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The Grosse Pointe News is changing the deadline for its July 6 issue due to the Fourth of July holiday.

Letters to the Editor must be submitted by 3 p.m. Thursday, June 29, to be considered for the July 6 newspaper.

Information for obituaries is required by 3 p.m. Thursday, June 29, to be included in the July 6 edition.

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Anthony Alcantara, M.D., snapped this stunning photo Sunday of storm clouds rolling in over the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Equitable grading a no-go for GPPSS

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Middle and high school teachers will not pilot an equitable grading system this fall after members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education said they would not support the measure.

It was to have been voted on at the meeting Tuesday, July 25. It was pulled after Superintendent Jon Dean polled board members individually.

“He asked us which methodology outlined in their document we sup-

ported and the answer was none,” President Ahmed Ismail said. “It’s a non-starter.”

Dan Hartley, director of secondary instruction, presented the idea to the board’s Curriculum Committee in May and at the full board meeting June 20. Hartley said a team of two dozen teachers and administrators worked on the plan over the course of the past school year.

“It could really be called grading for consistency,” Hartley told the Curriculum Committee. “Right now, you could have two students in the same building taking the

same class from two different teachers who do the same level of work and end up getting different grades.”

The plan was to have each department at the three middle and two high schools come up with common grading expectations and procedures for each course. Summative evaluations, such as tests, assignments, labs and essays, would have made up 80 percent of a student’s grade. Students also would have been able to be reassessed via test retakes, paper/project revisions and other learning opportunities.

Extra credit no longer

would have been awarded and things like behavior, meeting deadlines and completing homework would have been no more than 10 percent of a student’s grade.

“I can’t speak for the other board members, but I just want to see a grading system that’s consistent by department at each building,” Ismail said. “It’s just common sense. We’re one school system and we want students to have the same experience.”

Treasurer Sean Cotton agreed.

“I would like for the administration to direct

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Park primed to end primaries

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Nothing personal, but cost-cutters at city hall don’t think one candidate is worth the cost of a primary election.

Although this year’s Aug. 8 council primary to eliminate one of seven contenders and Nov. 7 council and mayoral main elections will proceed as scheduled, future municipal polling may take place in one swoop rather than step-by-step.

Eliminating the council primary this year could save a projected \$13,400.

A primary is triggered by at least twice as many candidates filing for office than there are open seats available, according to the Park’s city charter.

This year, seven council candidates are competing for three available seats. Voters in the August primary are tasked with eliminating one candidate in preparation for the November election. In November, voters pick the final three winners.

“This is the second time in a row this has happened,” said City Manager Nick Sizeland, referring to the 2019 council primary to eliminate one candidate.

In this year’s mayoral race, only two candidates are registered — Mayor

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Scammers pretend to be GP Farms officers

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Officers will never request money over the phone or via email, the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department is warning, after scammers spoofed the department’s phone number last Friday.

As detailed in a Nixle

alert sent midday, spoofing describes the criminal act of cloning or copying a phone number, so it looks like a legitimate call on the receiver’s caller ID.

Farms residents were too smart for the ploy, however, as the department received numerous reports that someone from the department’s number had called and requested payment due to

a missed court appearance, but not a single report of anyone providing the funds.

“Most of the time (the scam) is that, ‘We have a warrant for your arrest and you have to pay us this money right now,’” Farms Detective Lt. Antonio Trupiano said. “We’re never going to call you and tell you to pay money. We’re going to tell

you to come in and turn yourself in, but we’ll never call you and say you have to pay money over the phone.”

He also cautioned against posting liberally on social media and suggested keeping accounts private.

“They’re always going to sound like they know you,” he said of scammers. “So the more infor-

mation you put out on social media, the better it is for them, because they’ll study their subject before they call you. So they’ll know who your family is, they’ll know who your nephews are. If you put all that on social media, they know all of it.”

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Summer tax date re-do

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — For reasons no one at city hall seems to know but attribute to the affability of small-town life, the Park has been collecting summer property taxes on the wrong date.

State law stipulates a Sept. 14 collection date.

Park practice, however, is an Aug. 31 deadline for residents to pay summer tax bills. The Aug. 31 date is a provision of the city charter.

The discrepancy pits state law against the charter and began before City Manager Nick Sizeland began working for the Park seven years ago — and likely before his birth.

It was noticed during procedural reviews by new municipal Finance Director Ginger Moriarty, hired in April, and new outside legal counsel Dan Kelly, retained in October 2022.

Section 9.16 of the charter reads, “All taxes paid on or before August 31st of each year shall be collected by the treasurer without collection fee.”

There’s no mention of Sept. 14, although the charter specifies a 1 percent late fee is added to taxes paid in September, with additional 0.5 per-

cent late fees added each month thereafter.

“In prior years, the city has had a summer tax-due date of Sept. 14,” Sizeland said. “It was discovered by the city finance director that the city charter calls for a collection date of Aug. 31.”

Members of the city council on June 12, agreed to begin work aligning the charter with the state deadline of Sept. 14.

“For now, until the charter is amended, summer taxes are due by Aug. 31,” Sizeland said. “Residents who are eligible for deferment of their summer property taxes may still file their intent to defer by Sept. 14.”

The city attorney advised Park officials to follow the charter until it can be put in line with Michigan statutes.

“I’ll bring a charter amendment to effectively make us follow the state law, Sept. 14,” Sizeland said.

Action doesn’t amount to a rewrite of the charter, which would require the establishment of a special commission and involvement by the state governor, according to Kelly.

Property owners should receive their tax bills in the mail by July 1, according to Moriarty.

After 6 goes as planned

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The people being interviewed during the first of three Kercheval After 6 family street festivals of the summer last Saturday seemed delivered from the sponsors’ central casting.

All of them — an old friend, members of an extended family, an elected official, Park residents, residents of another Pointe and out-of-town visitors — embodied what organizers of the After 6 series sought:

“They attract the largest crowds to the Park and give us exposure that we wouldn’t get without them,” said Joe Hebekka, founder and president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association, in last week’s preview.

“The city wants our residents to have fun and to attract people from outside Grosse Pointe Park to be aware of the businesses,” added Park Manager Nick Sizeland at the same time.

Attractions June 24 included local restaurants and shops, live pop music, food trucks, a carnival ride, ax throwing and more, arrayed over three blocks of often shoulder-to-shoulder pedestrians in the lower Kercheval business district.

An ax-throwing instructor kept telling patrons inside a fenced enclosure they’d get better results by throwing the tumbling weapon toward a wood bullseye in one controlled, sinuous motion.

“It’s in one motion,” he repeated



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Five-year-old Giovanni Zombo holds onto his mom, Allison, during a ride June 24, on the Dixie Twister at the first of three Kercheval After 6 street fairs this summer in Grosse Pointe Park. Allison Zombo, of Macomb Township, is a cousin of Park resident and fellow After 6 attendee Caroline Okonowski.

remarkably calmly as seemingly every participant showed the ax-throwing skills of someone dropping a grocery bag of canned goods down the basement stairs.

Bill Wengel of the Farms took time from his hobby of restoring his fourth Jaguar Roadster, this one a 1961 edition colored opalescent dark blue, to attend Kercheval After 6 with his wife, Jennifer; 14-year-old daughter, Claire; and son-in-law, Everato Tapia.

“We came down for dinner at The Bricks and to enjoy the festivities,” Wengel said.

Caroline Okonowski of the Park was there with her three boys, Michael, 7; Cameron 5; and Julian, 4.

“We come every summer to all the After 6s,” Okonowski said. “We love the food trucks, the family aspect of it all. It’s a great thing to

do with the family.”

Okonowski invited her cousin, Allison Zombo, and Zombo’s son, Giovanni, 5, from Macomb Township.

“With all the different things they have for kids, it’s a great night,” Zombo said.

She and her son shared a seat on the Dixie Twister, a spinning swing ride.

“I liked it,” Giovanni said. “It was fast.”

A block up the road, Park Councilman Max Wiener said, “This where I get to relax. My son is here with five different families with kids. Everyone’s having a good time. This is why I like the Park. Everybody gets along and there’s a sense of community.”

Kercheval After 6 resumes 6 to 10 p.m. Saturdays, July 22 and Aug. 26.

Moving ahead with master plan

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A joint meeting of city council and the planning commission Monday, June 19, to address the city’s strengths and weaknesses was the most recent step in updating the master plan.

Council in December awarded a \$15,000 contract to Giffels Webster to begin the process. Giffels Webster is a Detroit-based civil engineering firm that revamped the city’s zoning ordinances to make them searchable online. State law requires municipalities

to review their master plan every five years.

According to the American Planning Association, a master plan is a policy guide for future development. It doesn’t carry the weight of law, but helps shape the ordinances that do.

“We’ve been working with the planning commission the past few months to get things rolling,” said Jill Bahm, a certified planner with Giffels Webster. “One of the more fun parts is hearing the broad, big-picture questions.”

A survey of strengths and weaknesses sent to

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Dismissal riles flood attorney, clients

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Flood-victim attorney Paul Doherty regards himself in a legal card game of put up or shut up.

He has to show his cards; put up. His opponents don’t. They’re claiming the pot and, adios, pilgrim, fading to

black. A judge agrees.

Doherty doesn’t like it. “Taint civilized.

“It’s a rigged game,” he said. “Meaning you allow one side to present proof and you don’t allow the other side to challenge it.”

Them thar’s fightin’ words, which is why Doherty, representing about 600 and potentially thousands of peo-

ple suffering losses from sewer flooding during a downpour two years ago, is more eager than ever to argue his case in court.

He’s seeking damages against numerous agencies and jurisdictions — including the Great Lakes Water Authority, which operates storm pumps and is contracted to provide wastewater

services for the Grosse Pointes and 74 other communities in south-east Michigan; eastside Detroit pumping station owners Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), Grosse Pointe Park, City and Farms — for infrastructure failures that culminated June 25 to

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City to receive sewer separation grant

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — To what degree is not yet known, but the City of Grosse Pointe will at least partially realize its long-term goal of sewer separation north of Waterloo between Grosse Pointe Court and Fisher Road.

Since requesting a \$28 million low-interest loan through Michigan’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund, city officials recently learned they will receive a mini-

mum of \$9,971,000 to a maximum of \$24,536,000 in grant funding requiring a 10 percent match.

“If we receive a minimum amount, we would then reduce our project ... down to \$11,000,079 if we want to get the \$10 million,” interim City Manager Stephen Poloni reported, adding this means the city may pay just \$1 million to get the nearly \$10 million or, on the highest end, pay \$3.5 million to get \$24.5 million.

The City also has received positive word

regarding a \$520,000 loan application to connect roof drains in The Village commercial district to the storm sewer instead of the sanitary system.

This loan comes through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy’s Strategic Water Quality Initiatives Fund program.

Upon application, the City was informed it was the only municipality to submit under the program and now is being told the funds are avail-

able.

“That’s not a guarantee, but it was that the funds are available and that we’re on the top of the list for the SWQIF loan,” Poloni said. “... So it looks like that project may go forward.”

New grants

City council this month also approved applying for two road reconstruction matching grants of up to \$250,000 each through the Michigan Department of Transportation for the 2024 road work season. The program is intended for Michigan municipalities with populations less than 10,000.

The first project — Lakeland resurfacing from Maumee to Kercheval — already is on the docket for 2024, and is estimated at \$572,500.

The second — Notre Dame resurfacing from Jefferson to Maumee — currently is planned for the 2025 street improvement program, but would be moved up to next year if the grant application is successful. The estimated cost of construction is \$491,000.



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Fire hall living quarters brought into 21st century

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — When a customized table for the Farms fire hall kitchen arrived in unexpectedly bad condition amid recent renovations, Fire Specialist Amber Williams, whose father is a carpenter, asked if she could give the project a go.

“I was like, I think I can do better and they let me run with it,” she said, which is how a bowling alley lane — found on Facebook, edged, refurbished and paired with table legs from a welder in Connecticut — now sits as the centerpiece around which Farms officers enjoy homemade Sunday dinners each week.

The Farms is unique among the Pointes as the only department with four dedicated fire specialists. Each serves 24-hour shifts, highlighting the necessity of the living quarters, which hadn’t seen any significant upgrades since its construction.

As a changing-of-the-guard occurs — with the crew of four specialists who all joined within a year of each other beginning to retire after more than two decades — a complete overhaul of the fire hall’s living quarters wrapped up last week.

“It had a circa 1950s,



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Fire Specialist Amber Williams made the new kitchen table out of an old bowling alley lane. Right, top to bottom, new recliners in the common area feature the Farms fire department logo; the complete overhaul of the fire hall’s living quarters included commercial-grade fridges and stoves; and the renovations allowed the single dorm room to be split into two separate sleeping spaces for when two specialists are on the same shift.



