape was named hundreds of years ago and that wine technologists since then gave us the ability to make delicious red wines from it — a vari-

ety that might once have been bitter.

If the name negroamaro seems familiar, here a week ago in this column I recommended a rose produced from that variety. It didn't bear the name Salice Salentino. Instead, it said Salento, its home.

Cellphone wine education is a topic I've preached for two decades. The cellphone/internet is one of the most forgotten research tools budding wine lovers can make use of in attempting to find decent wine values in corners of the world, areas that get no respect or attention from most wine writers.

This includes places like Paarl, Tupungato, Bio Bio and Canelones, all of whose wines now are being imported to this country. Each represents exciting new opportunities for the adventuresome.

An example of how this would work: A few seconds ago, I typed "Canelones wine region" into the Google

search engine. What popped up were several sites that told me Canelones is home to 60 percent of all the wine being produced in northeastern Uruguay!

This country is emerging as a mesmerizing wine region, where some astonishingly fine wines are being crafted from sauvignon blanc, cabernet franc, tannat and cabernet sauvignon, among others.

Back to negroamaro. Most of the world's negroamaro is grown in Puglia in the Italian boot, a warm region where alcohol levels have been known to rise significantly. The best producers, however, work to keep the alcohol down.

This week's Wine of the Week is a classic example of modern-day negroamaro. It has only 13 percent alcohol.

Salice Salentino first was certified as an official wine-growing district by the Italian government 48 years ago. In the late 1970s I tried the first red wines

with that name that were imported to the United States. They weren't very good. The main problem was a persistent funkiness.



2018 Cantele Salice Salentino Riserva DOC

In the last 15 years or so, the district has worked diligently to not only produce clean and

fresh wines, but also to use better and more sophisticated bottling equipment. As a result, our Wine of the Week represents one of the best values on the retail shelf today.

### Wine of the Week:

2018 Cantele Salice Salentino Riserva DOC (\$16) — With spot-on aromas of cranberry, violet and black cherry, the wine's true personality only comes out after an hour open. The faint rustic character is its only complexity. But the wine's perfect compatibility with food is evident in a single taste. Best with red-sauced pastas or lighter grilled meats. Occasionally seen discounted to \$14. Imported by Winebow, New York. Bottle Barn in Santa Rosa has some at \$12.49.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



If you've been reading our "We Tried It" articles since the beginning, you know how devoted I am to great sunscreen. I basically turn into a lobster the moment the sun's rays touch my face and I can't risk destroying my skin for a good tan.

As we all know,

great sunscreen can be really expensive. Supergoop is a super popular sunscreen brand right now because it does all of the things sunscreens of the past couldn't do. Their sunscreen is easy to apply, actually invisible and doesn't leave a ghost-like white cast on your skin.

While their products are truly amazing, they are

definitely an investment.

We all know you're supposed to use sunscreen every day, especially on your face, but many of us don't do that due to cost and the annoying nature of typical sunscreens.

It's safe to say I was devoted to Supergoop's Unseen Sunscreen for years. I used it daily, repurchased it probably a dozen times and still love the product.

The only downside is that Supergoop's product is \$38 for just 1.7 fluid ounces.

After seeing some claims on the internet that Trader Joe's has come out with a Unseen Sunscreen dupe, I had to purchase it and try it out. At only \$9 for 1.7 fluid ounces, it is a fraction of the price of Supergoop's product.

Supergoop was able to revolutionize sunscreen and now Trader Joe's is doing the same.

The Daily Facial Sunscreen from Trader

Joe's is identical to Unseen Sunscreen in almost all ways. Both products are SPF 40, invisible and fragrance free. They have an identical feel on the skin and both work as a great makeup primer.

In my opinion, Trader Joe's formula is slightly thicker, but dries so well that you can't even feel it on your face. It has a light, velvety finish that is flattering on all skin types.

I am 100 percent going to continue using the Trader Joe's product. For the past nine months, I've exclusively been using it and have loved it and repurchased it many times. For the price, you cannot beat it!

To top it all off, the ease of picking up your favorite skincare product while shopping for groceries can't be overlooked.

I'm giving this sunscreen 5 out of 5 alligators because it's truly an amazing product at a

great price.

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SUMMER ENTERTAINING



SUMMERTIME *Blue*



This is the time of year Grosse Pointers yearn for — warm summer afternoons and evenings to enjoy the beautiful decks and patios that are merely stared at longingly the other eight months of the year.

So break out the barbecue grills, put the caterer on speed dial, and freshen up your collection of serving ware to start hosting and toasting the summer of 2023. With the recent weather perfection, everyone is inspired to gather and enjoy food, cocktails and good conversation under a breathtaking sunset.

We've curated some amazing summer entertaining pieces to get your creative thinking in gear for the theme of your next outdoor soiree.

As usual, The League Shop and Small Favors did not disappoint with their plentiful selection of this season's most magnificent hosting offerings.

Featuring a stunning blue-and-white chinoiserie design theme, it was easy to mix and match pieces to create a summery tableau, using colorful plates, coordinating drinkware, rattan chargers, paper and linen. Take a peek at all the amazing things we found to share. Happy hosting!



Top: Lovely blue and white chinoiserie by Two's Company is from The League Shop. Adorable melamine plates with a red amaryllis design, above, coordinate perfectly with featured placemats and napkins. Made by The Muddy Dog, available at The League Shop.



Lemon-themed Palermo melamine plates by Le Cadeaux, above, are pretty, shatter-proof and lightweight, with the feel of ceramic. Mixing and matching is fun — and you can get as creative as you want! From The League Shop.

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**The question: "Do you dip?"**



Mud Pie 13" round white beaded rim chip and dip bowl, left, is made from glazed terracotta and goes with everything summer. They're simply chic, from Small Favors.

**Entertaining on-the-go is in the bag**

Melamine serving bowl by Le Cadeaux, below, presents your menu in style. Unbreakable bowls take the worry out of outdoor serving. Buy it at The League Shop.



Summer is perfect for the cutest totes and bags around. This Scout bag, above, in adorable blue-and-white gingham, meets all of your pool, park and picnic needs. Available at Small Favors in many sizes, styles, colors and patterns.

**Our pagoda or yours?**



Your next neighborhood barbeque needs these shatterproof pagoda frosted cups! They come in a set of 10 for easy outdoor (or anywhere) entertaining. Raise the bar at your next party or park picnic by keeping a set in your Yeti cooler. Pretty...check! Practical...check! Get them at Small Favors.



We absolutely love this Mud Pie indigo tray and dip set, above. You'll keep it on repeat this summer to elevate any old chips and dip you have on hand to party-worthy splendor. From Small Favors.

**A splash of color for the table**

Elegant 100% cotton fabric chinoiserie napkins, right, from The League Shop, add a touch of class to your outdoor dinner party. The blue scalloped edging adds visual drama and style to these napkins, which will surely be used again and again! As absorbent and practical as they are pretty.



**Notes to make Miss Manners proud**

The everyday stationery cards, above, are by Dogwood Hill from The League Shop and are just what you need to keep handy for the thank you notes you'll be writing to your gracious hosts. These feature a ginger jar and are blank – so you can use them for many different occasions.

**Unbreakable beauty**



**Paper party ware = easy entertaining**



**A heaping spoonful of style**



Serving with decorative plates is one of the easiest ways to bring color and style to your table. These blue-and-yellow melamine plates by Le Cadeaux, above, are perfect for outdoor serving because they're sturdy yet light, so they won't break if dropped on the patio.

You'll get so much use from them all season – for big summer outdoor gatherings – as well as week-day family dinners outside to soak up the last of the day's sun together. From The League Shop.

So much to be said for pretty paper party ware for summer. It makes cleanup a breeze in hot weather. Two's Company placemats, above, are beautiful and a big bang for your buck. Make your table pop! Heavy-weight paper coasters, left, are ideal for cold drink condensation. Both from The League Shop.

**Serving up outdoor appeal**

Rattan serving pieces give off summery vibes and coordinate with any of the fun beachy colors and patterns you use for entertaining guests. Plus they're the right size to actually do the job tossing salads or serving whatever's on the menu. These and other lovely serving ware items are available at The League Shop.



**Dealer's choice**



Festive blue-and-white playing cards, above, are aces for your next summer get-together or hostess gift. They feature a decorative display case. By Two's Company, from The League Shop.



## FISHING CONTEST

## All-American summer fun in play

**The boys are back!**

**Fishing buddies JR Crandall, left, Ben Muzingo, center, and Henry McCulloch, right, show off their catch. Teamwork makes the dream work. Nice job, fellas!**

By Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writer

What a season it's shaping up to be! The Classic is underway and the contestants are coming in strong. It was the smallmouth and largemouth bass, plus pike, that seemed to be doing most of the bait nibbling this past week.

Winners were fishing hot with some impressive catches all across the Pointes. In the kids' division, Malcom Richards, 12, of Grosse Pointe won the day with a 17" smallmouth bass, caught at the park in Grosse Pointe Farms.

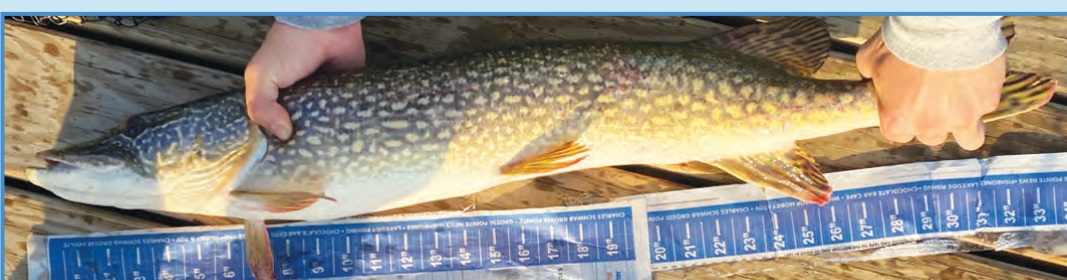
For the B Division, Andrew Phillips brought in an impressive 16.5" smallmouth. In adult Division C, Andy Hauswirth had the top honors for his 34" win-

ning pike, also the longest fish in any category.

There are a few more weeks to go before the classic closes on June 29, so grab your bait and hooks, rods and reels, and hit the piers for some good times and fish tales to bring home.

There are still prizes to be had and a great raffle that includes all participants, no matter the fish size. Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe is our cash prize sponsor and the raffle includes gift cards from Fishbones, Lakeside Fishing and Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy. An anonymous donor is also providing some amazing electronics prizes.

The Grosse Pointes have fantastic parks and piers, so treat yourself to a visit at one of these community gems and spend some time with friends and family, catching up — and maybe catching dinner.



**Just...wow! This 34" pike was caught by Andy Hauswirth, of Grosse Pointe, at City Park on June 3. What a nice-looking fish!**

### 2023 Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic

**Who:** You! Age categories:  
**DIVISION A** - Age 12 and under,  
**DIVISION B** - Ages 13-18  
**DIVISION C** - Adults, age 19+

**What:** 3rd Annual Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic

**Where:** Anywhere in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas on land only (no boats)

**When:** May 25 - June 29, 2023

**Why:** Great prizes, fresh air and good times in the Pointes.

**Prizes:** \$50 per fish category for the 12 and under and ages 13-18 divisions, plus \$100 for the largest fish of the week.

\$25 per fish category for the adult, age 19+ division, plus \$50 for the largest fish of the week for adult, age 19+ division.

**Details:** Visit [grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic](http://grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic) for full contest rules and details.



# TAKE A LOOK AT A FEW OF THE FISH THAT WERE BITING THIS WEEK!



Cool fish! Alex Blyth, of Grosse Pointe, used his skills to catch this amazing 27.5” pike at City Park.