1940s look to it and, back in the day, it was probably pretty nice,” said Lt. Thom Dionne, who led the renovation project, “but fast forward a whole bunch of years ...”

The most significant changes include the eight-foot drop ceiling in the kitchen being raised to 12 feet; the dorm being split into two separate sleeping spaces for when two specialists are on the same shift; the half bath now including a shower so specialists returning from a fire scene no longer need to cross the building to the officer

locker room; and a dishwasher being placed in the kitchen for the first time.

“The low-ranking officer was the dishwasher,” Dionne joked.

Among the nearly all-encompassing upgrades also was a kitchen light fixture made of pipes by a Ukrainian designer, new recliners in the common area branded with the Farms department logo, deeper cabinets, new flooring and updated appliances.

While Ed Russell of Russell Development brought in a team to

reconstruct the dorm, for the rest of the reconstruction, the department took the responsibility to hire general contractors and do a decent amount of the work itself. Some parts were easier than others — namely a busted pipe in the bathroom and the placement of commercial fridges to replace two ordinary home fridges.

“We had to breach a wall to get the fridges in because they didn’t fit,” Dionne recalled, pointing out a doorway where the thick frame had been entirely removed.



One of the next projects on the docket for the Farms department is a renovation of the officer locker room.

“That’s one of the great

things about working here in the Farms,” Dionne said, “is we always get what we need and sometimes we get what we want.”

Pointers show up for ‘Go Green x3’

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A magnolia tree planted at Patterson Park during a ceremonial service over Memorial Day

weekend is marked with a plaque to honor the life of Brian Fraser, a Grosse Pointe Park resident who lost his life in the February shooting at Michigan State University.

The tree, along with another magnolia planted at Windmill Pointe Park on the island just past the guard house entrance, is only the first in a soon-to-come plethora of trees, which will

serve as a long-lasting legacy for the Grosse Pointe South graduate.

“They’ll be planting all of the trees in the coming months,” organizer Rick Whitney said via email, since “Go Green

x3” — a fundraiser begun in early March to cover the cost and named for the convergence of MSU, planting trees and St. Patrick’s Day — now is wrapping up.

Surpassing the \$25,000 fundraising goal, nearly \$29,000 was brought in through more than 200 donations.

The funds will allow 120 trees to be planted in Fraser’s honor — marked with green and white ribbons and spread throughout the City, Farms and Park.

“People have been so generous, not just financially, as kind words and prayers have been flowing too,” Whitney said. “Donations have come in from far and wide too, including a former Pointer who now lives in Hawaii.”

Embree Sign Co. in St. Clair Shores donated the Patterson Park plaque, while Marine City Nursery is handling the planting in an especially thoughtful way, Whitney added.

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Michele Hodges and Councilwoman Christine Gallagher — not enough to necessitate a primary.

“I would like to bring a charter amendment to council in July to see about eliminating the primary election, because this is the second year it’s been a big cost to the city to eliminate one council candidate,” Sizeland said. “Is it worth \$10,000 a pop?”

New city Finance Director Ginger Moriarty itemized anticipated costs of this year’s council primary.

“Ginger and I said let’s create election and city clerk budget items so we

can better understand the costs,” Sizeland said.

In terms of office supplies, operating costs and related expenditures alone — no personnel costs were included — Moriarty tallied the \$13,400 figure.

So far, no members of the council are opposing the idea openly, as most continue seeking the kinds of operating efficiencies and savings that flipped a projected fiscal year 2023-24 \$1.1 budget deficit into an anticipated \$156,400 surplus.

“We’re pursuing budget-relieving and budget-enhancing solutions,” Mayor Hodges said. “This is a budget-relieving one. However, we

have to properly vet it and make sure it doesn’t have unintended implications by doing so.”

Altering the charter would constitute an amendment, not a rewrite, according to the city attorney. A rewrite requires establishment of a special commission and involvement by the state governor.

Council candidates this year are Brent Dreaver, Jay Kennedy, Timothy Kolar, incumbent Martin McMillan, Kirk Merametdjian, Elvis Torres and Heather Ulku.

Councilman Brian Brenner, appointed to office last year to fill a vacancy, and incumbent Councilman Vikas Relan,

a member since 2019, are not seeking re-election.

Sizeland said a charter update this year wouldn’t impact the current election cycle.

“It would probably take place next year,” he said. “We would propose eliminating the primary so everyone just goes to the general election. Each primary election costs roughly \$10,000 to \$12,000.”

“It’s one of those things we need to take a close look at and evaluate whether it’s worth implementing,” Hodges said. “That’s the short term. In the long term, we need to be looking at an overhaul of the charter.”

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our teams to research options for the standardization of grades that better reflect the standards our community expects,” he said. “There has to be grading methods with studies to support those methods that more closely align with academic excellence.”

Dean said the next steps remain to be seen.

“We’ll reflect on this moving forward and look at it in the fall,” he said.

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Family, friendships, faith the foundations of physician’s practice

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Margaret Eckel, D.O., is exactly where she belongs. The lifetime Grosse Pointer — she briefly slipped away to earn an education — is still at home in the Park, in close proximity to where she grew up.

Her connection to the community is prominent in the people she serves as a family medicine physician in St. Clair Shores.

“This is a small town — it’s got a small-town feel,” she said. “I see the teachers I had, kids I used to babysit for. I was a swim coach for eight summers in a row; I see those people and their parents. I love that home-town feel.

“They gave me so much,” she added. “Maybe I can turn it around and be there for them. It’s a nice feeling to be able to give back. And because I grew up here, I know there are really nice people here.”

Eckel attended St. Clare of Montefalco School, then graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School before heading to the University of Michigan. She spent four years at the New York Institute of Technology’s College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she met her husband, David.

“I wanted to do pediatric oncology after medical school,” she said, “but it’s so tough, not just the kids, but the parents, too. I knew I wanted something very people- and patient-oriented. My mother, who adored fam-

ily practitioners, said, ‘Why don’t you try family medicine?’

“I always wanted pediatrics, but, head to toe, I love this,” she added. “When I first started out, I delivered a few babies. Now I take those babies into my practice. The last baby I delivered just got married.”

Fresh out of medical school, Eckel did her residency at Bon Secours Hospital, now Corewell Health Grosse Pointe Hospital. She began private practice in 1999, at Shorepointe Family Physicians. She was there 20 years before branching out in 2019, to her current location, which she shares with partners Mark Alrais, M.D., and Neethu Mathew, M.D.

She treats people at every stage of life, from newborns to geriatric patients.

“We have a very hard-working office staff that stayed with us through COVID,” Eckel noted. “They’re amazing people who care, from my partners to our PAs, Farah Alrais and Brandon Grady.”

When Eckel first started her current practice, the Rev. Rich Bartozek, director of spiritual care at Corewell, asked what he could give her for her office.

“I said, ‘I want you to come and bless it, so we can help people and make sure we see everything we need to.’

“He was here early morning — it was still dark — at 7:30 with holy water,” she continued. “It was just the two of us. He blessed this place and said the most beautiful

prayer. I thought, ‘What a gift,’ because that’s all you want to do is help people and make them feel safe.”

Eckel’s faith plays a large role not just in her practice, but also her life. She lives by the words of her “No. 1 person,” Father Solanus Casey, who said, “Foster confidence in God and thank him ahead of time for whatever he chooses to send us.”

A member of and volunteer at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Eckel noted the importance of her church community.

“We have the best pastor, Father Andrew Kowalczyk, and two nuns, Sister Kathy Avery and Sister Mary Peter Cato. They’re all wonderful. The school, the church, the athletic program — we try to support those as much as we can.”

Eckel also supports her patients as much as she can, often spending her midweek day off visiting elderly shut-in patients.

“There’s nothing more rewarding than that,” she said. “I just take their blood pressure, check their medications, see how they’re doing. It’s just a ‘hi’ visit, but it’s still a medical visit and I think it means a lot to people.”

Eckel said she is proud to be part of a strong medical community, including the “amazing nurses, respiratory therapists and ER physicians (who) were miraculous during COVID,” she said. “That was like nothing I hope we ever have to endure again. The care they provided was amaz-



Margaret Eckel, D.O.

ing. I was lucky to be part of it, to see it happening every day. What a blessing.”

Though the strains of the pandemic have settled down, Eckel said being a primary care physician still is a 24/7 job.

“There’s never a dull moment,” she said. “The medical care in this community — I can text or call any specialist, any time of day, any day, and they will get back to me immediately. The specialists are amazing. The nurses are amazing. This community I belong to, I can’t ever say enough about it. ... It’s a great fraternity to be a part of.”

So strong is her love for family medicine, Eckel makes a point to share her passion with

young people interested in medical careers.

“There’s a ton of young people who rotate through this office,” she said. “A lot of them want to go to PA school, which has become very popular the last five or 10 years. But these young people can’t apply until they have experience, so we employ them and let them handle everything with us. We get them for a year and they get all this experience. ... It’s been a huge joy to do that.

“... I tell them, don’t knock (family medicine) until you see it in action,” she added. “It’s been the most delightful thing, helping young people who want to go somewhere, showing them the ropes and helping guide

them. Primary care is so rewarding, so gratifying. ... When people look you in the eye and say, ‘You really helped me,’ there’s nothing better.”

When she’s not at the office or making house calls, Eckel can be found supporting anything and everything related to U-M sports or spending time with her family.

Eckel and her husband have two sons, Matthew and Christopher. They, along with her sisters, are her No. 1 passion.

“We’re very close,” she said. “I’m so blessed to have them.

“My salvation,” she added, “is I love to garden. I’m always outside. Any excuse to go outside, I’m out there in my garden. I also love to swim. I’ve been a swimmer my whole life.”

She credits swimming for giving her the endurance needed to do what she does every day. She also credits her patients for doing their part.

“I like to tell my patients that they teach me so much every day about how to be humble,” she said. “They teach me their secrets to life. They share so much of themselves with me. I feel I grow every day as a person because they share so much with me.

“... One of my favorite things to say is, ‘I’m here as your tool. We’re a team. I’m here to help you,’” she added. “You can allay someone’s fears or just give them some hope or help them feel better.

“It’s an absolute privilege to take care of someone’s mind and body. It’s something I don’t take lightly ever.”

Hands off phones while driving

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Dave Draper doesn’t want his final memory to be of him sweating behind the wheel of his car at a stop light, staring into the rearview mirror at an oncoming driver fiddling with a cell phone instead of slowing down.

“Come on, buddy, notice me notice me notice me,” Draper said, imagining being rear-

ended by a negligent motorist. “We’ve all been there, right?”

A new law effective Friday, June 30, is intended to lessen the likelihood of distracted drivers ransacking roadways.

The bipartisan effort, led by three members of the state House of Representatives, prohibits holding or using a cell phone while driving.

“It can’t be in your hand,” said Jim Bostock,

director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Park. “Keep your eyes on the road.”

A set of three bills by Reps. Matt Koleszar (D-Plymouth), Mike Mueller (R-Linden) and Tyrone Carter (D-Detroit) broaden existing prohibitions against using wireless, two-way electronic devices while driving.

There are exceptions. Drivers may use devices that are voice-operated or in hands-free mode

under certain conditions:

- ◆ using a single button to press, tap or swipe to activate or turn off a function and

- ◆ using a permanently installed interface integrated into the motor vehicle.

“You can get a holder for it,” Bostock said. “They allow for a touch or swipe to answer and you’re compliant with hands-free.”

Penalties for first-time

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PLAN:

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department heads, council members and commissioners revealed some interesting results.

The top strengths were parks and recreation, effective administration, location and public safety. Councilman Todd McConaghy said he was surprised schools and financial stability weren’t higher on the list.

“I think we’re very stable financially and we’ve got one of the top five school districts in the state,” he said.

Councilman Thomas Vaughn said he filled out the survey based on what the city has control over.

“I think effective administration takes into account financial stability,” he said. “And we don’t have any say so when it comes to schools, so I didn’t rank that as high.”

The top weaknesses cited were the Mack business district, school system concerns (i.e. enrollment declines) and fear of change.

Discussion focused on the lack of walkability along Mack, the possibility of public transportation along the two-mile stretch and the lack of a town

square.

Donna O’Keefe, a real estate agent and planning commission member, said she has heard new businesses consider it difficult to deal with the city.

“What can we do to enhance that so they don’t have to jump through as many hoops?” she asked.

Doug Hamborsky, an architect and also a planning commission member, said the city needs to look at higher-density housing.

“My wife and I are at the age where we don’t want to deal with the five-bedroom, two-bathroom house,” he said. “We have an aging population that still wants to live here but there are few options.”