Gabriel Kuzma, age 13, of St. Clair Shores, scored a “reel” great 12.5” largemouth bass, fishing at a park canal last week.



Joe Miller, of Grosse Pointe Park, worked his magic at Windmill Pointe Park and nabbed this 20.5” smallmouth. A very good day!



Malcom Richards, age 12, of Grosse Pointe reeled in this beauty — a 17” smallmouth, caught at Farms Park.



Joseph O’Laughlin of Grosse Pointe Farms caught a nice 16” small-mouth bass at Farms Pier.

# Congratulations WINNER’S CIRCLE - WEEK 2

## DIVISION A WINNERS (age 12 and under)

**BASS** Malcom Richards, 17” smallmouth bass, caught at GP Farms Park  
**MUSKIE** N/A  
**PIKE** N/A  
**WALLEYE** N/A

## DIVISION B WINNERS (age 13-19)

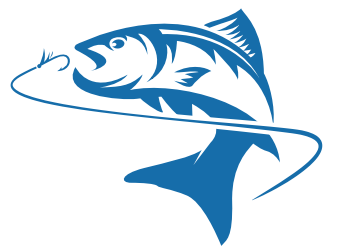
**BASS** Andrew Phillips, 16.5” largemouth bass, caught at GP Woods Park  
**MUSKIE** N/A  
**PIKE** N/A  
**WALLEYE** N/A

## DIVISION C WINNERS (ADULT, age 19+)

**BASS** Joseph Miller, 21.5” smallmouth bass, caught at Windmill Pointe Park  
**MUSKIE** N/A  
**PIKE** Andy Hauswirth, 34” pike, caught at GP City Park  
**WALLEYE** N/A

## RAFFLE WINNERS

\$100 Fishbones gift card - Tom Kolojeski  
 \$25 Whistle Stop gift card - Sam Wakefield  
 Lakeside Fishing gift card - Gabriel Kuzma  
 Electronics prize: speaker - Alex Blyth



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Victoria Whittingham, age 6, of Grosse Pointe Farms caught this beautiful 13” silver bass at Pier Park. Girls rule!

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It takes a community to pull off a major event like the Fishing Classic. That’s why we are so very grateful for our sponsor partners. Without them, it would be difficult to bring this event to the Pointes each year, and provide an opportunity for some family-friendly fun, a chance to enjoy our beautiful neighborhood lakes and rivers, and have a little good-natured competition.

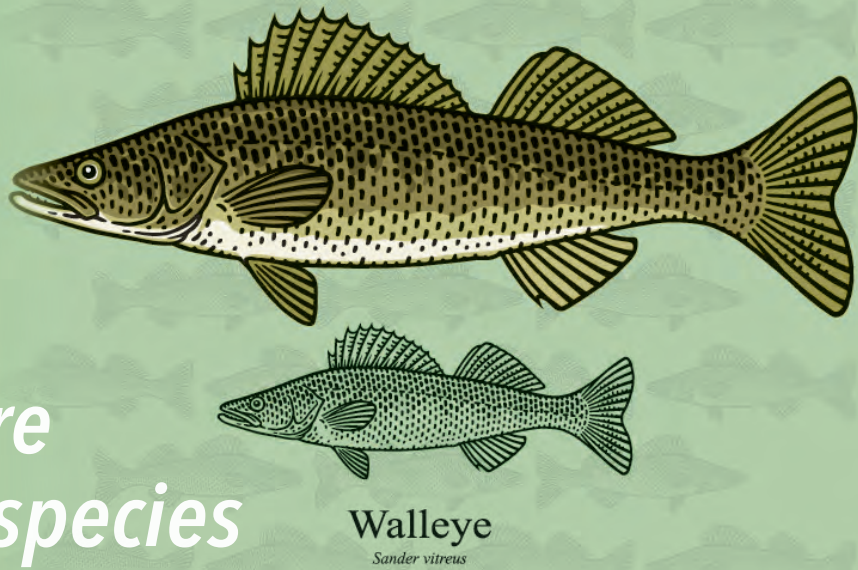
Join us in thanking our wonderful sponsors, who have so generously underwritten the contest and provided amazing prizes for the winners of the contest and raffle.

We are happy to be a part of this great community of kind and engaged businesses. Now, let’s GO FISH – and bring back some legendary catches (and fish tales!)



# Let's talk WALLEYE

These nocturnal creatures are one of fisherman's favorite species



The walleye has many names, including the formal sander vitreus, and is easily identified by its beautiful coloring, unusual eyes, large mouth and sharp teeth.

By Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writer

The walleye, also known as yellow pike or yellow pickerel, is a freshwater fish from the perch family, named for its trademark outward-turning cloudy eyes. The opacity of this fish's eye is created by a thin layer of reflective pigment (tapetum lucidum) that helps the fish see in low light or nighttime (it's nocturnal.)

Identified by their bright olive green or gold backs with black stripes and white bellies, walleye are a lengthy, thin-bodied fish. They have one spiny dorsal (back) fin and one soft dorsal fin. They're one of the species of fish with teeth, and their mouths are on the large side. Size-wise, they average two-and-a-half to three feet in length and vary from about 10-20 pounds.

Walleye spawn in spring and early summer over shallow water areas with rock or gravel. They seek moving water to spawn because the current helps sift off any dirt and sediment while aerating the eggs. Eggs hatch in about two weeks from deposit. Up to 100,000 eggs can be spawned at a time and once born, a walleye can live an average of a decade.

Dinner for a walleye consists of smaller fish, worms, insects and marine invertebrates, whatever is available — they're not picky. They prefer feeding at dusk and dawn, where their low-light eyesight helps them seek prey. During the peak of day, they hide under plants, logs and other cover. At night they head

toward shallower waters for their most active hours. Native to the Great Lakes, Michigan fishermen are very familiar with this species. Their ideal waters are deep, quiet and cool. By understanding their daily habits, anglers can best plan a strategy for catching them.

As for the taste of walleye, it's described as subtle and sweet, firm yet delicate — with a buttery feel and not too "fishy-tasting." A vinegar marinade can remove even more of the fishy taste, leaving walleye one of the mildest-flavored fish you can catch.

According to michigan.gov, the 2023 regulations (May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024) for walleye for the western half of Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River and the Detroit River are as follows:

- Open all year
- 6 fish per day
- 15" minimum size limit
- 3 rods per angler

The season is off to a great start, with many local fisherman catching walleye in plenty, so if this fish is your preferred type, chances are it will be a great year.

SOURCE: National Wildlife Federation



## Whoppers whoppers, everywhere!

Tom Kolojeski from Grosse Pointe Farms, must have had a lucky charm in his pocket during his day at the Farms Pier. He reeled in a somewhat rare 25" bowfin, left, and a giant 27" catfish, below. Though these species are not included in the Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic, they are really interesting fish and prize-worthy in their own right. Fishing days like these are ones for the books!



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# FISH ON!



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Hit the docks to fish for some amazing prizes!  
**May 25th to June 29th**

Winners announced every week for each division and fish species. **FOUR** fish categories:  
 1. Bass (smallmouth and largemouth combined)  
 2. Muskie 3. Walleye 4. Pike  
 (Contest is for length of fish)

But be sure to enter no matter the size of your fish...  
 All contestants will be eligible to win great raffle prizes!  
 (One raffle prize per person.)

**Divisions:**

- Division A: Ages 12 and under
- Division B: Ages 13-18
- Division C: ADULT, ages 19 and up

**CONTEST RULES:**

- Longest fish in each division wins.
- Onshore catch and release fishing only - no boats!
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- Enter as many days/fish as you wish!
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 \$100 for the biggest fish of the week.  
 \$25 per fish category for the ADULT 19+ division,  
 \$50 for the biggest fish of the week.

PLUS! New this year: Electronic prizes kids will be sure to love!  
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19"	38"



## 10C | LIFE &amp; LEISURE



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Left, Orlando Jones as Cornelius 'Dumbass,' Maisie Williams as Millie, Richard Robichaux as Pascal and Jason Sudeikis as Henry, in the 2016 movie "The Book of Love," directed by Bill Purple.



ally she comes to the realization that he'll be just fine.

The theme of love, loss and healing is a common one in both literature and film. I feel it's always interesting to see a fresh take on it. I think

had me laughing out loud. I also enjoyed him in the offbeat sci-fi movie "Downsizing."

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy.com and Hoopla.com. Also on Tubi, Crackle,

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you

MOVIE REVIEW  
"The Book of Love"  
2016 - Rated PG-13  
1 hr 46 min  
★★★★☆

If you've seen the hit TV show "Ted Lasso" then you're familiar with Jason Sudeikis. I think the show owes a great deal of its success to his acting.

Sudeikis has been in a boatload of films over the years, mainly playing comic roles. So I was curious to see how he performs in something a bit more dramatic. I'm glad to say he outdid himself in this heartfelt little indie film

informed that his wife, who happens to be pregnant, has just died in a car crash.

Needless to say, Henry is devastated. He's just lost the love of his life and he's thrown into an emotional abyss. He mopes around the house and his boss Wendell (Paul Reiser) encourages him to take as much time off from work as he needs and return whenever he's ready.

He eventually encounters Millie, a 16 year old girl who lives by herself in a shack. At first she's very suspicious about Henry. One of the criticisms of



Left, Mary Steenburgen as Julia with Jason Sudeikis as Henry.

kept while he was on his ill-fated venture. She's committed to building a raft of her own to go off in search of him. It's this sense of loss the two main characters share and it's what eventually brings them together.

Henry is quickly on board (pun intended) in helping her build her raft. He engages a couple of rather colorful characters to assist in the project. There's Dumbass (Orlando Jones) and Pascal (Richard Robichaux), a goofy-looking guy who doesn't speak English. Dumbass acts as a translator for Pascal, and the couple add some much needed comic relief. While all this is transpiring, Henry's mother-in-law Julia (Steenburgen) pops in from time to time to look after him.

At first she's worried that he's losing his marbles, but eventu-

the writer and producer Bill Purple has contributed a welcome addition to the collection.

If you're looking for another Jason Sudeikis film, I highly recommend, "We're the Millers." It's a somewhat raunchy adult comedy I recently watched on Netflix that

Peacock, Plex, Pluto TV, The Roku Channel, and to rent on Prime Video.

My rating system:

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

would have been better off reading a good book.

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

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

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

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Millie and Henry.

For some reason, the critics totally panned "The Book of Love." The general consensus among the pundits is that the plot is a bit far-fetched. Come on people, that's the beauty of this medium!

I found the story quite engaging. It also helped that the cast was first rate. In addition to Sudeikis, it stars Maisie Williams ("Game of Thrones,") Jessica Biel ("Total Recall," "The Illusionist") and the always delightful and underutilized Mary Steenburgen ("Step Brothers," "Gracie and Frankie," "Last Vegas.")