Mayor Art Bryant said the city took a step in that direction a few years ago with zoning changes that would allow three-story structures on Mack requiring retail on the bottom floor, office space on the second floor and housing on the top floor.

“It’s an option, but no one has approached us about doing it yet,” he said.

Next steps include reviewing goals and objectives with the planning commission and conducting in-person and online open houses in July and August.

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Self serve

An intoxicated 52-year-old Warren man ate a variety of vegetables, pizza and hot food while wandering around a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 3:42 p.m. Monday, June 19.

Upon placing a bottle of whiskey under his shirt, he then left the store — appearing to struggle with the automatic door — without paying.

Officers arrived to find him asleep behind the wheel of his car parked outside the business and he was arrested for retail fraud.

Innocent passenger

A small black kitten was found stuck near the engine of a vehicle pulled over for tinted windows, a defective brake light and for pulling into an exit driveway in the 18000 block of Mack at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 20.

The 31-year-old Sterling Heights driver was arrested for multiple warrants including possession of a controlled

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substance, receiving/concealing stolen property and domestic violence.

The kitten was rescued by staff at Belle Tire and taken to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

Unattended gun

After leaving her vehicle unlocked while receiving treatment in a local urgent care at 6:53 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, a 43-year-old Warren woman’s handgun was stolen from the center console.

Red light

After driving through a red light at Mack and Kerby at 4:38 p.m. Friday, June 23, a 25-year-old Detroit woman was cited for disobeying a traffic control device and not having insurance.

Drugged driver

When officers pulled over a vehicle for driving

11 mph at Mack and East Warren at 2:13 a.m. Sunday, June 25, both occupants appeared to be under the influence of drugs.

Narcan was administered to the passenger — a 28-year-old Detroit woman — while the 31-year-old Detroit driver could not stop vomiting and also was transported to an area hospital.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

DWLS

During a traffic stop near the intersection of Bedford and St. Paul at 9:17 p.m. Friday, June 23, police arrested a 31-year-old Detroit man for disregarding a suspended operator’s license, plus lacking vehicle registration and

insurance.

An officer pulled him over for speeding.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

82 percent off

A 38-year-old woman and two juveniles were arrested about two weeks after stealing \$140 worth of groceries from a business in the 16000 block of Mack. They did so by paying for only \$25 worth.

Mixed signals

When a 50-year-old Detroit man was inadvertently scheduled for surgery and refused to leave despite being a banned patient at the hospital, officers issued him a trespassing ticket at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 22.

Smashed window

The window of a 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 was smashed while it was parked in The Village parking structure at 4 p.m. Friday, June 23.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Too much support

Visitors to a patient at a local hospital refused to leave at 3 a.m. Saturday, June 24, despite their number making it difficult for the staff to do their work. When officers arrived, the majority of the patient’s guests left.

Self taught

A traffic crash at Charlevoix and St. Clair at 7:20 p.m. Saturday, June 24, revealed the at-fault driver has never had a driver’s license.

The 21-year-old Detroit woman was cited and

her vehicle impounded.

Storm damage

Officers responded to numerous wires down due to high winds 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday, June 25.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

FLOOD:

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26, 2021, with combined rainwater and sewage backups into thousands of basements.

Except in March of this year, Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette J. Berry cut short actions by Doherty and other plaintiff’s attorneys.

Before Doherty and the rest could properly investigate the facts, including pump station performance data and interview operators, Judge Berry dismissed the cases.

She cited government immunity and assertions by defendants that flooding was inevitable.

“Instead of filing an answer, the Water Authority, Detroit Water and others filed an immediate motion to dismiss,” Doherty said. “They said (in effect), ‘Judge, there’s no point in a case like this going on like every other case. It was the rain of the millennium and no sewer system could handle it. Dismiss.’”

He filed a motion for the judge to rethink the whole thing and is prepared to go over her head.

“We will go to the (Michigan) Court of Appeals if and when she denies our motion for reconsideration,” Doherty said. “I’m confident the Court of Appeals will say the civil justice system is predicated on ferreting out the truth.”

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department agreed with Berry’s dismissal.

of the basement stairs,” he remembered. “Water, brown water. Everything from floor joists, sub-floor to the first floor down had to come out. It was a hellacious process.”

The same with his neighbor and client, Douglas Bulka.

Yet, the \$150,000 Bulka said he had to spend on flood repairs and future protection, including a sump pump and backwater valves, hasn’t bought peace of mind.

“I don’t feel anything’s really being done,” Bulka said. “A week ago, we had a pretty heavy rain. Again, it was flooding (the road). Every time it rains, there it sits. I’ve done what I can. I don’t feel Grosse Pointe Park has at least let us know they’ve done what they can do.”

Soon after two rounds of flooding that summer, Park officials began more than a year of surveying, cleaning and removing debris from the sewer system. That work and more, including installation this summer of a \$2,935,100 sewer relief valve to discharge unmanageable flow into Lake St. Clair, are part of a decade-long plan of water and sewer improvements funded mainly by a voter-approved, 10-year, 2.5-millage rate increase.

DWSD has or is in the process of launching six projects and seeking grants to improve it’s portion of the stormwater system, according to its statement.

They include, but aren’t limited to, cleaning 886 miles of sewer collection piping to increase capacity, installing basement backwater valves in 11 flood-prone neighborhoods and four large stormwater management projects requiring approval by the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy.

“The City of Detroit is also waiting to hear from the U.S. Housing & Urban Development Department on a plan to use \$57 million to mitigate future flooding through sewer service line replacement and backwater valve installation,” according to the statement. “These actions will help mitigate future flooding, though there will be much more work ahead to make a combined sewer system built more than 100 years ago more climate resilient.”

A GLWA spokeswoman cited the findings of a post-flooding investigation that exonerated the organization.

“The report stated that even if every piece of piping and equipment in the regional system worked in an ideal manner, basement backups and surface flooding would still have occurred in GLWA’s system, or any other collection system designed to today’s standards.”

The standards call for handling up to 1.7 inches of rain in one hour or 3.31 inches in 24 hours.

“On June 25, 2021,

more than six inches was experienced in only half that time, which is double the maximum design standards for 24 hours,” according to GLWA.

A Grosse Pointe Park representative didn’t respond to a request for comment, made shortly before this week’s Grosse Pointe News deadline.

By massive storm-flood damage standards, Bulka got off easy.

Another of Doherty’s clients, Brian Joseph, owner of Verheyden Funeral Home, sought help to compensate for the hundreds of thousands of dollars’ worth of damage to facilities in the Park and Detroit.

Water flooded the entire basement of the Park location, which extends beneath the driveway, carport and part of the parking lot.

“We had just under five feet of water in the basement,” Joseph said. “It took me a major bank note to start rebuilding.”

“In 39 years,” Doherty said, “I’ve never had this issue with any judge. I can’t explain it. I didn’t take one deposition from the guys on duty that night, not a single deposition from people who recommended replacing all of the storm pumps. Nothing.”

He’s trying to build his case in compliance with Michigan Public Act 222 of 2001. The act requires parties seeking compensation from sewer issues to prove the system was defective and that the responsible jurisdiction

knew or should have known of the defect.

Doherty thinks it’s possible the risk of flooding in the Park was increased nearly 30 years ago when a court decision banned the city from discharging combined stormwater overflows into Fox Creek across the Alter Road border of Detroit.

“People along Fox Creek didn’t appreciate raw sewage flowing through their canal,” Doherty said. “OK, what do you do now? There’s the same volume of sanitary and storm (water).

Where’s it going to go? It’s going to go in the basement.”

Bulka agreed.

He said, “You have a system designed a certain way, then take a critical element away from it and still expect the system to work. Yes, they should have done other things.”

The dismissal doesn’t discourage Joseph.

“I’m not going to fight city hall,” he said. “We have a business to run. I put it in Paul’s hands. Am I optimistic? Without a doubt. Will we prevail? Without a doubt.”

GREEN:

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An invitation-only charity event planned at Lochmoor Club next month likely will be the final push for donations toward “Go Green x3,” although the fundraiser site — givebutter.com/GoGreenforBrianFraser — currently remains live.

“In the City of Grosse Pointe,” said Dr. Seth Krupp, councilman and member of the urban

forestry commission, “if you think you would like a tree between your sidewalk and your street on your property, you should reach out to Brian Colter (city forester for the City, Farms and Park) and he can come assess your site, see if a tree is indeed able to planted there and talk to you about what kind of tree and when we could get one in.”

Colter may be reached via bcolter@grossepointecity.org or (313) 885-5800.



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OUR VIEW

2023 college grads make the grade

Dear Class of 2023: College Edition
For the last several weeks, we have solicited photos of you in your caps and gowns, our newly-minted college grads from Grosse Pointe, who are products of the three local high schools in town. (You can see our special section featuring them on pages 11-16A, after you read this, of course.)

We loved hearing our emails ping and seeing “college grad” in the subject line, sent by you or your extremely proud parents and grandparents.

Projects like this are the best part of our job. We have the distinct pleasure of showcasing those of you whose formative years were spent in the Pointes, the place where you gained a sense of what motivated and inspired you, and how you could use that to someday make an impact on the world.

Those are probably the key terms that describe what our college graduation section represents: hope and possibility.

Former NASA astronaut Mae Jemison, the first female African American in space, told graduates at the University of Delaware this spring to “Look up at the sky, the clouds, beyond the sun, the moon, the stars, when you need to recharge your spirit. Let the gravity of Earth give you a warm hug.

“Look up and remember what inspires you, what you were doing this for and why you cared in the first place.”

Her words, informed by experience, send the hopeful message that you can pursue your passion and match it with your ever-growing talents to positively contribute to the world. The possibilities available to you are endless, especially with a college degree in hand.

Our hometown pride runs deep for our Class of 2023 college grads. It is only matched by our excitement for you. We smile just thinking about the new paths you will be taking, whether it’s back here in the Pointes, around the country or throughout the world.

You exemplify what happens when a strong academic foundation, backed by a supportive community, combines with your ambition and hard work. We believe you learned those qualities here, thanks to parents, families and teachers who support and advocate for you, as well as schools that demand excellence, embrace rigor and challenge the student body by setting a collective high bar.

Your inspiring success stories confirm the importance our community must put on preparing you to launch into the more competitive, pressure-filled world of college and the workplace.

Whether you graduated from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North or University Liggett, many of you earned your bachelor’s, master’s, doctorates or medical degrees from some of our country’s most prestigious places of higher education, including Harvard, Northwestern and Vanderbilt. You thrived at Michigan State’s College of Osteopathic Medicine. You conquered academic mountains at the University of Michigan. You also slayed it at Loyola University, Miami University, Alma College, Kalamazoo College and University of Dayton, just to name a few.

Just as esteemed are the accomplishments of those of you who took the community college route, or chose to live at home while attending local schools like Macomb, Wayne State or UM-Dearborn. That wise financial decision helped you smart cookies save money along the way as you earned that important college degree. That also includes those of you who stayed loyal to the Great Lake



ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

GUEST OPINION By Melissa Fradenburg

Building a strong financial foundation: Essential tips for recent college graduates

As recent college grads embark on their journey into adulthood, one crucial aspect they must navigate is personal finance. Making the leap from college dorm life to first apartment marks an exciting milestone, but it also brings forth a host of new responsibilities. Establishing sound financial habits early on can pave the way for a stable and prosperous future. If you focus on these three key financial tips — budgeting, investing and automating your savings — you will be way ahead of your peers by your late 20s.



Embrace the power of budgeting:
Creating a budget is the first and most essential step toward gaining control over your financial life. Start by tracking your income and expenses. Understand your income sources, whether it’s a steady job, freelance work or a combination thereof. Next, categorize your expenses into essential and nonessential categories. Essential expenses include rent, utilities, groceries, transportation and student loan payments, while nonessential expenses may include dining out, entertainment and discretionary shopping.

By scrutinizing your expenses, you can identify areas where you can cut back or adjust. Use budgeting apps or spreadsheets to track your spending and set realistic limits for each category. Remember, a budget is a

flexible tool that should evolve with your changing circumstances.

Invest in your future:
As a recent college graduate, you have a valuable asset on your side: time. Begin investing early, even if it’s with small amounts, as this can make a significant difference in the long run. Take advantage of employer-sponsored retirement plans, such as 401(k) or 403(b) plans, and aim to contribute at least enough to receive the maximum employer match. This match is essentially free money and a vital part of building your retirement savings. If your employer does not offer a retirement plan, consider opening an individual retirement account (IRA) to start investing.