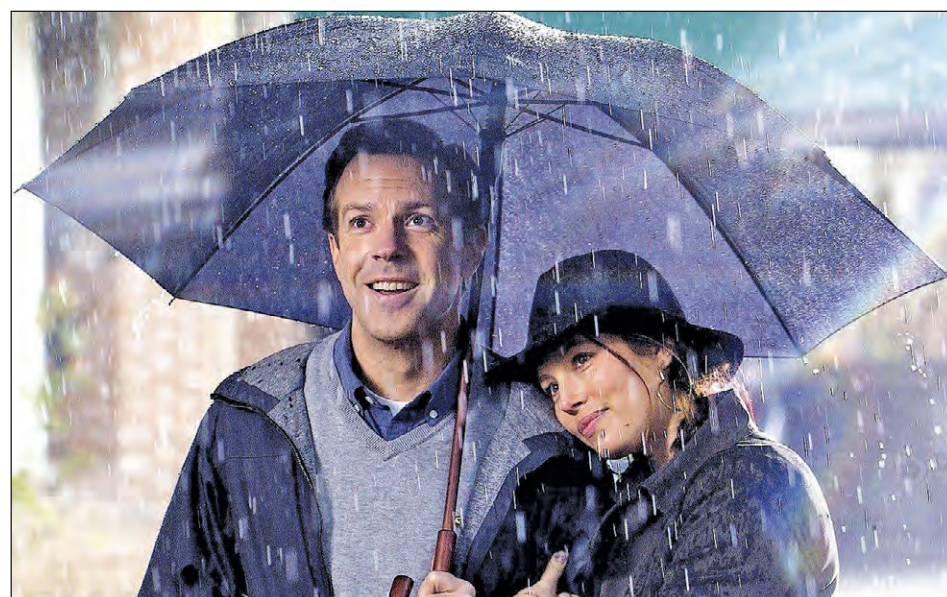
Meet Henry Herschel (Sudeikis), a successful, super straight-laced architect. He's married to Penny, an energetic, free spirit who's always trying to get her nerdy husband to loosen up and live a little. She encourages him to chill, even when it comes to the shoes he wears to work.

One day the couple notices a young girl, Millie, rummaging through their trash. She appears to be homeless and Penny tells her husband to look after her.

Henry is the architect behind an innovative and groundbreaking plan to revitalize the waterfront in New Orleans. While on site presenting his idea to a potential developer, he gets a fateful call. He's

the movie is Millie's accent. It's sort of a mix between ghetto slang and Cajun English that's a bit hard to understand at first. But I found it easy to overlook.

We find out that Millie's dad was a dreamer who built a raft when she was a young girl and he was lost at sea, somewhere in the Azores. One of her most prized possessions is a diary he



Henry in better times with wife Penny, played by Jessica Biel



Henry and Millie on their homemade raft, lost at sea.



# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or important decisions from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. EDT today (6 p.m. to 7 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Taurus into Gemini.

**Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 15, 2023:** You are charming and entertaining, and you know how to make others feel good. This is why people are attracted to you. This is the beginning of a new moon in your cycle. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities. Take the initiative. Open any door!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
Take it easy today and be kind to yourself. It's important to know that there are gloomy vibes in the air today, which makes things look worse than they really are. Ah yes, the power of the mind will paint everything around you "drab." Tonight: Conversations!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
You are the financial wizard of the zodiac. This is a fortunate year for you, because lucky, moneybags Jupiter is in your sign bringing you marvelous opportunities that will make you richer next year. Meanwhile, today things look grim. This is just a brief dark cloud on your horizon. Tonight: Count your money.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Mercury is in your sign today and, of course, Mercury is your ruler, which is why you are a chatty, curious person. However, today Mercury is at odds with Saturn, which makes you critical and inclined to see the dark side of life. But it will sharpen your mind and help you work! Tonight: You win!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
This is a good day for research of any kind. Therefore, if you're looking for answers or solutions to old problems, start digging deep today. You will have the patience, endurance and focus to find what you're looking for. Tonight: Solitude.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Today you will have to be patient when talking to friends. You will especially need to be patient when dealing with groups, clubs or organizations. It will be easy for you to give a negative impression of yourself to others, even if you don't think you're doing so. Be careful. (It's nice to have good press.) Tonight: Be friendly.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Use diplomacy when talking to parents, bosses or the police today, because your critical attitude might lead to a breakdown in communication. You might be misunderstood. In either case, play things safe and say as little as possible to avoid regrets later. Be smart. Tonight: You're noticed.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
This is a classic day for arguments about politics, religion or any topic about which you have strong opinions. Other people have strong opinions, too! Avoid these topics today, because this is a poor day for communications. However, you can use your sharp, critical mind to study. Tonight: Explore!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Financial disputes are likely today. This is a poor day to discuss how to divide or share something, like an

inheritance, because people won't agree with each other. Instead, use your "picky" mind to check the details of negotiations and contracts. Tonight: Check your finances.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Be friendly and patient when dealing with loved ones today, especially spouses, partners or close friends. Today it's easy to be critical and resist suggestions and dismiss comments made by others. This will win you no friends. Go gently. Tonight: Cooperate.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
This is a good day for heavy mental work and any task that requires a disciplined mind. You won't overlook details; furthermore, you will be persistent and persevering. Admittedly, you might be critical of co-workers. Don't do this. Lighten up. Tonight: Work.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Parents need to take a lighter approach when dealing with their kids today because it's easy to be critical. Be wise and follow Goethe's advice about dealing with children: "Criticism does much but encouragement does more." Tonight: Socialize.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
There's some tough energy out there floating in the air today. The worst way to use it is to have a family argument. The best way to use it is to roll up your sleeves and dig in by making home improvements or tackling home repairs. Do something. Tonight: Cocoon.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actor Neil Patrick Harris (1973), actor, rapper Ice Cube (1969), actress Courteney Cox (1964).



## Fathers

Fathers are notches above all the rest;  
They know how to fix things the absolute best.

They're carpenters, plumber, electricians, too;  
There's hardly a thing they don't know how to do

Or know what to do about better than we.  
(Just ask one to tell you, if you want to see!)

They're stamina, somehow, to go on a hike  
Then patience to teach you to ride your first bike

And arms the right length to reach out and include  
Just one who may need it or all of the brood.

They're shoulders to lean against, sure bets to lick  
The neighbor kid's father ... at anything ... quick!

Fathers many counsel their sons when to fight  
And shelter their daughters with all of the might;

They think you're the greatest and often, it seems  
Unlikely you'll ever live up to their dreams.

They sometimes get angry and very upset  
But want what is best for you, that you can bet.

Yes, Fathers are special, of this there's no doubt;  
They offer so much that we can't do without.

They're all the above and much, much more but, then,  
To put it quite simply, they're family men!

Joan LeGro Bushnell



## Contract Bridge

### THE BETTER WAY

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A J 7 2  
♥ 8 6  
♦ A J 9 2  
♣ K 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ 9  
♥ A Q 4 3  
♦ 8 6 5 4  
♣ 10 9 7 5

**EAST**  
♠ 6 4  
♥ 9 7 5 2  
♦ Q 7  
♣ Q J 8 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 8 5 3  
♥ K J 10  
♦ K 10 3  
♣ A

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♥ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♥ Pass 6♠

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

he stakes everything on the diamond finesse and misguesses which opponent has the queen, he goes down, since at least one heart trick must be lost.

An alternative line of play is for declarer to avoid the diamond guess altogether by discarding his third diamond on the king of clubs. But as he gets rid of one headache, he acquires another, since he might then lose two heart tricks.

There is, however, a reasonable chance of avoiding two heart losers if the latter approach is adopted. If East has the A-Q, only one heart can be lost. If the heart honors are split, declarer will have to guess whether to play the jack or king when he leads a heart toward his hand. This is essentially a 50-50 proposition. Of course, if West has both honors, declarer has no chance on this line of play.

There is no sure way to guarantee 12 tricks, but the best chance, percentage-wise, is to draw trump and cash the K-A of diamonds, hoping to drop the queen, roughly a 1-in-5 proposition. This works in the actual deal, and the slam is home.

If the queen does not appear when the K-A are played, declarer can discard his remaining diamond on the king of clubs and then tackle the hearts. In this way, South gives himself two chances to make the slam instead of just one.

Looking only at the North-South hands, you can see that six spades is unbeatable regardless of how the opposing cards are divided, provided that — and this is a big proviso — declarer knows which opponent has the queen of diamonds. In that case, declarer can collect six spade tricks, two clubs and four diamonds (by means of a finesse or a drop) to make the slam.

But in real life, the location of the crucial queen is not known to declarer. If

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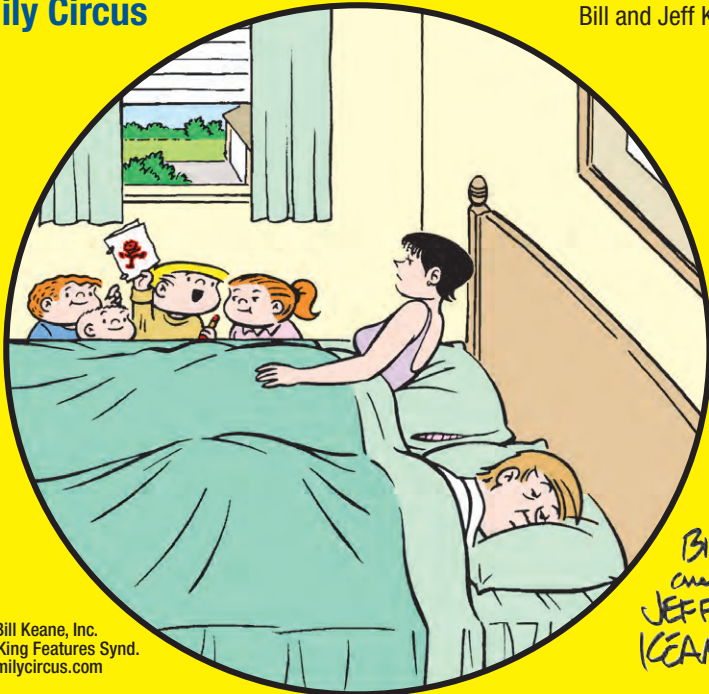
by Steve Becker



# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



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"We made a card for Daddy. It says, 'To our father who art in bed ...'"

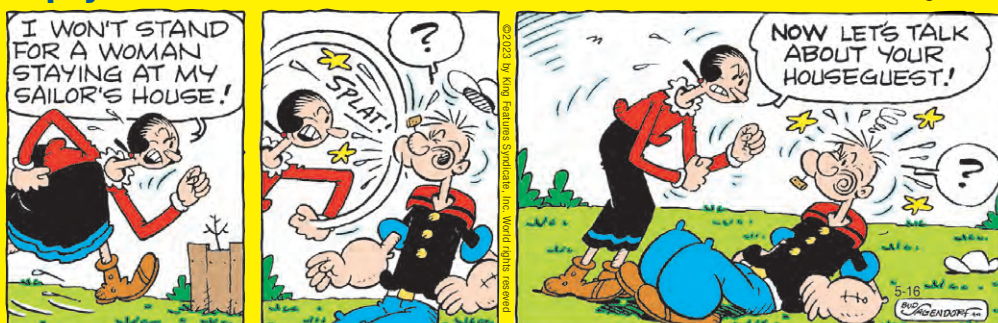
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Jim Davis



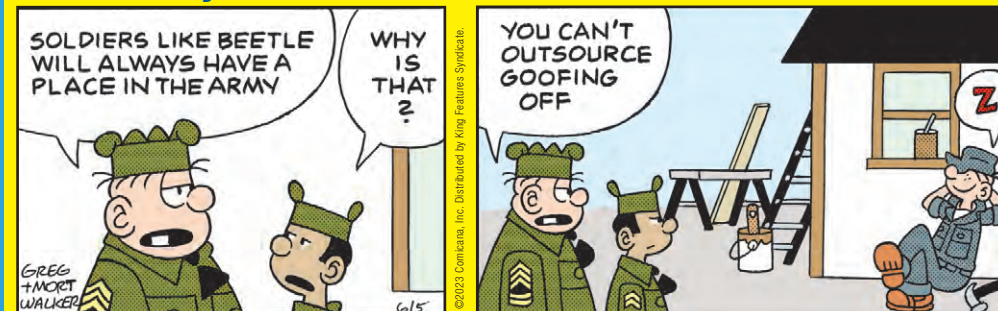
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Bud Sagendorf



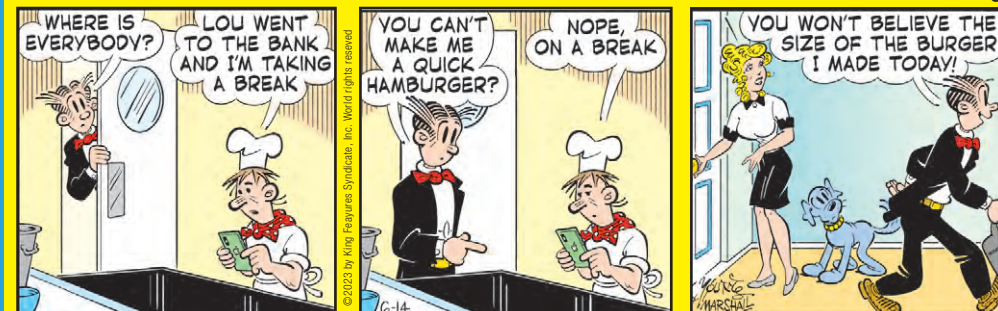
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Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



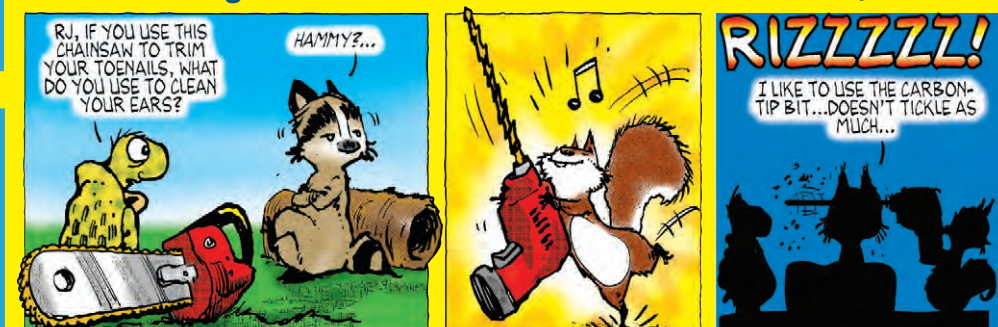
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Chris and Dean Young



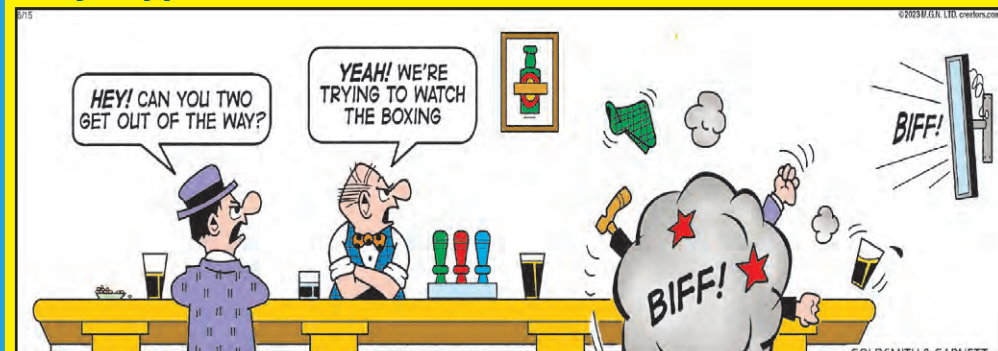
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Michael Fry and T. Lewis



## Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



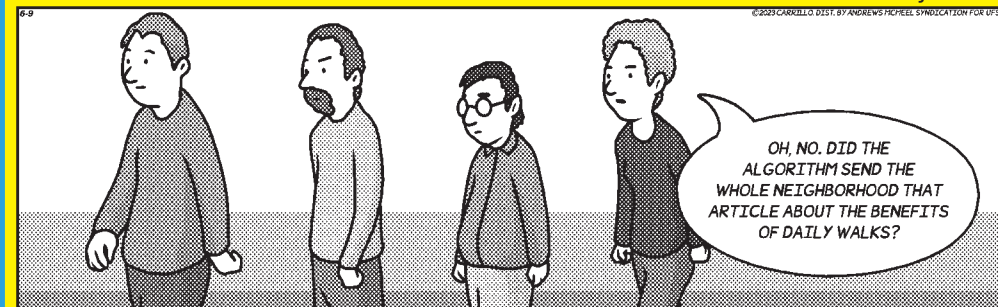
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## F Minus

Tony Carrilo

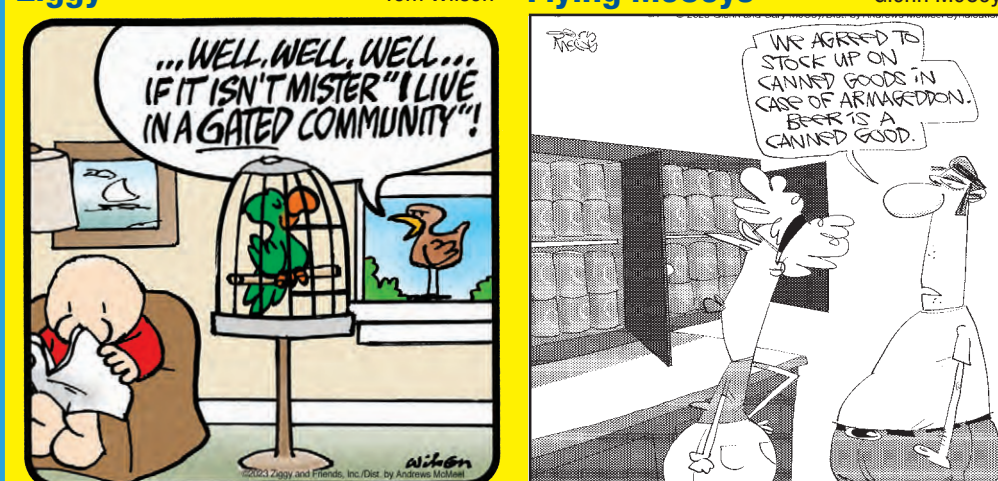


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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6/15 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 15, 2023

### ACROSS

- 1 Heap, as praise
- 7 Cards that beat kings, often
- 11 Small amt. in a recipe
- 14 Pencil end
- 15 \_\_\_-quit (angrily leave a game)
- 16 Gorilla, e.g.
- 17 "Items hurled at the Olympics"
- 18 "Place for suits to hang"
- 20 Lucifer
- 21 Illegal-motion caller
- 22 Nerve fibers
- 23 Quick
- 25 Prize for the singer Luke Combs: Abbr.
- 26 "Chose museum pieces for"
- 27 "Response to 'Where?'"
- 31 Classic jeans color
- 33 Christopher of "Superman"
- 35 Out of \_\_\_ world
- 36 Salt-N-Pepa genre
- 37 "Is that gift mine?"
- 38 \_\_\_ Intrepid (former Navy ship)
- 39 Tribute poems
- 41 Popular sandwich cookies
- 42 Square footage
- 43 "Actor's prompt"

- 45 "Like a good Christmas"
- 47 Surround
- 49 10 reps, say
- 50 Out of office
- 53 Goddess of the dawn
- 55 Prima donnas
- 59 "Beaded counters"
- 61 "Most introverted, usually"
- 63 Certain scam artist
- 64 Villain's nemesis
- 65 "Honor \_\_\_ father ..."
- 66 To a smaller degree
- 67 Revise, as a paragraph
- 68 "The birds and the bees" topic

- DOWN
- 1 Some digital displays
- 2 Solo delivered by 55-Across
- 3 Reaching far and wide
- 4 Voice of a Spider-Woman in "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse"
- 5 Spotted attending
- 6 Parts of a day: Abbr.
- 7 Curved
- 8 Little longhorn
- 9 Word with "alter" or "ideal"

- 10 Kind of seed on a Big Mac bun
- 11 Food with a carne asada variety
- 12 Started a turn in Twister
- 13 Step on no \_\_\_ (palindrome)
- 19 Right on
- 21 Friend who will be there no matter what, in slang
- 24 Do a show
- 25 Charcuterie board foods
- 26 Bread for some naan?
- 27 Small-screen parent such as Carol Brady
- 28 Swahili for "freedom"
- 29 Stage platform
- 30 Written piece
- 31 "Dude ..."
- 32 Boy
- 34 Before, in poetry
- 40 Rifts
- 42 When Romeo and Juliet get married
- 44 Trojan War figure
- 46 Like glowing coals
- 48 Spanish for "night"
- 50 Salt, in a chem lab
- 51 Orchestra tuner
- 52 Lies on the beach
- 54 Brought to court
- 56 Hound docs
- 57 Queens stadium's namesake
- 58 River of myth
- 60 \_\_\_-cone
- 62 \_\_\_ Lanka

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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## See You Later! by Hanh Huynh

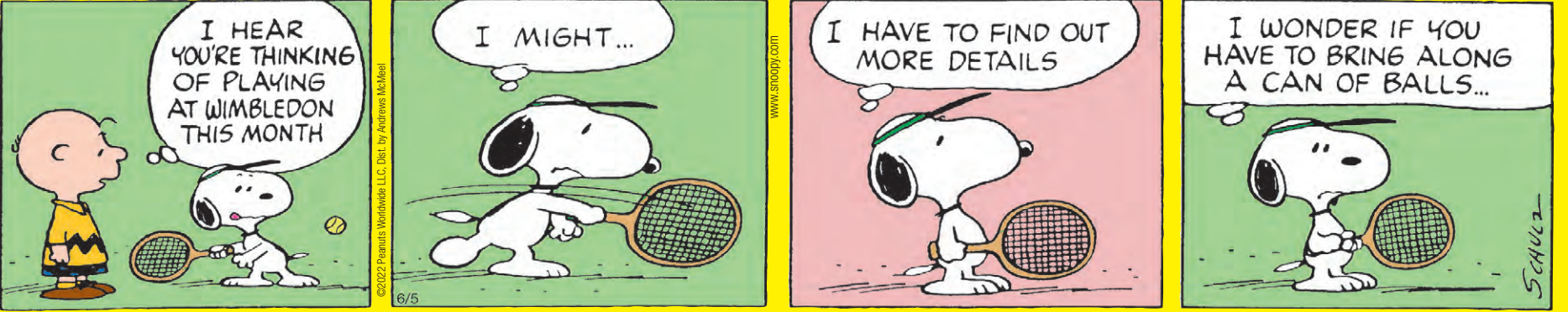
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# Comics

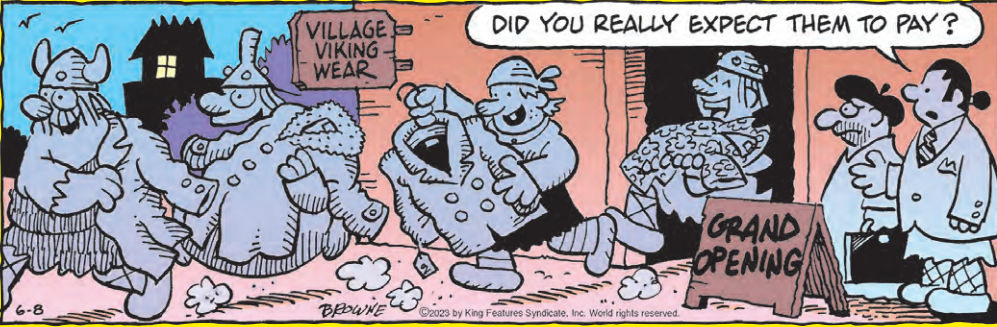
## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