A Roth IRA is an excellent investment option for recent college grads to save for retirement. With contributions made using after-tax dollars, the real benefit of a Roth IRA becomes apparent during retirement. Qualified withdrawals from a Roth IRA, including contributions and investment gains, are entirely tax-free, offering significant long-term growth potential. This makes it an ideal choice for young adults in lower tax brackets at the start of their careers, as they can take advantage of current lower tax rates and potentially enjoy tax-free income in retirement. Additionally, a Roth IRA pro-

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Gala a success

To the Editor:
The board members of the Michael B’s Café project would like to thank everyone who supported our fabulous June 3 fundraising event.

It took many hands and many generous hearts to make this event unforgettable and successful. From the rooftop band, the Catfish Mafia, to the standing ovation Michael B. received for singing his rendition of “A Million Dreams” with Grammy-nominated band Fleur Seule, to the perfect weather, good food, laughter and dancing, we could not be more pleased with how the night came together because of all the community love and support we have received.

We are grateful to Grosse Pointe Park, City Manager Nick Sizeland and Director of Public Safety Jim Bostock for assisting with logistics and especially Tom Jenny, Jason

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg



Knowing your ships

To a boat-lover like Roger LeLievre, the thing that gives him wanderlust is riding a Great Lakes freighter.

He'll take a freighter over a cruise ship any day.

"One thousand percent," said LeLievre, of Sault Ste. Marie. "I don't need that fancy stuff."

He's ridden the lake's first 1,000-footer, the Stewart J. Cort; the 1952-classic Kaye E. Barker and more.

"On a freighter, I can interact with the crew,"

LeLievre said. "The food is just as good, if not better. My heart is with the lakers, but I love being on boats, so I take what I can get."

LeLievre is editor and publisher of "Know Your Ships," in its 64th year as a boat-watcher's guide to commercial and Coast Guard vessels on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway.

Every laker and saltie working the lakes, in layup or preserved as museums, are listed with ship's data: type, length, year built, history of names and size. A color chart of fleet stack markings helps watchers spot boats from afar.

A table of steaming times between various ports and locations lets

fans schedule sightseeing trips. Guides to running lights and boat whistles gives landlubbers insight into ship operations.

LeLievre signs copies of the 2023 edition during Detroit Bookfest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at Eastern Market Shed 5.

"Know Your Ships" comes in two bindings: soft cover, \$19.95; and spiral, \$21.95, which is easier to open and lay flat while shuffling binoculars, camera and notebook during boat watching.

This year's edition has a feature about the Mark W. Barker, the first freighter built on the lakes since 1983 and, last month, grounded for about five hours on Belle Isle.

LeLievre's favorite freighter, the art deco Edward L. Ryerson, remains in long-term layup in Superior, Wis.

"They did a lot of work on it this spring in preparation for it possibly coming out," LeLievre said. "But they stopped. There's been no statement on what's going on."

He defends the John D. Leitch, launched 56 years ago and often rated ugly due to an unusually mosaic, thin pilothouse.

"That super-tall pilot house makes it look like an apartment building up front," LeLievre said. "I don't see why people have such an issue with that. I like the John D. Leitch. It's still out there earning its keep."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

John D. Leitch and its Chiclets-looking pilot house downbound on the Detroit River between Belle Isle and Peche Island.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

NEW THEATER GROUP GIVES PLAY TONIGHT: Tonight at 8:15, the Pierce

Auditorium curtain rises on the Booth Tarkington comedy, "Clarence" — first legitimate stage production of the Grosse Pointe Theatre. The goal of this 10-week-old community organization is two-fold:

first, to present highly competent performances of plays of wide appeal at moderate box-office prices; and second, to give Grosse Pointers of all ages and talents a practical workshop for training and experience in every phase of theatrical production.

1973

50 years ago this week

PLANT GARDEN AT MONTEITH: Although it may not contain silver bells and cockle shells, the Monteith students' garden is growing well. The fourth graders, under the

guidance of teacher Margaret Watkins, planted the garden in May as part of an ecology project. It is located in the front of the school next to the playground fence. Seeds of marigold, zinnias, sunflowers and daisies were supplied by the Michigan State Conservation Department. The seeds were nursed into tiny sprouts in classroom window boxes before being transferred outdoors.

After finishing fourth in the all-sports race last year, ULS won it this year by one of the slimmest margins in the history of the award. The Knights had a 7.375 average, while Lutheran North was second at 7.320.

2013

10 years ago this week

SHORES' OSIUS PARK TO UPGRADE: A splash pad is on tap for the municipal park. Construction could start this fall for installation by next summer. A proposal by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation places the pad on the lawn between the main swimming pool and shoreline at Osius Park, about where the baby pool is now.

CITY HOPES TO LURE BUSINESS: City planners are pursuing the promise of adding a residential component to the central commercial district. Five years after Sunrise Development abandoned plans for a multi-story senior living facility in the Village, City of Grosse Pointe officials are considering zoning amendments to lure a comparable replacement.

1998

25 years ago this week

ULS WINS METRO CONFERENCE ALL-SPORTS TROPHY FOR FIRST TIME: University Liggett School athletic director Bob Wood isn't wrong often, but he was off the mark on one of his predictions some 20 years ago. And he's happy that he was. "Art May, the athletic director at Hamtramck, and I formed the Metro Conference in 1968," Wood said. "... At the time I said University Liggett School would never compete for the (all-sports) trophy. It took almost 30 years, but they finally proved me wrong."

GUEST:

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vides flexibility, allowing penalty-free withdrawals of contributions if needed, although it's generally recommended to leave the account untouched for maximum growth potential. By starting a Roth IRA early, recent college grads can benefit from compounding over time, leading to substantial tax-free wealth accumulation.

For example, if a 23-year-old contributes the current IRA maximum of \$6,500 a year starting this year and continues to sock away that amount annually, they would end up with an income tax-free Roth IRA balance of roughly \$1.5 million at age 65 (assuming a 7 percent annual return). In fact, even if they contribute \$6,500 a year to a Roth IRA for just the next 10 years and don't add another cent after that, they would still end up with an account worth \$673,739 at 65. This demonstrates the power of starting early and consistently contributing to a Roth IRA, maximizing long-term wealth accumulation and potential tax-free income in retirement.

Automate savings:

Life often throws unexpected curveballs, making it essential to establish an emergency fund. Set aside a portion of your income each month toward an emergency fund, which ideally should cover three to six months' worth of living expenses. Automate this process by setting up an automatic transfer from your paycheck or checking account to a separate savings account earmarked for emergencies.

Automation takes away the temptation to spend

the money impulsively and ensures that you consistently contribute to your emergency fund. Consider keeping this fund in a separate account, preferably one that offers a higher interest rate, providing a modest return while remaining easily accessible when needed.

It's important to give yourself grace when it comes to managing your finances as a recent college grad. It's natural to make mistakes along the way, such as overspending on nonessential items or experiencing financial setbacks. Remember that these moments are opportunities for growth and learning. Take the time to reflect on your spending patterns, identify areas for improvement and adjust your financial habits accordingly. Find a budgeting system that works for you, whether using apps, spreadsheets or a combination of methods. Striving for financial responsibility doesn't mean sacrificing all enjoyment in life. There is a middle ground between impulsively spending all your money and being overly frugal. By finding a balance, you can prioritize your financial goals while still allowing yourself room for enjoyable experiences. Give yourself permission to make mistakes, learn from them and continually refine your financial approach as you navigate the exciting journey of adulthood.

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This event could not have been a success without the generosity of our sponsors who are proudly honored on the wall of the future café. Be sure to stop by and take a look and thank them when you see them.

We hope the enthusiasm of those who partici-

pated was only the beginning of a community coming together to make this dream a reality.

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To the Editor:

Re: Tuesday, June 20, bike accident at Kercheval and Lewiston, my most sincere and deepest thanks:

To the gentleman who came right over and called 911 when he saw me fall. To the crew of the EMS who took such good care of me and got me to Beaumont in minutes. To all the police who responded instantly and directed traffic around

the accident scene.

To Nancy, for putting my bike in her car and delivering it to my home. To Dr. Solz and his PA, Abigail Miller, for their kindness and expertise in patching me up. To Marilyn, who volunteered to drive me home when she saw I needed a ride.

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Nothing Bundt Cakes set for The Village

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — With fond memories of her grandmother’s sour cream pound cake with flavors of lemon and orange, franchisee Andrea Jones is bringing the first Nothing Bundt Cakes storefront to Grosse Pointe.

The independent owner of locations in Sterling Heights and Ann Arbor, her third location will settle in The Village at 17021 Kercheval in the currently vacant storefront next to Pet Supplies Plus and is on track to open in October.

“This is a big step for us, but also a deliberate and exciting one,” Jones said, “because I’m the type of franchisee that really loves being involved in the community surrounding my bakeries and I feel like this is



COURTESY PHOTO

Nothing Bundt Cakes is set to make its Grosse Pointe debut in The Village this fall.

going to be a great partnership with us and Grosse Pointe residents.”

As the franchise’s name suggests, the bakery singularly offers bundt cakes — the Grosse Pointe location also will

sell white chocolate popcorn and retail — although in 11 unique flavors, plus an additional seasonal feature flavor.

Nothing Bundt Cakes’ most popular flavors are chocolate chocolate chip,

red velvet, lemon, white chocolate raspberry and confetti. There also is a fan-favorite gluten-free chocolate chip cookie flavor, while those who need a dairy-free option can get a carrot cake

bundt cake with no frosting.

Of the four sizes offered, the most popular is the bundlet, comparable to the size of a large cupcake. The smallest, about the size of a golf ball, is called a bundtini.

“The brand started in 1997 in Vegas (with) two friends, two ladies,” Jones said. “One had a cake recipe, one had a frosting recipe and then they made magic.”

The cakes can be decorated for a variety of occasions, as well as paired with a retail component such as mugs or teddy bears that can be gift wrapped with the cakes.

“When people come in, we want to have something for all their celebratory moments,” Jones said.

What drew her to Grosse Pointe for her third location, she explained, were the many

customers from the area she has already.

“My Sterling Heights location is on M-59,” she said. “We currently service Grosse Pointe (and) we get a lot of delivery orders. We have a lot of guests come and (say), ‘You guys need to come to Grosse Pointe.’ ... So I thought it was a good location to open another store at when it was time and so now is a good time.”

While a confetti awning will adorn the exterior, Jones does not anticipate the bakery including an outdoor seating area.

“Our bakeries are really a place where people come in, take their bundtlet and they’re on the go with it,” she said.

With an anticipated week-long grand-opening celebration, Nothing Bundt Cakes’ hours will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.



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Pictured during a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are owner Betsy Styles and City Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, center with scissors, as well as family, friends and supporters of the business.

Reefing marina plans

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Stewards of the municipal marina are shortening sail on ambitions to rebuild the 270-slip facility at Windmill Pointe Park.

They’re adapting to financial limitations and consider the marina looks worse for wear, but isn’t so bad after all.

“Structurally, we’ve got really, really good bones in that marina,” said Tom Fraser, Windmill’s new harbor master.

Fraser is in a position to know what’s shipshape.

He’s a lifelong sailor and former owner of the

sloop C.F. Pickle, past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club based at Windmill, husband of the current commodore, past commodore of the regional Detroit River Yachting Association and, with the Pickle crew, a 2003 recipient of US Sailing’s Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal for saving three of five fishermen floundering in Lake St. Clair.

“One of big concerns is the way the harbor appears,” Fraser said. “Maintenance on the marina has fallen off dramatically. The main pier everyone uses is in poor repair; just cosmetics.”

“The last couple of years it probably looks like items have been ignored or neglected,” said Chad Craig, the city’s supervisor of parks and recreation, during a meeting of the recreation commission May 11. “To an extent, they have. Part of that comes back to budget cuts, a deficit for the city and a lack of staff.”

Craig remembers not long ago when summer-time staff consisted of an extra two or three full-timers plus at least a dozen part-time employees.

He said, “(We) have one or two full-time staff members now and are

down to three or four part-time individuals that may have responsibility for cleaning and setting up the Tompkins Community Center, helping in the Lavins Activity Center because we don’t have a cleaning staff, replacing top rails in the marina, weeding the playground, mulching (flower) beds, changing trash (cans), (tending) tennis and pickleball courts and setting up the Lindell Lodge (at Patterson Park) for a rental.”

Assigning seasonal staff to seemingly simple but time-consuming harbor maintenance means something has to give.

“You can send two guys out (in the marina) for an entire day removing seaweed,” Craig said. “But, if you don’t have them, or if you have limited abilities, you have to pick what’s most important that day.”

He could contract tasks to private crews.

“Some subcontract work might make sense — not long-term, but to get us back to our standards (and) to show off to people this is beautiful park,” Craig said.

All of this gets back to financial realities restricting renovations to the harbor, the operation and

maintenance of which is paid for by boaters and other users, not from property tax receipts.

A May 2021 assessment by the engineering firm Hubbell, Roth and Clark judged the marina wanting in just about every way.

“The overall marina facility is in fair to poor condition and functionally obsolete for the current needs of today’s boaters,” according to the report.

Putting it right would cost between \$10 million and \$13 million, even more due to intervening record inflation.

“When I first came on board, we were looking at a ‘good, better and best’ (renovation options),” Fraser said. “At a (recreation commission) subcommittee meeting a week and a half ago, we narrowed that down to ‘good or better,’ because we know ‘best’ is going to be way out of reach for our city. We’re talking about a lot of money to redo everything.”

Things like chipping and repainting piers and finger docks, the lower portions of which were submerged due to high lake levels in recent years, are examples of improve-

ments within easy reach.

So is replacing and repositioning wood planks atop the main pier with something that looks comparable but is harder.

“We’re probably going to replace (wood planks) with a Trex-like (composite) plastic decking,” Fraser said.

Painting is a job ripe for volunteers, according to some members of the recreation commission.

“If we had 10 or 20 kids and three or four power washers, we could wash that (main) pier in a weekend,” Fraser said. “The following weekend we could paint. I reached out to several painting companies. I’m sure estimates for painting that pier are going to be in excess of \$20,000.”

“A lot of work needs to take place in the marina to get it back where we want it,” Craig told commission members. “But, until we figure out what the big project is, if you don’t have the staff to do it, you’ll have to subcontract some of that work. We’re also trying to build up our (financial) reserves. You’ve got to pick and choose — is it worth it? What is the plan in three years?”

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offenders are a \$100 civil fine and up to 16 hours community service, or both.

Repeat offenders pay a \$250 fine and 24 hours community service, or both. Demerit points are added to driving records beginning with the second violation.

Other exceptions are calling or texting for emergency purposes, such as summoning first

responders, law enforcement or a medical team.

Some 3,522 people died in the United States during 2021, in crashes involving distracted driving, according to the Michigan House Fiscal Agency analysis of the measures, citing statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

“That represents a 12 percent increase over the 3,142 people who were killed by distracted driving in 2020,” according to the House agency.

“We all know people still utilize their telephone when they should be focusing on the road,” said Draper, a Grosse Pointe Farms attorney. “It’s an unfortunate reality.”

He thinks Michigan motorists will get the message.

“The law will probably be enforced pretty heavily at first,” Draper said. “But, I think drivers will start to follow the rules: You can’t be holding your phone; you have to be hands-free.”

GPPSS budget passed

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — As expected, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education passed its 2023-24 fiscal year budget by a 4-3 vote at its meeting Tuesday, June 20.

President Ahmed Ismail, Vice President Lisa Papas, Treasurer Sean Cotton and Secretary Ginny Jeup voted in favor, with Trustees Valarie St. John, Colleen Worden and David Brumbaugh against.

That same 4-3 split has been the result on a number of votes this year and also was seen on several budget-related motions at the meeting.

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 more than \$9.9 million, or 9.6 percent of expendi-

tures.

Amanda Matheson, deputy superintendent for business services, said the final budget was unchanged from the one discussed during a public hearing Monday, June 12.

Matheson added the final numbers could change slightly once a new contract is signed with the Grosse Pointe Education Association.

She said the new budget contains \$875,000 for teacher salary increases and \$543,000 for increased health insurance costs.

“I support this budget because it puts us in a stable position,” Cotton said. “Cutting \$415,000 in recurring costs out of central administration will save \$1.2 million over three years. We need to stabilize our finances because right now we’re just treading water.”

Cotton previously noted that all recurring

cuts will reduce spending by about \$13 million over three years.

Brumbaugh, whose budget resolution with \$4 million in cuts was defeated 4-3 earlier this month, disagreed.

“What’s gone on here tonight with a seeming reluctance to have an honest, open debate to justify cuts troubles me deeply,” he said.

The new budget contains some \$4.6 million in cuts and keeps in place many of the cost reductions originally suggested by administration. Those include eliminating elementary school Spanish, not filling vacant paraprofessional positions and eliminating one communications position.

The budget also reduces teacher full-time equivalent positions by 14.2, including 5.1 at each high school, compared to 10 FTEs the administration suggested and not filling one counselor position at

Grosse Pointe North High School opening due to retirement.

FTE cuts are primarily covered by attrition, as the June human resources report included 28 employees resigning or retiring and four cuts due to layoffs or position elimination. The report was accepted by the same 4-3 vote.

Some \$10,000 is budgeted for an enrollment survey and \$35,000 for a branding study.

A motion by Brumbaugh to strike those expenses was defeated 4-3. St. John said that money could be used to retain the communications position, especially since a group of community volunteers with professional backgrounds in marketing offered to do the work for the district free of charge.

“I think when you contract for services with a third party it’s more structured,” Ismail said. “You know they’ll follow

certain procedures.”

St. John questioned cutting the communications position, noting that Ismail, Papas, Brumbaugh and Worden all voted to add the position in 2021, under the previous board, before making a motion to add that position back to the budget. It failed 4-3.

“That was at the height of COVID and we were dealing with a lot of contentious issues,” Papas said. “We’re in a much different place with the budget now.”

A resolution supported by Worden, St. John and Brumbaugh to extend the contracts of executive administrators by one year — to July 2025 — was defeated 4-3.

“It would have a devastating impact on our district if we get rid of any administrators,” Worden said.

St. John said it could lead to litigation, which would be bad for the district “optically and financially.”

“It’s signaling they should find jobs in other districts,” Brumbaugh added.

Ismail said he didn’t think individual contracts should be passed en masse, but had instructed Superintendent Jon Dean to move forward with “certain contracts” first.

Cotton previously said the Central Administrators Association rejected an offer to extend the contracts with caveats regarding pay cuts and layoffs tied to the district’s fund equity.

Finally, the board voted 6-1, with St. John the only dissenting vote, to give Dean permission to sign a memorandum of understanding with Grosse Pointe Woods to supply a school resource officer to North. Funds for the position come through a school safety grant from the state for which the district applied. That money would pay for 75 percent of the officer’s training, salary and wages, with the city paying 25 percent.

Dean said the MOU would allow the district to be involved in selecting the officer to ensure the right fit.

Cotton is the owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

Delgado returning as Parcels principal

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Sara Delgado is counting down the days until Aug. 1, when she takes on her new role of principal at Parcels Middle School, marking her third stint with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

She’ll finish her second year at the end of June as director of elementary instruction at Fraser Public Schools.

“I love the Fraser community and the work I do here, but Grosse Pointe is my home,” she said. “I’m invested in the schools here.”

Delgado spent 12 years with GPPSS, spending time as a traveling Spanish teacher and teaching at Monteith Elementary School before finishing up as principal at Kerby Elementary School. She resigned from there in fall 2019 after her husband, Alejandro, was offered



Sara Delgado

the position of chief financial officer at General Motors Mexico in Mexico City.

“He’s from Mexico and that was his dream job, so I resigned reluctantly,” Delgado said. “We moved there in November of 2019 and of course a few months later the whole world turned upside down.”

With her husband working remotely and COVID restrictions in Mexico more strict than Michigan, the family returned to Grosse Pointe

in summer 2020.

“It was supposed to be a three-year assignment, but we were only there a few months,” Delgado said. “We still had our house here, so the timing worked out well.”

For the 2020-21 school year, Delgado coordinated the OneGP virtual learning program for GPPSS.

“That was a contract position, so after a year I ended up in Fraser,” Delgado said. “I enjoy doing curriculum work, but for the first time in 20 years I wasn’t face-to-face with students and I’ve missed that daily interaction.”

Delgado said she’s been able to meet with teachers at Parcels, as well as Ken Milch, who is retiring after two years there as principal, and the building’s assistant principals.

She’ll also see familiar faces in school when students return in the fall. The Delgados have a son going into sixth grade and a daughter going into

eighth grade at Parcels, as well as a rising sophomore at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Discussions at Board of Education meetings regarding the search for a new leader at Parcels focused on stability, as the school has had three principals in five years.

“That’s something I mentioned during the interview process,” Delgado said. “I wouldn’t have applied if I wasn’t planning on being here for the long haul. I want to build the culture in the building and make it a place where teachers are excited to go to work every day.”

In announcing Delgado’s appointment at the Board of Education meeting June 12, Roy Bishop, deputy superintendent of educational services, said she came out on top from a pool of 40 applicants after several rounds of interviews. The board unanimously approved her for the position.

Liggett student a standout writer

Penelope Griffioen is one of Elizabeth Wagenschutz’s standout writers at University Liggett School. Among other accomplishments, Griffioen has had her work included in every issue of The Lambrequin since she began her studies at ULS as a ninth grader. As part of her creative writing coursework, she submitted two pieces to DePaul University’s inaugural Blue Book: Best American High School Writing 2022. “Only Hens” was selected for publication in the prestigious anthology and a second piece, “Highway,” was a finalist for publication.

Griffioen, who draws inspiration for her work from nature, soon will have the opportunity to further enhance her connection to the natural world at the Isle Royale Teen Artist Exploration, a summer program that allows aspiring artists to hone their skills while experiencing the northern Michigan wilderness.

Wherever Griffioen’s writing takes her in the future, she is grateful for

her time spent in the creative writing program at ULS. She credits Wagenschutz, an Upper School English teacher, with helping her become a stronger writer and encouraging her to find opportunities to share her work.

At ULS, creative writing courses focus on the structure and techniques of writing — not the topic.

“That’s left up to the student,” Wagenschutz said, “and the things they come up with are just amazing and absolutely phenomenal. I adore getting glimpses into their brains and helping them find their own voices to put those thoughts, ideas and experiences on paper in a crafted and artistic way.”

Creative writing currently is a semester-long course for 11th and 12th graders. However, the vastness of the literary world meant there often has been much more curriculum than one semester could explore. Next year, the course will be separated

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Liggett students earn top honors

Nearly 50 University Liggett School students earned top honors from the Michigan Council for the Social Studies in the Michigan Social Studies Olympiad, including first-time recognition medals in the elementary division for the school’s two third-grade classes. The following ULS students earned recognition:

- Elementary Division**
- Gold**
- ◆ Both third-grade classes — Historical TV Newscast
 - ◆ Zachary Morgan and Elliott Hemler — Mapping Michigan’s Past
- Honorable Mention**
- ◆ Elliott Hemler — Take a Stand Essay
- Senior Division**
- Gold**
- ◆ Ben Combs — Current Events Editorial Essay
 - ◆ Drew Johnson — Online Presentations
 - ◆ Jack Nicholson — Poetry

- ◆ Jake Juip — Speakathon
- Silver**
- ◆ Otto Massie, Charlie Bronk, Izak Calderon, Luke Slanec and Kanaan Taylor — Investments
- ◆ Luke Yoshida — Primary Documents Journal

- Bronze**
- ◆ Olivia Jacque — Political Cartoons
 - ◆ Angelina Randazzo, Gia Randazzo, Felix Swanson — Social Studies Song
- Honorable Mention**
- ◆ Chase Connell — Current Events Editorial

- Essay**
- ◆ Sophia Secco — Digital Photography
 - ◆ Jillian Whitton — Online Presentations
 - ◆ Max Goerlich — Online Presentations
 - ◆ Sana’a Brown — Poetry
 - ◆ Luci Boyle — Primary Documents Journal

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Pierce, Defer DI teams do well at global competition

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A year of hard work and preparation paid off when Destination Imagination teams from Pierce Middle School and Defer Elementary School traveled to the global finals in Kansas City, Mo., last month, including a world title for Pierce in one category.

Known as the Dueling Dogs, the sixth graders took first place in the Instant Challenge portion of the competition, besting an international field mostly made up of seventh and eighth graders.

“For the challenge, the kids walk into a room and have between three and eight minutes to build something or act something out based on what the judge gives them without any help from the adults,” said Courtney Dykstra, a reading interventionist at Defer who helps with both teams. “That accounted for 25 percent of their overall score.”

Their task was to com-



Pierce Middle School Destination Imagination teammates, from left, Zach Nyenhuis, Wyatt Roberts, Jack Dykstra, Ben Ryan, Estella Raether and Emily Vassel.

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municate in non-verbal ways a specified pattern, with half the team on one side of a divider and half on the other.

“The one side can see the pattern and they have to give clues to the other side without using any words,” Dykstra said. “It ended up being a pattern of 64 x’s and o’s. It was great because they beat older students who have been doing this longer.”

It’s the first time a Michigan team has won the instant challenge.

The team of Zach Nyenhuis, Wyatt Roberts, Jack Dykstra, Ben Ryan, Estella Raether and Emily

Vassel also finished fourth out of 40 teams in the Middle Level Engineering competition, the highest ever for a Grosse Pointe team.