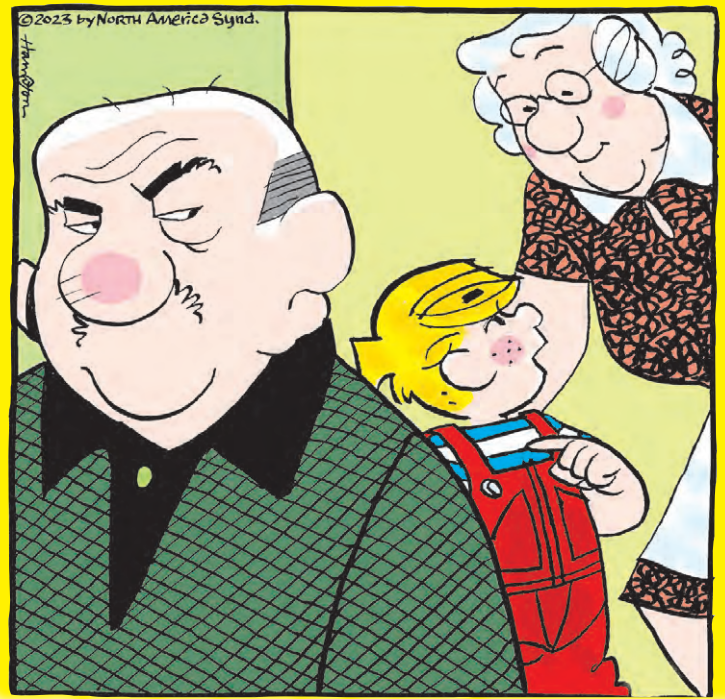
## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



## Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

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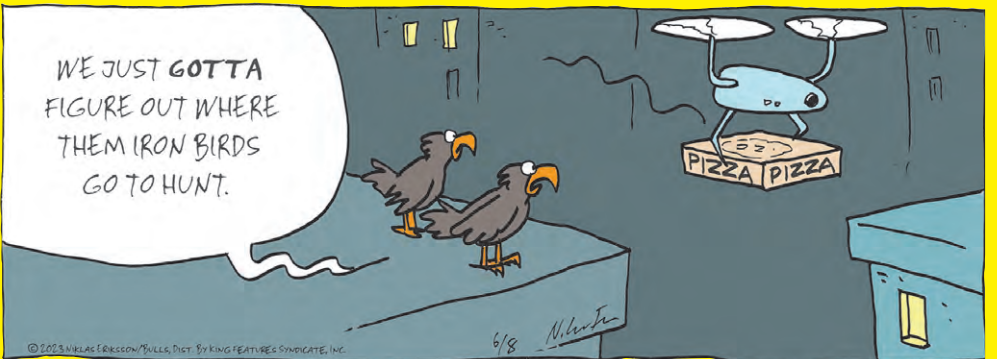
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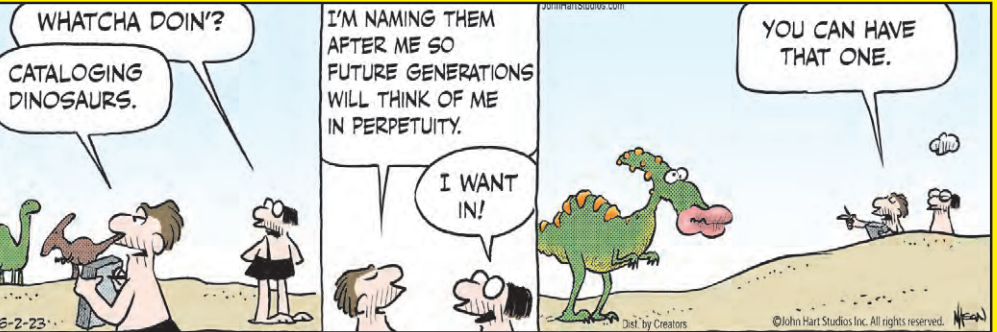
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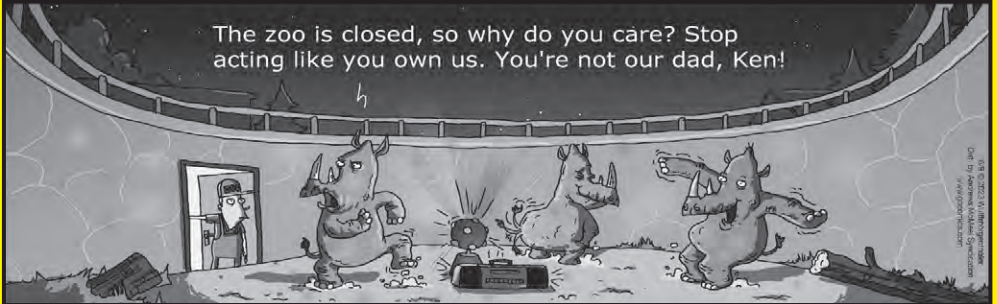
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Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



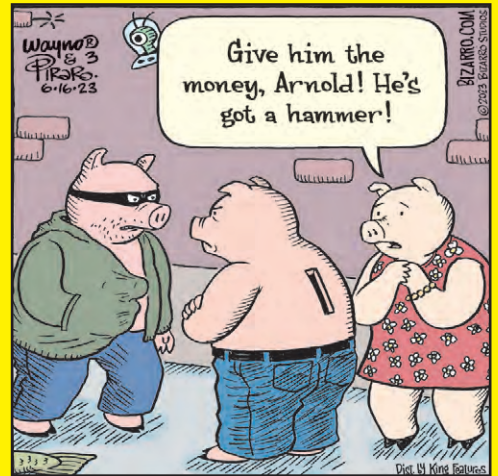
## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



"THERE'S ONLY TWO TIMES MR. WILSON'S GRUMPY DURING THE DAY... BEFORE HE HAS HIS COFFEE AND AFTER I SHOW UP!"

## The Lockhorns

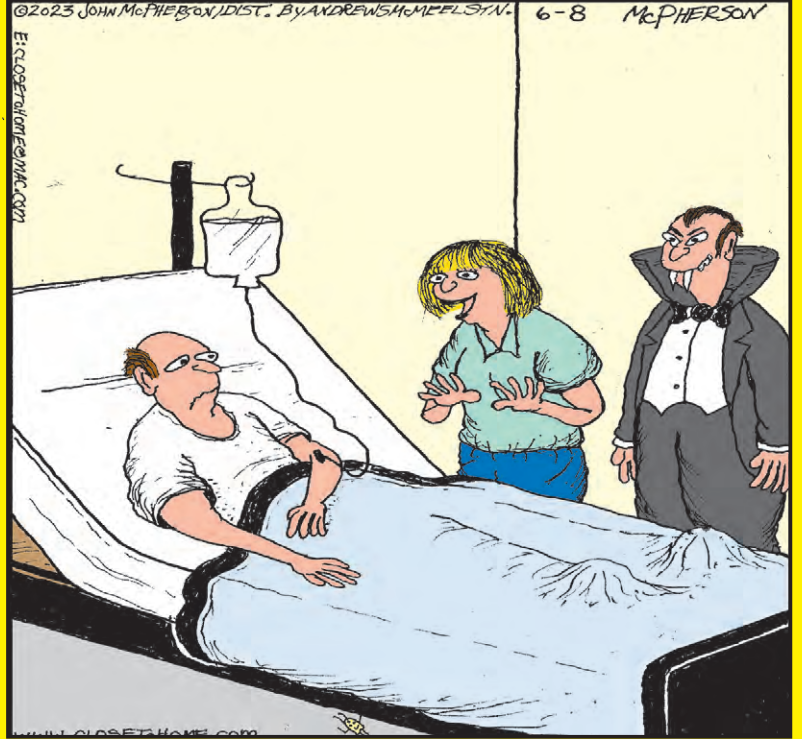
Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"AND CAN YOU INSCRIBE IT 'TO LEROY, I TOLD YOU SO?'"

## Close To Home

John McPherson



"We're having trouble finding a vein, so we called in a specialist."

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Your crawling up here is bad enough, but warming four cold paws on me is too much."

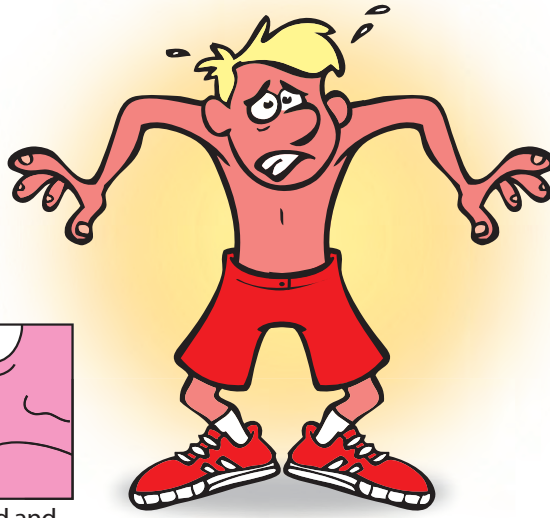


Think about important summer safety tips for kids (bike safety, pool safety, sun safety, etc.)

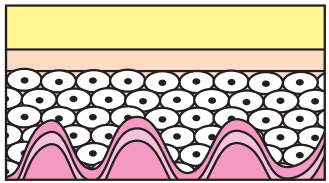
Select one of the tips. Then list three steps to help kids follow this safety tip. Write the tip and then illustrate it in the boxes below.

# SUNBURNS!

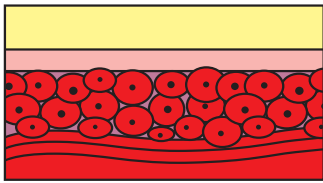
**OUCH!** Hot fun in the summertime can be painful! Too much fun in the sun can burn your skin.



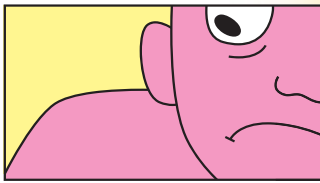
## How does the sun burn skin?



Normal skin cells.



Cells that get too much sunlight swell and fill with blood.



This turns the skin red and makes it hurt.

Find: • banana • watermelon • moon • dolphin • car  
• bat • bowling ball • crocodile • ice cream • octopus

## To burn or not to burn?

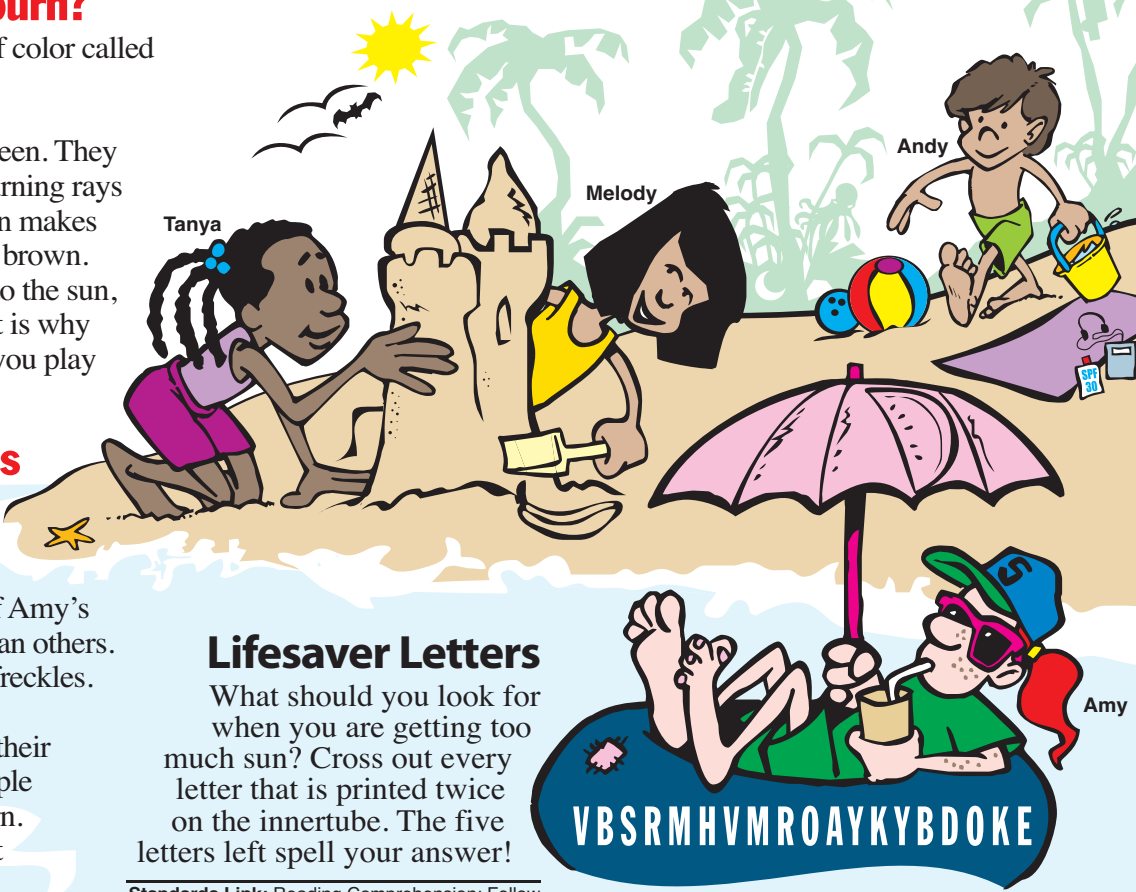
Everybody has tiny grains of color called **melanin** in their skin.

Melanin grains are like a screen. They protect the body from the burning rays of sunlight. Everybody's skin makes melanin. Melanin grains are brown. When your skin is exposed to the sun, it makes more melanin. That is why your skin gets darker when you play in the sunshine.

## Different skin types

Tanya has a lot of melanin in her skin. Andy and Melody have a little. Amy has very little. Some parts of Amy's body make more melanin than others. These dark spots are called freckles.

Everybody needs to protect their skin from the sun. Even people with lots of melanin will burn. Their skin won't burn as fast as Amy's, but it will burn.



## Lifesaver Letters

What should you look for when you are getting too much sun? Cross out every letter that is printed twice on the innertube. The five letters left spell your answer!

V B S R M H V M R O A Y K Y B D O K E

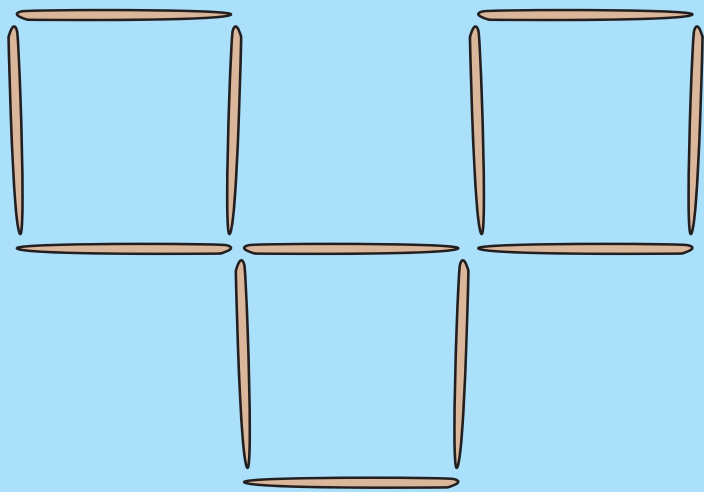
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions; identify common sight words.

## Which two bottles of sunscreen are exactly the same?



## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Using 12 toothpicks, try this puzzle. Lay out the toothpicks as shown below. Can you make **four** squares by moving only **three** toothpicks?



Standards Link: Math: Problem solving. Make a model to solve a puzzle.

## Double Double Word Search

BURN  
LIFESAVER  
SKIN  
MELANIN  
SUNSHINE  
DARKER  
BEACH  
BODY  
COOL  
SPOTS  
HOT  
RAYS  
BROWN  
TINY  
HURT

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## Extra! Extra!

## How Hot Are You?

How many words can you find in today's newspaper that mean the same as **HOT**?

Score yourself:

- 1-3: Pretty Cool
- 4-6: Hot Stuff!
- 7+: Steamin' Hot!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify synonyms in reading.

## SAFETY TIP:

### STEP 1

### STEP 2

### STEP 3

## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PROTECT**

The verb **protect** means to keep someone or something safe from harm.

Andy used sunscreen to help **protect** his skin at the beach.

Try to use the word **protect** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

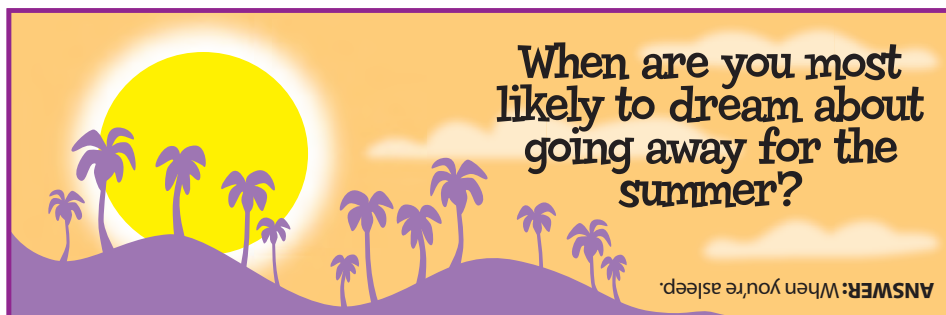
## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Sun Safety Scavenger Hunt

In today's newspaper, find pictures of:

- Something to protect you from the sun.
- Something to cool you on a hot day.
- Something you do on a sunny day.

Standards Link: Health: Practice safe behaviors during recreation.



When are you most likely to dream about going away for the summer?

ANSWER: When you're asleep.

## Write On!

### Keep Your Cool

Send in your tips for keeping cool this summer—without electricity.



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## Pointe rowers race way to national championship

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Rowers from Grosse Pointe representing Detroit Boat Club Crew made the trip to Florida last weekend for the USRowing Youth National Championships, and some of them are returning as national champions.

Grosse Pointe South's Olivia Bachert, Carly Brown, Ava Sjogren, Ryleigh O'Donoghue and Cassie Summerfield raced in the Women's Youth 4+ national final and got to lift the trophy as champions with a first-place finish.

The boat qualified for the national championship race after finishing in first in the semifinals on Friday, June 9. The team won the semifinal

with a time of 7:24.99, nearly seven seconds better than second place, setting it up for a shot at the national title.

The championship race came on Sunday, June 10. Once again, it was a somewhat sizable victory for the Pointers, who finished the race at 7:16.70, five seconds ahead of second place.

The dominant performance by the group, which includes three seniors who are going to compete in the sport at the Division 1 collegiate level, shows just how far they have come in just a few years.

"I would recommend rowing to younger kids, especially those who want to start in high school looking for a sport to jump into with no prior experience," O'Donoghue said. "You

learn so much about yourself as an athlete, and learn how to push yourself past your limits."

The Pointes and Detroit Boat Club Crew were just a couple of seconds away from having two groups of national champions. The men's varsity pair team of Charlie Hoffman and Henry Skupien, both from South, finished second in the national title race with a time of 7:35.98, only two seconds behind the lead.

The other top notable finish for the group was a national top-five in the Men U17 2x final. In that race, Brennan Supino and Oliver Sharpe managed to secure fifth place in 7:35.10.

— Anne Gryzenia contributed to this report.



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From left, Ava Sjogren, Carly Brown, Cassie Summerfield, Olivia Bachert and Ryleigh O'Donoghue celebrate their USRowing national championship.

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

University Liggett junior Jake Juip is no stranger to adversity, but is also a master at overcoming it. In 2016, when he was in fourth grade, Juip was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia, a rare degenerative disease that affects the nervous system. Seven years later, as a junior in high school, Juip is now a two-time track and field state champion.

Juip's victories have come in the 100-meter adaptive races at the Division 3 track and field state finals in 2022 and 2023. He competes in his wheelchair as a member of the Knights' varsity track and field team. However, Juip's journey into high school sports did not begin on the track, it actually all started on the cross country course.

"It started when I was a freshman, I was on a bike ride and I saw a cross country team out running," Juip said. "...I thought it would be cool to practice with the Liggett cross country team, not to compete with them but just to work with them. I was practicing with them and would go out with them on runs

while I was on my bike, and the day before the first cross country meet, my coach Joe tossed me a Liggett uniform and told me 'you're gonna be racing with us'."

It was not long after that when Juip went from racing with the cross country team in his recumbent bike, which he refers to as his "trike," to getting himself on the track. His training is just like any other athlete, practicing on the track and lifting in the Liggett weight room to prepare for races.

After winning his first state championship in

I was seriously doubting my ability to do it," he said. "For the the first couple of weeks after, I couldn't lift or pull anything over five pounds, and my wheelchair and I weigh a lot more than five pounds...As the time moved on and I recovered more I realized my goal was to be there (at states) and I'm not going to let myself down."

Determination helped Juip become a champion once, and it worked again. He said he was not going to let himself down, so as soon as he got the okay, Juip wasted no time getting back on the track to make sure he would keep that promise to himself.

"The week I got clearance to start practicing again I went to the track and did one 100-meter stretch," Juip said. "Then the next day I did two. And I worked my way up from there."

Sure enough, Juip was right there alongside his fellow Knights ready to race on

June 3 in Kent City for the MHSAA Division 3 track and field finals. This time, he had some competition as well.

Juip was the only participant in the 2022 state championship adaptive race in Division 3. This year, he went up against



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE JUIP FAMILY

Jake Juip gives a post-race fist bump to one of his Liggett track and field coaches.

competitor Alec Chapman from Perry.

"The first thing we saw in the stadium was the other competitor," Juip said. "We met and high-fived and started forming a friendship right there. For us, it wasn't a race against each other, but pushing each other forward. I was really excited and happy to have someone else who I knew was training just as hard as me and fighting just as hard as me."

Juip won the race with a time of 1:04.2, but, like he said, it really felt like a win for both him and Chapman. Both athletes could have the chance to compete again in next year's state finals, if the adaptive race program is still going.

The past couple of years, the adaptive race program has been in its "pilot" phase with the MHSAA. This summer, the organization will decide whether or not to make the program permanent, and Juip and his family have already expressed their advocacy to the organization for the program to remain. That way, more athletes like Juip will have the chance to forever call themselves

champions. "It's fantastic to work-out with the team but it's even cooler to be able to compete in the races and earn points and fight toward a victory with my team," he said. "I'm really fortunate that the MHSAA has allowed and supported this."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week).



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# Knights headed back to East Lansing, South wins region before elimination

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Baseball playoffs continued last week as teams from the Pointes tried to move closer to state championships and keep their postseason runs intact. University Liggett was able to punch its ticket to the Division 2 state "final four" and make some history along the way, while Grosse Pointe South won a regional title and fought a hard "elite eight" battle.

## Liggett

The Knights may have missed out on a trip to East Lansing last season after winning the 2021 Division 3 state title, but Liggett proved that it could not be kept out for long. Now in Division 2, a pair of wins on Saturday gave the Knights a regional title and made them the first team in state history to reach the semifinals in baseball in all four divisions.

Liggett's first game on Saturday, June 10, in Ann Arbor was the Division 2 regional final. The Knights took on the Riverview Pirates for the regional crown and were victorious 4-1.