“Each fall, Destination Imagination releases six challenges and the teams have to pick one to work on,” Dykstra said. “They can only use materials on an approved list.”

The challenge they picked was to construct a roller coaster aimed at sending a golf ball down it as far and as fast as possible.

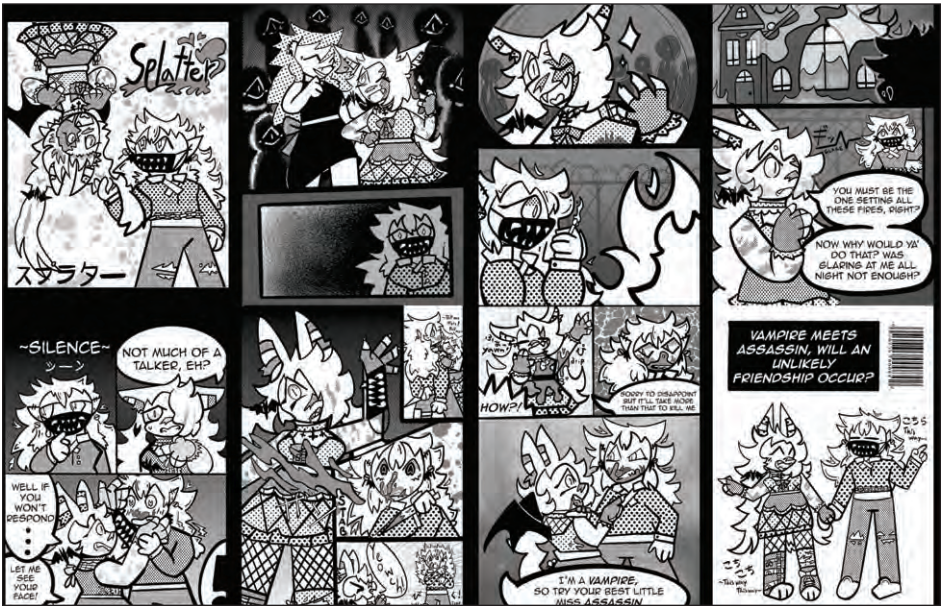
“It ended up being about 6 feet tall by 6 feet wide,” Dykstra said. “They used bamboo, duct tape, tin foil, wire and plastic tubing.”

In addition to building the coaster, the team had to write and perform an eight-minute play detailing the experience someone would have riding it.

The 3-4 grade Defer team of Patrick Morris, Matteo Paonessa, Hannah Nyenhuis, Alison Dirkse and Ben Dykstra, also known as the Flames of Creativity, finished 16th out of 53 teams in the Elementary Fine Arts division.



Defer Elementary School Destination Imagination teammates, from left, Patrick Morris, Matteo Paonessa, Hannah Nyenhuis, Alison Dirkse and Ben Dykstra.



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Top, “Splatter,” by Maya Brooks-Renaud, Grosse Pointe South. Bottom left, “Why Would I Say The Obvious Thing,” by Jason Goosen, Grosse Pointe North. Bottom right, “Fruits of our Labor,” by Emmanuel Coates, University Liggett.

Students in DIA show

Some 13 students from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools and University Liggett School are featured in the second annual Wayne County High School Art Exhibition at Detroit Institute of Arts.

The exhibition, which runs through July 16, includes a variety of mediums, including paintings, mixed media and photography. More than 400 pieces were submitted, with 80 being chosen by DIA educators.

“We are thrilled to continue this program and

provide a platform for young artists from Wayne County to showcase their incredible talent,” said DIA Director Salvador Solort-Pons in a new release. “The Detroit Institute of Arts is committed to education and is honored to support and inspire the next generation of artists.”

Participating students include:

Grosse Pointe North: Oliver Borngaars, Jason Goosen, Chloe Harb and Michael Roustemis.

Grosse Pointe South: Maya Brooks-Renaud, Louis Kidder, Margot

Murphy and Mia Pellerito.

University Liggett: Luci Boyle, Emmanuel Coates, Giovanna Randazzo, Angelina Randazzo and Lynne Romanelli.

“Art plays a significant role in shaping culture and society,” Wayne County Executive Warren Evans said at a kickoff event earlier this month. “Through art, students can share their unique perspectives, ideas and emotions, allowing us to see the word from fresh and innovative perspectives.”

—Ted O'Neil

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- ◆ Jake Juip — Primary Documents Journal
- ◆ Dahlia Medvinsky, Sophia Balaya, Josh Pierce, Taurian Dorthy, Jarren Purify — Social Studies Song
- ◆ Lydia Widick — Take a Stand Essay
- ◆ Claire Juip — Take a Stand Essay

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into two different semesters: one focused on prose and one focused on poetry. The expansion of the course gives students even more opportunity to explore and discover the structures, techniques and topics about which they’re passionate.

This is Wagenschutz’s eighth year as the creative writing teacher at ULS and

she has been the faculty moderator for ULS’ art and literary magazine, The Lambrequin, since 2015. Student writing from within the creative writing program supplies content for The Lambrequin.

“In addition to creating a body of work for the literary magazine to pick from, students in creative writing must actively submit specific pieces for themed issues as well as submit three or more pieces for outside publications,” Wagenschutz explained.

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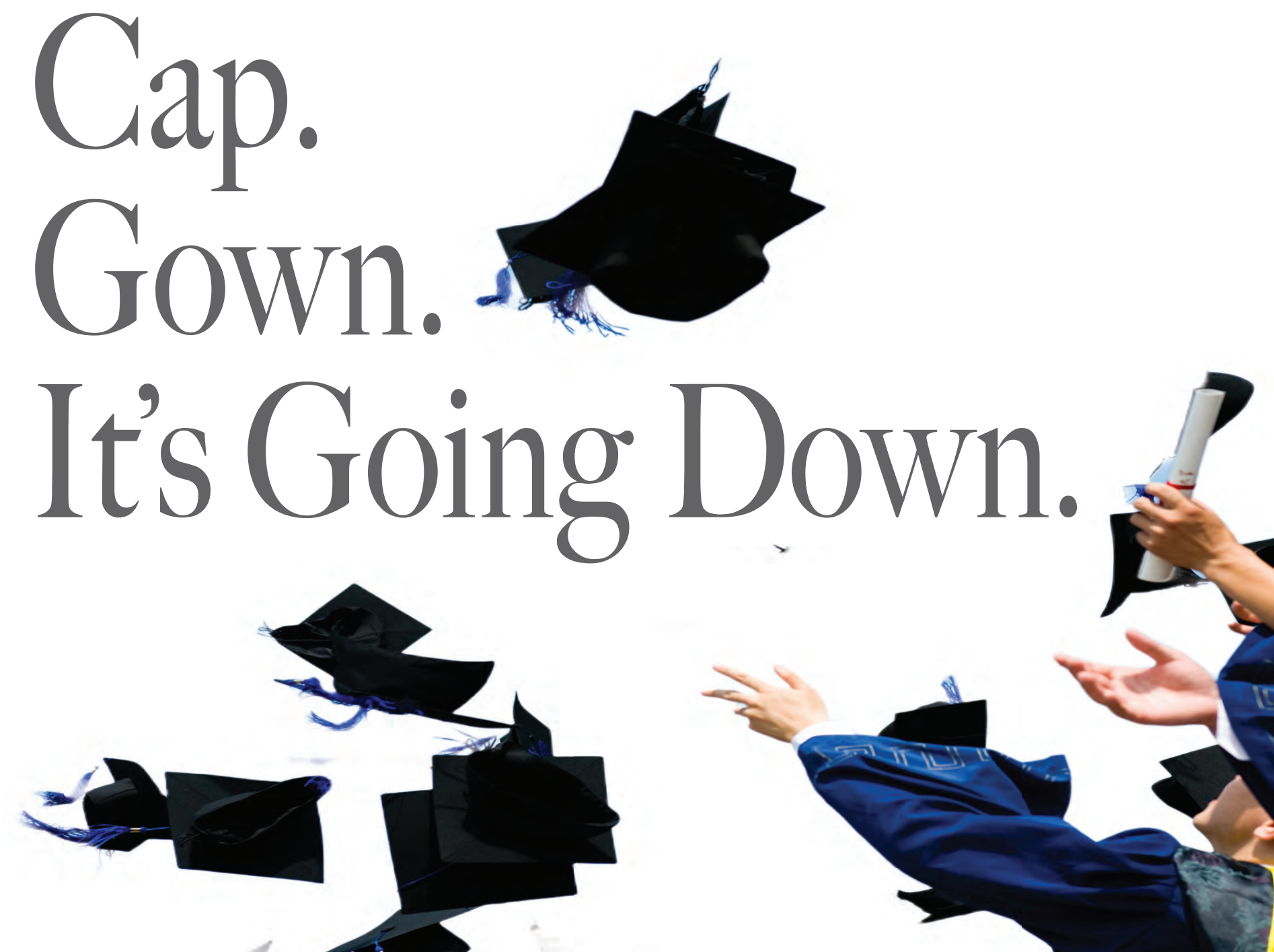
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GRADUATION

Congratulations
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Grosse Pointe college grads place their tassels
to the left at ceremonies across the country

By Grace Cueter and Clare Ramsdell
Interns

At many memorable graduations throughout the country this spring, hundreds of Grosse Pointers proudly became part of the esteemed Class of 2023. Graduates from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett have successfully met their degree requirements, accepted their diplomas and joined the alumni ranks of their respective colleges or universities.

Throughout their four-year journey in higher education, these students displayed unwavering commitment and hard work to earn their valuable degrees. As they embark on their next chapters, their accomplishments fill our community with immense pride. We extend our heartfelt good wishes for their future endeavors.



Elizabeth Byarski, 2019 alumni GPS, graduated with a BBA in Business Administration and Marketing from the University of Dayton on May 7.



Three exceptional graduates from Grosse Pointe North High School's class of 2019 made their mark at Michigan State University's recent graduation. From left to right, Emma Galeota earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and plans to attend occupational therapy school. Sara Schaden obtained a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology and aims to attend physician assistant school. Claire Williams achieved a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology and intends to pursue medical school.

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Zach Heimbuch, right, a 2019 Grosse Pointe South graduate, has earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and German from Kalamazoo College. He is now preparing to attend Michigan State University in the fall to earn his master's in Human Resources and Labor Relations.



Grosse Pointe North class of 2018 graduate, Jonathan Stander, left, earned his Master of Educational Psychology from Loyola University in Chicago this spring. He plans to continue in graduate school at Loyola University to earn an education specialist degree in School Psychology.



Below, Grosse Pointe South graduate and now Michigan State alum, Adam Fox, received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering this spring. Embarking on his professional journey, he now assumes the role of Marketability Test Engineer at the esteemed Nissan Technical Center.



Grosse Pointe North Alum, Meghan McSkimming, left, recently graduated from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Biology. With plans to pursue a medical career, McSkimming will be working as a medical scribe at Oak Street Health to gain valuable experience before heading to med school.





Alla Kedzierski, of Grosse Pointe Shores, was awarded a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago on April 21. Kedzierski's father, Thaddeus Kedzierski, J.D., had the distinctive honor of placing her hood during the doctoral hooding ceremony.



Sylvia Hodges, a 2019 Grosse Pointe South alum, graduated within the top 2 percent of her class with Highest Honors from Michigan State University's Honors College and the College of Arts and Letters. She majored in English and Creative Writing, with a minor in Arts and Cultural Management.



Ryan Downey, a 2019 Grosse Pointe South alum, graduated from the University of Michigan this spring with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Downey's academic achievements have landed him a role in the General Motors electrical engineering division.



Grosse Pointe South's Madison Ryszewski graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies. Madison will be working for Lululemon.



Jimmy Rau, a 2019 Grosse Pointe South grad, and now a Michigan State University alumnus, graduated from the Broad College of Business with a Bachelor of Arts in Supply Chain Management. His future plans include taking his expertise to Chicago to work for Weber Grill's supply chain operations.



The Kopicki family had a double celebration this spring. Sophia Kopicki, left, graduated from University Liggett in 2017 and recently completed her undergraduate studies at Siena Heights University. She majored in Communications with a business concentration and was a two-year lacrosse student-athlete. She continued her education at Siena Heights University, earning her Master in Business Administration this year. Meanwhile, Billy Kopicki graduated from Miami University's Farmer School of Business, with a major in Supply Chain Management and Operations and a Chinese minor. He was a student-athlete at Miami University for four years, playing for the baseball team.



2023 Michigan State University graduate Caroline Baratta, above, poses in front of Spartan Stadium with her cap and gown.