The first run of the game came on an RBI single in the top of the first inning by Preston

Barr, giving Liggett an early lead. The Knights tacked on two more runs to the lead in the very next inning, with Joey Randazzo and Jarren Purify picking up the RBIs to make it a 3-0 game.

All four of Liggett's runs, in fact, were scored in the first three innings. Barr came home to score on a wild pitch in the top of the third that would be the final run the Knights scored, but more than enough to get the win. The Pirates did not score until the bottom of the seventh, but the lead Liggett had built to that point was safe and secure for the regional title win.

Barr was also the game's winning pitcher, tossing seven innings allowing just one run on three hits with eight strikeouts.

Following the regional championship, Liggett went right into the state quarterfinals later Saturday afternoon for a matchup with Adrian. The Knights had another dominant playoff performance to punch their ticket to the semifinals with a 14-3 victory over the Maples.

Purify, Barr and Jake Martin all had a pair of RBIs each in the win during a game where Liggett tallied 13 total hits. Ten Liggett batters throughout the course of the

game tallied at least one hit. Randazzo pitched the complete game on the mound, giving up two earned runs on four hits.

"We push these guys to play against the best and we've wanted to push them and get them out there to the final four," Liggett baseball coach Dan Cimini said. "Our goal is always to get back there...these guys are excited about it and that's why we moved up to Division 2 because we really felt like we could make a run."

Liggett heads to East Lansing for the Division 2 state semifinals Friday, June 16. The Knights face Ada Forest Hills Eastern at 11:30 a.m. at Michigan State's McLane Stadium for a chance to compete in the Division 2 state championship game Saturday, June 17.

## South

After a 10-2 win over Detroit Western, one of the most talented playoff opponents the Blue Devils faced yet, last Wednesday, June 7, South advanced to Wayne State on Saturday and the Division 1 regional final. The regional final put the Blue Devils up against U of D Jesuit last Saturday, with South emerging victorious in a 4-0 shutout.

The highlight of the



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Liggett baseball poses with the block M at University of Michigan's Ray Fisher Stadium celebrating a Division 2 regional championship and a trip to the state semifinals.

afternoon's first game for the Blue Devils was the performance of senior Wells Graham on the mound. Graham threw all seven innings in the shutout win, giving up six hits and striking out three Cubs hitters.

"Wells is a pitcher, which means he's smart, and knows the game as the most experienced player we have on the team in terms of the amount of competitive ball he's played," South baseball coach Dan Griesbaum Sr. said. "He was stellar on the mound to throw a complete game shutout against a team like that."

On the offensive side, Joey McEvoy and Jake Kozel had the only RBIs of the game, as a couple of South's runs came by way of UDJ errors.

After the win in the regional final, South turned right around for a showdown with Woodhaven in the state quarterfinal. The game was also a rematch of the 2018 Division 1 state championship game, which the Blue Devils won.

This time around, however, Woodhaven got its revenge. Despite holding a late lead, South was unable to stop the Warriors from putting together a rally in the bottom of the sixth inning that ended the game in a 9-7 loss for the Blue Devils.

South once again found some of its scoring

coming by capitalizing on defensive errors. That was how the Blue Devils initially took the lead, with Chase Mazey scoring on an error in the top of the first. Woodhaven struck back right after with two runs in the bottom of the opening inning to then take a 2-1 lead.

It was all Blue Devils after that for the next few innings. Ben Domzalski tied the game in the second on an RBI double, and Graham put South back in front in the third with an RBI single. The lead grew even more in the fourth when Connor Stafford scratched across another for the Blue Devils on a sacrifice fly that made it a 4-2 game.

South's pace of a run per inning kept up in the top of the fifth when Kozel laid down a bunt that led to a Woodhaven error and McEvoy coming in to score. The sixth and seventh runs came in the next inning when Cliff Grabowski and Hunter Belanger put together back to back RBI hits, making it 7-2 with South just six outs away from a trip to the state semifinals.

Then the Warriors began to march back. With one out, a fielder's choice with the bases loaded led to Woodhaven scoring its first run since the first inning. That left the game at 7-3 with South in the lead and two outs in the bottom of the

sixth. That led to a massive two-out rally for the Warriors, taking them from being in a five-run deficit to start the half inning to a two-run lead by the time the sixth was over.

In the top of the seventh, South had one last chance to mount a rally of its own to try and tie the game or regain the lead. Graham got on base via a hit-by-pitch, but was the only base runner the Blue Devils would get as Woodhaven was able to close out the game and complete its comeback.

The loss ended South's season as one of the final eight teams remaining in Division 1. The Blue Devils legacy from this spring will still include both district and regional championships, and what Griesbaum believes is a fighting spirit that made this season another special one in many ways.

"The biggest thing with this team, more than anything else, is they never gave up," he said. "They're great teammates and great team players...It's a great group of kids."

Graham and Grabowski have both been selected to play in the MAC vs. OAA All-Star Game on Tuesday, June 20 at Jimmy John's Field. Graham will also play on Monday, June 26, at Comerica Park in the MHSBCA All-Star Game.

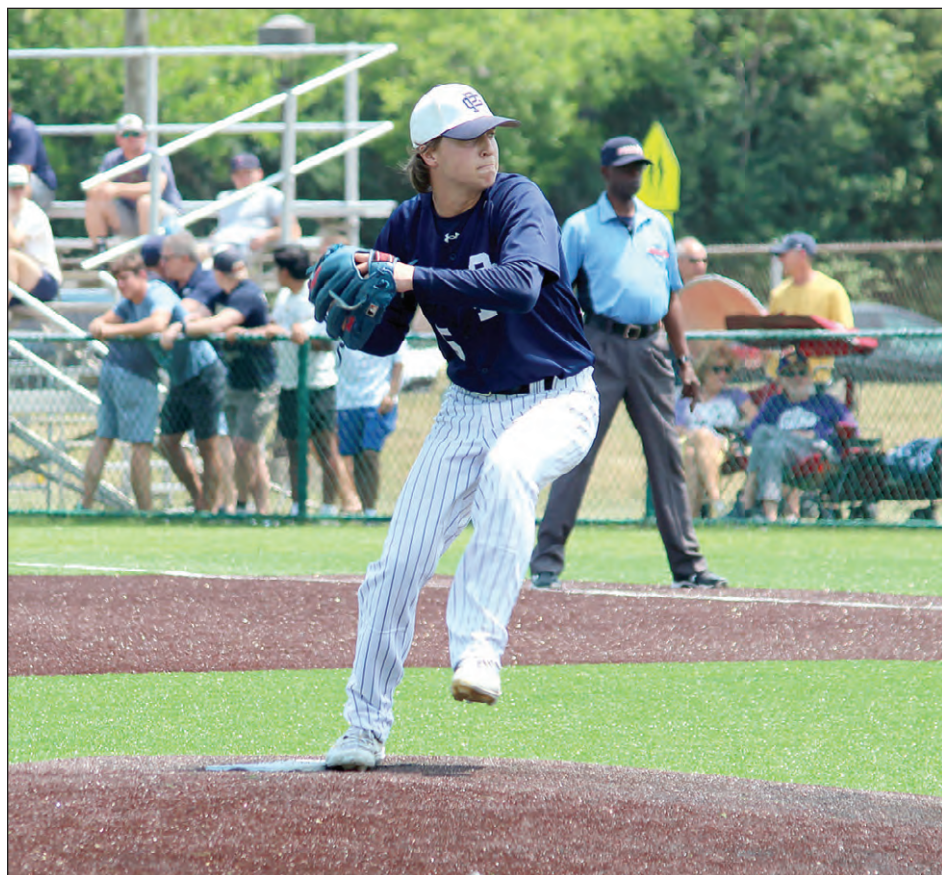


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South senior pitcher Wells Graham tossed a complete-game shutout in the team's 4-0 win over U of D Jesuit in the Division 1 regional final.

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## South, ULS golf teams finish top 10 at states

By Clare Ramsdell  
Intern

This past weekend, both the Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett boys varsity golf teams participated in their respective state tournaments, with both teams finishing in the top 10 in their respective divisions.

### South

South head coach Rob McIntyre and his top players journeyed to the Division 1 state tournament at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University on Friday,

June 9 and Saturday, June 10. Over two days of golf, the team shot 626, tying for sixth overall.

The Blue Devils entered the state tournament as 2023 MAC Red champions and a record of 7-1. At regionals, they took third behind De La Salle and University of Detroit Jesuit.

"[...] The more important thing is that we made the state finals and in the state finals we beat De La Salle and U of D along with many other teams," coach McIntyre said. "We fin-

ished sixth in the state, so that was pretty good."

After the first day of 18 holes, there was not much of a gap between the top teams and South, so McIntyre decided not to switch any of his players out for the second day.

Junior Brennan Sullivan was the lowest scorer for the team, shooting 79 the first day and 74 the second, for a two-day total of 153. He was followed by senior Evan Brown who shot 80 the first day and 76 the second for a cumu-

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# Knights and Norsemen win regional titles, continue march through girls soccer playoffs

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Last Thursday night, June 8, was a huge night on the calendar for girls soccer, especially in the Pointes. Both Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett's girls soccer teams fought their way into the regional finals, or "elite eight," of their respective MHSAA divisions, and both ended up victorious to continue their playoff pushes toward East Lansing.

**Liggett**  
The Knights traveled to Bishop Foley in Madison Heights last

Thursday afternoon for a regional final battle against Jackson Lumen Christi in Division 4. Liggett combined timely scoring with strong defense in order to take down the Titans 2-0 and advance to the state semifinals.

Both of Liggett's goals came within just a few minutes of game time, despite being scored in separate halves. The first goal was scored by senior captain Brooke Summers, who found the back of the net in the 36th minute of the first half to break the scoreless tie and give the Knights a 1-0 lead, which the team carried into halftime.

It only took a minute into the second half for Liggett to tack on another. This time it was another senior, Luci Boyle, who put the ball past the Titans' keeper to give the Knights a 2-0 lead, in what ended up as the final score. For the remaining 39 minutes, Liggett's defense was strong enough to hold off any Lumen Christi attempts at pulling closer, largely by remaining in control of the ball.

"The message was very much that we need to defend through attacking," Liggett girls soccer coach David Dwaihy said. "As much time as we can spend in



North junior Amelia Streberger makes her run up to the ball in a penalty kick attempt in the second half of the Division 2 regional final against Trenton. The attempt was successful, serving as the game's only goal in a 1-0 win for the Norsemen.



Liggett senior Brooke Summers scored the first of the Knights' two goals in last Thursday's Division 4 regional final against Jackson Lumen Christi.

PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

their zone allows us to catch our breath on defense and stay focused and prepared for the ball inevitably coming our way, but it keeps your legs a bit fresher when you're attacking more."

The Knights advanced to the Division 4 state semifinals with the regional title win. The team took on Everest Collegiate in the semifinals on Wednesday, June 14, after press time. The Division 4 state championship game is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at Michigan State's DeMartin soccer stadium in East Lansing.

**North**

The Division 2 regional final between the Norsemen and Trenton was a bit more tightly contested. It took just one goal in the second half to decide the game, but that goal favored North and sent the squad to the state semifinals with a 1-0 win.

After a scoreless first half, it took another 20 minutes into the second half for the Norsemen to break onto the scoreboard. The chance came on a foul in the Trenton box, which led to a penalty kick for North.

Stepping up to the spot to take possibly the biggest penalty oppor-

tunity of the year was junior Amelia Streberger. Her shot made its way past the Trenton keeper into the bottom left corner of the net to give the Norsemen the lead, and serve as the game-winning goal.

North's defense was able to hold off any Trenton attack for the remaining time until the team got to celebrate with the regional trophy. Next up was a matchup in the Division 2 state semifinal against Linden, after press time on the night of Tuesday, June 13. The Division 2 state final is at 4 p.m. Friday, June 16, also at DeMartin soccer stadium in East Lansing.