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Grosse Pointe South High School's class of 2019 sweethearts, Will Leonard and Kendall Volpe, recently celebrated dual graduations from Miami University. Leonard earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with minors in American Studies, Popular Culture and Intercultural Analysis; as well as a General Business minor from the Farmer School of Business. He plans to attend law school after gaining work experience in corporate America. Volpe graduated with honors, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Neuroscience. She works as a Systems Analyst at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.



Gwyneth Tiderington, an alumna of the Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 2019, graduated from Michigan State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Criminal Justice and minors in Cybersecurity and Human Behavior. She is an Information Security Specialist with Blue Cross Blue Shield and is pursuing a Master of Science in Information Assurance with a major in Cybersecurity at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Emery Mathews, a 2019 Grosse Pointe South grad, graduated from Farmer School of Business at Miami University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business. She will be working for 5/3 Bank in Chicago.

Michaela Anne Cosgrove, a 2019 graduate of Grosse Pointe North, earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science and a minor in Sport Management from Wayne State University. She plans to take a gap year before going to grad school for a master's in Athletic Training. During her gap year, Cosgrove will be working at St. Clair Orthopedics as an ortho tech, at Fusion Gym as a fitness coach and at the Ardan Academy of Irish Dance as a teacher and competitor.



2018 Grosse Pointe South alum, Caitlin Miller, center, has graduated from GVSU with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. She will be heading to grad school for Chemistry and teaching in the next year but is currently pursuing a job teaching Chemistry. Pictured alongside her brothers, left, Connor Miller, a 2016 South grad and 2020 GVSU grad, and Kevin Miller, right, a 2023 South grad who will be attending GVSU this fall.



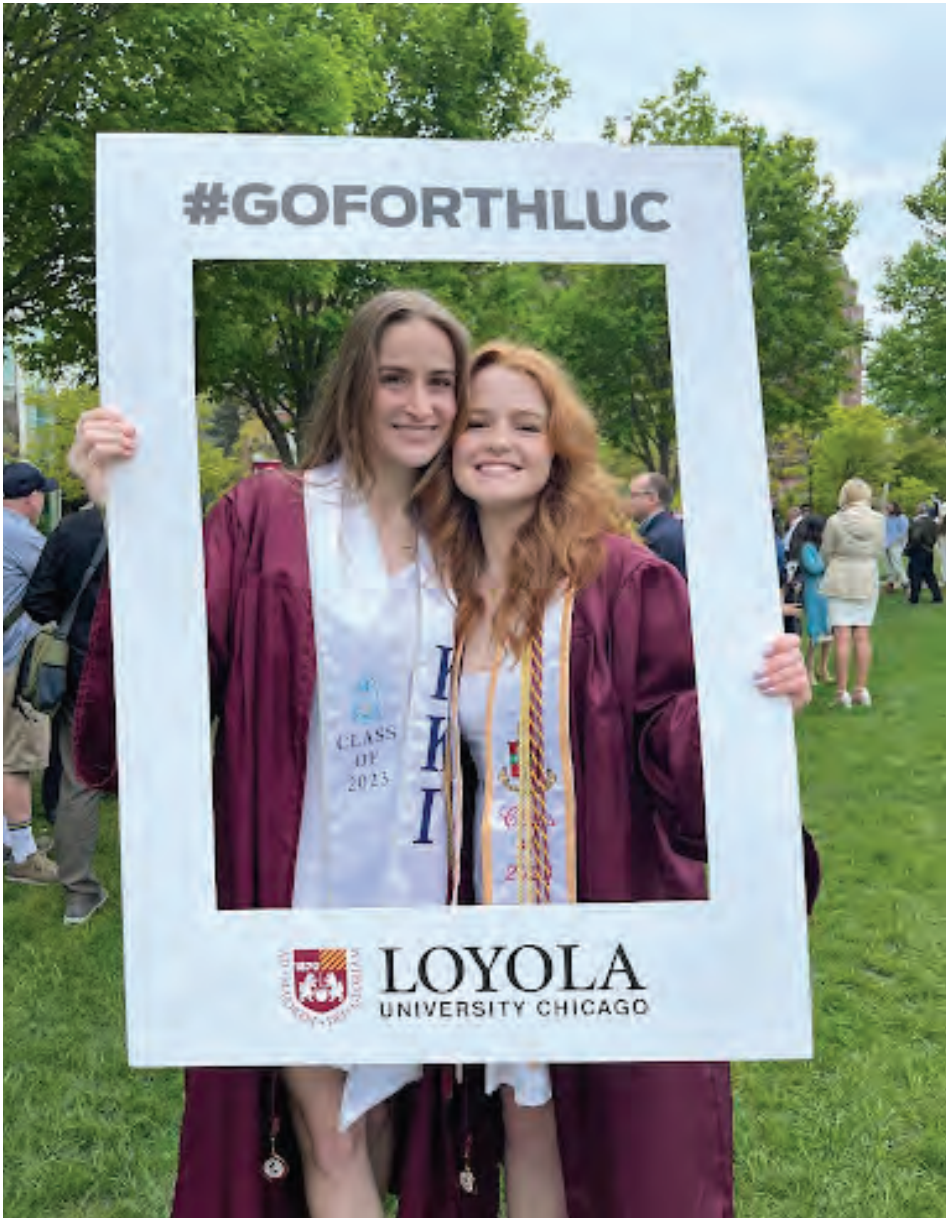
Elizabeth Torakis, a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, holds a Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Services from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She proudly stands next to her mom Madelyn Torakis, a 1980 North grad, and her father, Steve Torakis. Currently working as a Child Life Assistant at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Torakis's future plans include a four-month Child Life internship in January 2024, followed by a national certification exam to become a Certified Child Life Specialist. She is dedicated to supporting hospitalized children and their siblings.



Rachel A. Sexton, right, a 2019 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, smiles with her proud sister, Grace Grishaber, at Sexton's commencement ceremony from Vanderbilt University. Sexton graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Cognitive Studies with a minor in Medicine, Health and Society. Sexton was also an Army R.O.T.C. (Reserve Officer Training Corps) cadet during her time at Vanderbilt, and was commissioned on May 12 of this year as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army; Educational delay, Chaplain Corps. She has accepted a full ride for a graduate program at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, to prepare her to become an Army chaplain.



Grosse Pointe South graduate Hayley (Soltesz) Blunden completed her Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior at Harvard Business School. She previously earned her MBA at Columbia University. Dr. Blunden is pictured with her parents, James and Ridene Soltesz of Grosse Pointe Farms, at the reception for doctoral graduates hosted in Harvard's Spangler Hall. She has joined the faculty at American University in Washington D.C.



From left, longtime friends who graduated together from South in 2019, Paula Dulworth and Evelyn Pacifici, walked the stage together again at Loyola University Chicago's graduation ceremony this spring. Dulworth graduated with a degree in psychology and is working in Campus Ministries for Loyola University. Pacifici earned a degree in socio-legal studies and will pursue an education specialist degree at Loyola's School of Psychology.



Alexandria Walz is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and as of this May, Michigan State University's Lyman Briggs College. With a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Biology, she now works as a medical assistant at Bay Area Family Physicians while she applies to physician assistant programs.



From left to right, Tanner Belanger and Riley Francis, Grosse Pointe Farms residents and Grosse Pointe South High School graduates, recently completed their studies at Alma College. Belanger earned a double major in Elementary Education and Special Education. He will be student teaching at Brownell Middle School in the fall and is excited to find a teaching job to kickstart his career. Francis is heading to dental school at the University of Michigan.

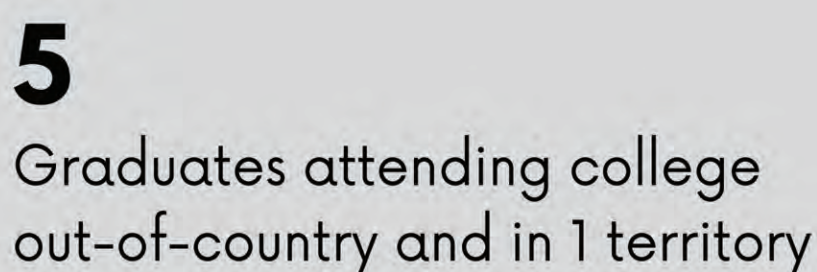
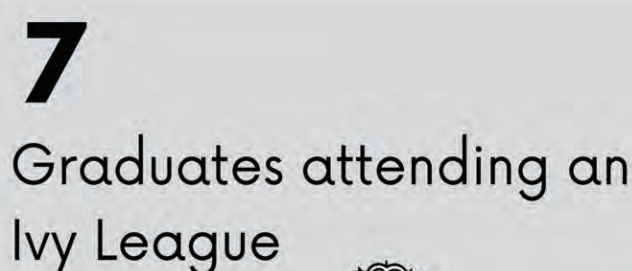
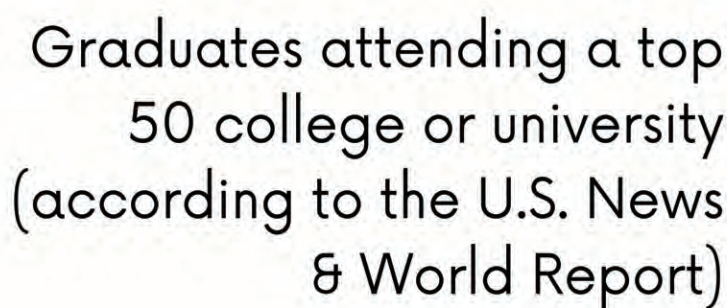
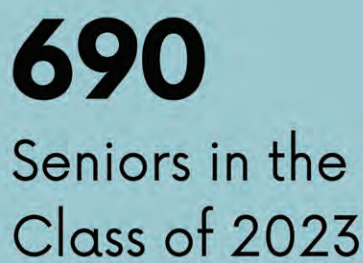


2015 Grosse Pointe North graduate, Matthew Stander, earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Michigan State University this May. Dr. Stander will be completing his residency with Corewell Health.



Devon Grace Krasner graduated summa cum laude from the University of Michigan, earning a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering and a minor in German. The 2019 Grosse Pointe South graduate received University Honors at the 100th Annual Honors Convocation. Krasner will continue her studies at UM, pursuing a master's in Molecular and Integrative Physiology.

On the heels of hundreds of Grosse Pointers graduating from colleges across the country this spring, our community also celebrated more than 600 high school graduates from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett. Here's a look at where students from the Class of 2023 are headed next fall.



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CMM a success

Proceeds benefit Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since directing the proceeds from her annual Celebrate Michigan’s Military fundraiser to benefit Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Lamparter has helped raise more than \$1.4 million for the Florida-based nonprofit, thanks to sponsorships, ticket sales and other efforts.

Following this year’s event, which took place

June 6, at The War Memorial, Lamparter announced she would “try to” step down from her role with CMM.

“Working with this amazing organization has been a true blessing,” said Lamparter, who will retain her position as regional coordinator of Guardian Angels. “I believe so much in the mission and know how valuable these dogs are to our veterans and first responders, but after nine years, I believe it’s time to step aside and let

other leadership continue the work. If there is anyone that would like to work with me for a transition time, I would love to hear from them.

“Celebrate Michigan’s Military gave me the opportunity to meet so many incredible individuals and many have become personal friends,” she continued. “I will be forever grateful for the support. I am so incredibly excited that donations by so many people, organizations and companies here in our area have made it possible to provide service dogs to so many deserving individuals. There are angels everywhere, some with four legs and many with two.”

The event

In 2014, CMM netted just over \$30,000. This year, the net profit was \$245,000.

“After nine years, it looks like CMM has raised an estimated total of \$1,430,000 net profit for Guardian Angels,” Lamparter said, noting with the exception of 2020, during the pandemic, event proceeds have gone up year over year.

A sell-out crowd at The War Memorial — hosting its first CMM event on D-Day, shortly after the dedication of its new “Les Braves II: At Water’s Edge” monument — was treated to presentations from three Michigan mil-

itary leaders. Maj. Gen. Darren Werner, commander of Detroit Arsenal; Col. Leah Voelker, commander at Selfridge Air National Guard Base; and Command Sgt. Maj. William Russell III, state senior enlisted leader of the Michigan Army National Guard, each shared information about the work done at Michigan’s different military installations.

Additionally, Lamparter presented tributes to six World War II veterans — George Gitari, Robert Haffner, Ron Huizenga, Billy Hamlin, Bob Harris and Jean Gilbert — as well as two original Rosie the Riveters: Delphine Klaput and Frances Masters.

CMM 2023 drew more than 90 event sponsors, including four who each donated \$25,000 — the cost to feed, house, train and pair one service dog with a veteran or first responder. Superior Sponsors included the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Heather and Stan Dickson, Ted and Mary Stahl of Stahl’s Automotive Foundation and Marsha Tucker.