# North softball wins first regional title in 31 years, Liggett loses in semifinal

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

For the first time since 1992, Grosse Pointe North varsity softball won a Division 1 regional championship by beating Livonia Churchill 9-1 in the regional final game Saturday, June 10, at Royal Oak High School.

Clutch hitting, aggressive base running and great pitching, mixed in with a dash of small ball, helped North overpower two opponents Saturday — Churchill in the regional championship game and Detroit Renaissance in regional semifinal earlier in the day. The Norsemen outscored its opponents 27-3 in two games.

The good offense and staunch defense North showcased in the regional bracket are the same ingredients that have defined North softball all season, according to head coach Ron Smith.

"It wasn't just the pitching and strong defense, but it was also our hitting, hitting the ball and putting it in play," he said of North's recipe for success in the regional. "We have not been hitting the last two weeks, and I know that's been wearing on them."

"But you know, today we did (hit)."

The team regained much of its season-long offensive mojo in the regional semifinal Saturday morning

against Detroit Renaissance, a game they won 18-2. North racked up 14 hits against the Phoenix. Sarah McCloskey handled pitching duties for North, giving up two runs on one hit and two walks while striking out five.

Against Churchill, the Norsemen started out a little less loose than usual in the first inning, giving up the Charger's only run of the game.

North's staff ace Kaitlin Barr admitted to a small case of the jitters in pre-game warmups.

"I definitely tried to just have a normal routine during pregame, getting excited with all my teammates to get rid

of my nervousness," she said. "Even though it was a win-or-go-home situation, (I was) just getting rid of my nervousness and just telling myself it's a normal game."

She said she told herself, "I'm going to do anything in my power I can to win and to be successful."

Her coach agreed that getting through the first inning was the biggest challenge.

"Kait just gets stronger as it goes. We just gotta get her through the first inning," Smith said with a chuckle. "That kid has one of the

strongest work ethics of most any kid I have ever coached. She worked hard in the offseason everyday and it's paying off...She's our horse, and that's a compliment."

Barr went seven full *See SOFTBALL, page 6D*

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North's Natalie Babcock takes a leadoff at third in the team's semifinal regional win against Detroit Renaissance.

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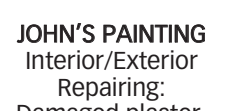
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**GOLF:**

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lative score of 156.

“It was really more of a team effort, Brennan Sullivan shot really well on day two, but Ifkovits shot well on day one, so when you look at the points in general it was a team effort, it really was,” McIntyre said. “When you finish that well it’s not because you do it by any individual action, it’s because the team itself comes together and performs well.”

**Liggett**

Liggett’s top five players traveled to Forest Akers West at Michigan State University to compete in the Division 3 championship. Over the

course of two days, each player completed 18 holes, and the team concluded the tournament with a cumulative score of 662.

“The championship at Forest Akers West at MSU this past weekend was the culmination of one of the best seasons in Liggett’s illustrious golf history,” head coach Dan Sullivan said. “The team won three trophies during the season, the Ann Arbor Greenhills Invitational, the Saint Clair Shores Invitational and the Catholic League championship at Oakland University.”

The team excelled at the St. Clair Shores tournament, shooting 305 and set a school record at the Oakland University tournament

with a team total of 302. In the state tournament, they secured a respectable fifth place among the top 18 teams in Division 3 in the state.

“The team improved by ten strokes on day two of the tournament shooting 326 versus 336 the day before,” Sullivan said. “Senior Sean Sullivan shot his best round of the season on day two of 77.”

The lowest scorer for the team was senior Sean Sullivan, who shot 83 in the first round and 77 in the second round, for a two-day total of 160. He was followed very closely by sophomore Steve McMahon who shot 79 in the first round and 82 in the second round, shooting 161 for the tournament.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN SULLIVAN

Liggett golf players left to right, Junior Tommy Ugval, senior Sean Sullivan, sophomore Charlie Cooksey, sophomore Steve McMahon and senior Leo Pampalona finished fifth overall at the Division 3 States tournament this past weekend.



COURTESY PHOTO

South’s varsity golf team tied for sixth at the Division 1 state tournament on June 9 and 10 at The Meadows at GVSU. Their total team effort led them to a cumulative score of 626.



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**Out of the park**

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League hosted its 2023 T-Mobile Home Run Derby on Saturday, June 10, at Kerby Field. Jacob Gilewski, above, was champion of the senior division for ages 11-12, hitting 15 homers in the final round. Gilewski moves on to the regional competition later this summer, where he will have a chance to compete for a spot in the national championship in Williamsport, Pa.

**SOFTBALL:**

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relying a lot on curve and screw(ball), keeping batters guessing on which way the pitch was going to break and keeping them on their toes, getting lots of swings and misses.”

Once Barr got out of the top of the first, she gathered her teammates outside the dugout and told them, “let’s win this inning.” They responded, though not scoring in the bottom of the first, they held Churchill scoreless in the top of the second and got the offense started in the bottom of the inning, thanks to a double from Barr to right field.

Lizzie Rheame singled on a bunt to the pitcher, after which second base-

man Addie Wakefield singled on a line drive to center, scoring two runs. Isabella Boedeker also singled to center, sending Wakefield home to give North a 3-1 lead at the end of the second.

As it turned out, that’s all North needed.

Three more runs in the fourth, a run in the fifth and two more in the sixth sealed the deal, giving the Norsemen their first regional championship in 31 years.

Smith said his team’s tough MAC Red schedule helped prepare them for this moment.

“We executed what we needed to do and stayed the course in tough games,” he said. “Even in our losses, you never saw quit...If you look at our schedule, and we’ve done this

every year, we don’t go play anyone weak...We don’t let up.

“That’s what I told them, you’ve worked hard, you’ve played the tough teams. This is why you’ve done it.”

North played Hartland in the state quarterfinals, also known as the “elite eight,” Tuesday, June 13, at Wayne State University after press time. A North win would advance them to the state semifinals Thursday, June 15, at Michigan State University.

Also on Saturday in Wixom, University Liggett varsity softball saw its season end in the Division 3 regional semifinal, losing to Wixom’s St. Catherine of Siena 21-6. The Knights finished the season with a 24-5 record.

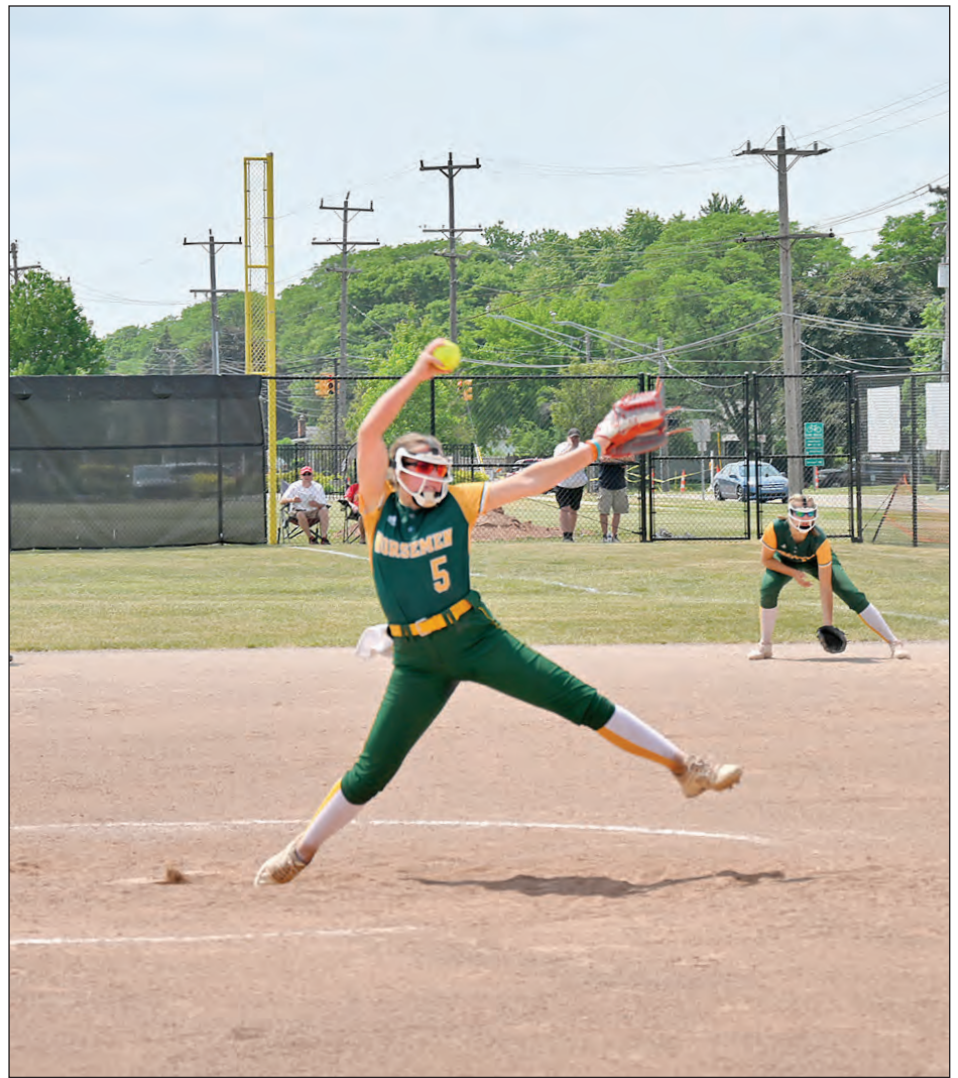


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North ace Kaitlin Barr winds up against Livonia Churchill. Barr struck out 14 batters to help the Norsemen capture the regional championship.

**South students take over Camp Wiffle**

Four rising sophomores from Grosse Pointe South — Jack Cotton, Charlie Wade, Ben Gordon and Carson Kennedy — have teamed up to help bring summer fun to kids ages 5 to 12 with Camp Wiffle.

The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at Richard Elementary School beginning Monday, June 19 and concluding on Tuesday, July 25. Activities include water balloon fights, wiffle ball, bas-

ketball, football and more. Cost is \$30 per camper per day, and \$20 per any added sibling.

For more information and to register, visit the camp’s Instagram page @Campwiffle.

— Mike Adzima



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY**

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, June 12, 2023</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
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A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023, by Mayor Louis Theros. Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly, Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donaven, Neil Sroka, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood. Absence: Beth Konrad-Wilberding.

1. Council approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session held on May 8, 2023.
2. Council heard a presentation regarding the “Hope not Handcuffs” program.
3. Council approved a site plan review application for 92 Kercheval for approval of sidewalk outdoor dining.
4. Council approved the purchase of a generator for the Water Treatment Plant.
5. Council awarded the Bidigare Contractors, Inc. the 2023 Water Main Replacement Project.
6. Council approved year end budget amendments for Fiscal Year Ending 2023.
7. Council approved the Consent Agenda.
  - a. Consideration of a request to approve the 2023 Run the Pointe 5k/10k run.
  - b. Consideration of a request to schedule a Public Hearing for July 10, 2023 to consider an amendment to the General Offenses Ordinance (Dangerous Weapons).
  - c. Consideration of a request to schedule a Public Hearing for July 10, 2023 to consider an amendment to the Appearance Tickets Ordinance (DUI). Removed and approved.
  - d. Consideration of a recommendation of Citizen appointments to the Retirement System Boards.
  - e. Consideration of a request to approve May 2023 invoices.

Council held public comment.  
Council motioned to go into Closed Session after the Regular Meeting.  
Council adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, **Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk**

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