Funds also were raised through an auction. A painting of “Les Braves” by Elaine Taylor and a patriotic quilt donated by Denise Champlain brought in several thousand dollars with help from auctioneer Dave Carleton.

A paddle raise drew in additional dollars and



Lance Cpl. Bryan Carpenter, with his service dog, Fahrny, gave the evening’s keynote address.

donors were given the opportunity to vote on a name for a new service dog.

“Our ‘official’ puppy from CMM 2023 will be (named) Alger,” Lamparter said.

The cause

Guardian Angels founder Carol Borden attended the event, speaking to supporters about the origin of Guardian Angels and the impact it has had since 2010.

The daughter of a

Korean War veteran and mother of a disabled veteran of the war in Afghanistan and Iraq, Borden said she knew she had to do something to give back to military personnel. She decided to combine her talents — training dogs and managing businesses — to form Guardian Angels.

“I had no idea at the time where that would bring us today,” she said. “The work we do is invaluable to so many lives.”

“These are working dogs trained to do special tasks,” she added. “They are not a cure; they are a management tool.”

It has long been reported that 22 veterans die by suicide every day; however, a recent publication indicated that number actually may be double, Borden said.

“These are men and women who sacrifice everything for our country,” she continued. “The least we could do is find a way to give back. The way we do that is by training these dogs with highly specialized skills.”

More than 400
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Guardian Angels recipient Kate Melcher attended the event with her service dog, Cat.



Several World War II veterans were honored at CMM, including Richard Pastula, who attended with his daughter, Louise Pastula, left, and Ann Rudisill, a U.S. Air Force veteran who runs the organization Downriver For Veterans in Wyandotte.



Real-life Rosie the Riveters, Delphine Klaput, left, and Frances Master. Klaput was a clerk at a factory in Maryland that made plane parts for the B-24 Liberator, while Masters worked at Willow Run on and inside the wings of the B-24 bomber.

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2B | OBITUARIES

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.

Suellen S. Kruse

Suellen S. Kruse, 82, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 9, 2023 in Grosse Pointe.

She was born July 28, 1940, in Minneapolis, to Gordon and Evelyn Kruse. She grew up in the city and was a graduate of Southwest High School in Minneapolis. She worked as a trust officer at First National Bank of Minneapolis before she and Jeanne Schlosser moved to Grand Marais, Minn., in 1989, and opened the Kah-Nee-Tah Gallery and Cottages in Lutsen.

Suellen had a passion for art and her beloved Lake Superior and she combined those loves into her business, which she owned until 2014.

Suellen loved her Grand Marais community and contributed to it in several ways. As leader of the Johnson Heritage Post in the early days, she was instrumental in creating growth, stability and new directions for the gallery. Suellen also was involved with the Harbor Park transformation. She worked with her community of faith, First Congregational Church, as a catalyst for its stained-glass memorial window and she served as president of the North Shore Health Care Foundation. As an author, Suellen, with her sister, wrote and published a cookbook featuring recipes from their mother.

As involved as she was in her community and business, she always took time to “smell the roses” and remember what was important: her home on the lake, her family and her beloved pets, too numerous to name. She moved to Grosse Pointe to live near her sister in 2017, who cared for her until her death.

She is survived by her sister, Priscilla van Horne; niece, Jen Andrews van Horne; her extended family, Annie O’Toole, Leo Stewart, Kate Andrews van Horne, Lillian Tan, James, Mary, Rachel and Ryan Tandias; as well as many friends considered family of choice.

A memorial service takes place at noon Saturday, July 8, at

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, bit.ly/44g0YwC, the North Shore Health Care Foundation, northshorehealthcarefoundation.org/donate or Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, gpumc.org/give.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc., verheyden.org.

Frances Schilling Marek

Frances Schilling Marek, 88, of Lake St. Louis, Mo., passed away peacefully Saturday, June 17, 2023.

She was born Jan. 4, 1935, in Detroit, to Donald and Ruth Schilling. She lived a full and adventurous life.

Due to her father’s military service, she lived in France for a time after high school graduation. She married and her first son was born in Paris. Fran moved back to the states and continued to expand her family. In 1963, she married again and moved to Florissant, Mo., when her husband was hired at McDonnell Douglas. She eventually had a total of seven children.

While raising her children, Fran was active in the PTA and was a Girl Scout leader. She canned and froze vegetables grown in the huge garden behind the house. She loved spending time with her family and they often went camping and water skiing. Fran also was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

In her later years, Fran met and married Don Marek Sr. She moved to Lake St. Louis and enjoyed living on the lake and traveling with Don. During this time, she started teaching English as a Second Language classes for several years at St. Charles Community College. She taught ESL classes well into her 70s.

Fran was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She always was there for her family and friends and always put their needs before her own. She had a boi-

terous laugh and never met a stranger. She was a kind and generous person and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Fran is survived by her children, Denny Fogal, Connie Hellyer, Jim Fogal, Tim Fogal and Elizabeth Hutson; siblings, Pat and Don; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Don Marek Sr.; sister, Sue; brother, Bill; and sons, Doug Fogal and David Bertorello.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, July 23, at a location to be determined.

As a final gift, Fran donated her body to the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Knight Alzheimer Disease Research Center at Washington University, knightadrc.wustl.edu/donate.

Dorthea “Dottie” Lamb Westfall

Dorthea “Dottie” Lamb Westfall of Powell, Ohio, passed away peacefully with her husband of 69 years and her four children at her bedside.

Dottie was born in Blandsburg, Pa., to Dora Marks and Charles Carlton Lamb. She met her future husband at Latrobe High School. In school, Dottie enjoyed singing and was an accomplished clarinetist. She attended college at the University of Pittsburgh.

She and her husband moved from Pittsburgh to Upper Arlington in 1964, where they lived for 18 years before moving to Grosse Pointe Farms for 10 years. Dottie and Marty later resided in Versoix, Switzerland, on the banks of Lake Geneva. Upon their return state-side, they moved to Powell, Ohio, where she and Marty lived for 30 years.

Dottie is survived by her husband, Marty; children, Marty (Diane), Kevin (Beth), Chris (Maureen) and Laura Casey; seven grandchildren whom she doted on, Katie, Maddy, Nicholas,



Suellen S. Kruse



Frances Schilling Marek



Dorthea Lamb Westfall



Marilyn E. O'Bryan



Bradford Tisdale

Olivia, Henry, Jack and Karsen; and her sister, Peggy Barnett. Her brother, Chuck, predeceased her.

Dottie enjoyed membership at Muirfield Village Golf Club, one of her favorite places; Scioto Country Club, where she served on the entertainment committee; and the Rolling Rock Club in Ligonier, Pa. Dottie was a past member of The Grosse Pointe Club, Country Club of Detroit and Domaine Impérial in Gland, Switzerland.

She was actively involved in charitable and cultural endeavors in all the cities she resided, including serving on the St. Andrew Women’s Auxiliary, where she was a parishioner many years, plus Beaux Art and Franklin Park Conservatory. She was an active volunteer and benefactor of Detroit Artist Market and chaired the entertainment committee for the Detroit Grand Prix. She also chaired international conferences for partners and their spouses of Coopers & Lybrand.

Dottie was much beloved by her family and many friends. She had a bright smile and a sparkle in her eye, along with a mischievous sense of humor. Dottie was an avid bridge player and voracious reader. She loved gardening and was an accomplished cook, much to the delight of her family and friends. Dottie enjoyed antiquing and was quite knowledgeable on the subject. She traveled the world and visited every continent except Antarctica, which she had no desire to visit, notwithstanding the penguins. Dottie leaves a legacy of care and love. She never missed a birthday or holiday and not only marked every milestone with a sense of occasion, but also cherished the small moments, too. She always had time for a cup of tea and a long talk with a friend or family member.

A private funeral Mass will take place at St. Vincent Basilica, with internment at Mary Mother of Mercy Mausoleum on the campus of the St. Vincent Archabbey in Westmoreland County, Pa. A celebration of life will follow in July for friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden, 1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43203, fpconservatory.org.

Marilyn E. O'Bryan

Marilyn E. O’Bryan, 87, passed away Wednesday, June 7, 2023.

Marilyn was born Jan. 29, 1936. She was a long-term resident of the Grosse Pointes and a resident of Novi when she passed. She was proud of her career as a licensed customs broker for nearly four decades.

Marilyn was always dressed to the nines with her great sense of style. She also was a fan of the performing arts and a longtime member of the Sweet Adelines singing group. She also was a 50-plus-year member of Grosse Pointe Theatre.

Marilyn was predeceased by her husband, Ronald W. O’Bryan. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and will be dearly missed by her cherished family in Connecticut.

A Catholic funeral Mass took place at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. She

Matthew Chul Aldrich

Matthew Chul Aldrich, 54, passed away Friday, June 23, 2023. Matt was a longtime Grosse Pointe resident.

Matt joined the Aldrich family when he was just two and a half from Seoul, South Korea. The family met him at Chicago’s O’Hare Airport, and his beautiful presence forever changed their lives.

Matt attended Grosse Pointe South High School and graduated in 1988. He attended MSU for an engineering degree, but decided to pursue his first love, which was the culinary arts. He was involved in wrestling, hockey, and his favorite, being a teammate on the Grosse Pointe Blue Devils football team. Matt was an accomplished chef and worked in the restaurant business as a sous chef. Next, he took his love of mathematics and people to



Rocket Mortgage in Arizona, where he loved helping his clients obtain their dreams of owning new homes.

He was a truly wonderful father of his three sons: Lukas, Cody and Alex. He was also a dedicated and loving husband to his wife Deborah. Family and friends were everything to Matt. He often came back to Grosse

Pointe to visit his mother, Donna, his father, Lance, his brother, Eric, and his nephew, Benjamin. He and his fraternity brothers followed the Spartans to wherever the MSU schedule took them.

Matt was a free spirit, an adventurer and an accomplished fly fisherman who often went on his own to camp and fish. He found great satisfaction in preparing gourmet meals for his family.

Matt is survived by his wife, Deborah; his sons, Alex and Lukas; his father and mother, Lance and Donna; his father-in-law, Joseph Bialczak; his grandparents, Chet and Betty Bovee; his brother, Eric; his nephew, Benjamin; and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. His son, Cody, and mother-in-law, Ann Bialczac, predeceased him.

Arrangement information to come.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, June 30, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 6, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 7, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

Register at redcross blood.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a

variety of programs. To register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

- ◆ Park Visit: Neff Park, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Neff Park, 17350 E. Jefferson, City of Grosse Pointe.
- ◆ Summer Art Classes, 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, July 3, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Summer Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Appy Hour, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Teen Leadership

Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 6, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ All Together in the Name of Beads!, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Gaming Meetup, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 7, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required

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JLD Gardeners donate bench to Elworthy Field

Tuesday, May 23, the Junior League Gardeners' Conservation Committee hosted the dedication of a donated park bench commemorating the celebration of the Gardeners' 90th anniversary in 2022.

Members of the group collected enough plastic lids and paid a sum of money in exchange for a bench made from recycled plastic lids at Green Tree Plastics in Indiana. The Gardeners use their skills to help maintain the garden at Elworthy Field in the City of Grosse Pointe. The green bench with the commemorative plaque was appropriately placed close to the garden by the City of Grosse Pointe workers.

The Junior League Gardeners is a subgroup of the Junior League of Detroit, a charitable women's organization since 1914 that trains women to be effective volunteers. The JLD has



been the originator of many longstanding charities helping to build a better community in the city of Detroit and impacting the lives of children and families. The Gardeners in their own fundraising efforts have made donations annually to a number of other 501(c)3 groups in the community. They also create and maintain a plot in the Trial Gardens at The War Memorial.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Top, the Junior League Gardeners Conservation Committee. Above, the group tends to the gardens at Elworthy Field in the City of Grosse Pointe.

EVENTS:

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at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

- ◆ The Full Circle Farmers Market brings fresh produce to The Helm 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays, beginning July 6.
- ◆ Stress Reduction Workshop, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, with instructor Jonathan Itchon.
- ◆ The movie "Jerry & Marge Go Large" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 14. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, and includes snacks.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a variety of classes at its studio, located at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for the following, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

- ◆ "Imitating the Masters of Landscape," a workshop with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. select Thursdays, July 6 and 13, the class examines Camille Pissarro; Aug. 3 and 10, the class examines Jacob van Ruisdael; and Aug. 31 and Sept. 7, the class examines Joseph Mallord William Turner.
- ◆ Plein Air painting with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, July 6 and 13.
- ◆ "Painting in Reverse: The Art of Painting on Black Watercolor Paper," a workshop with Nancy Philo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 15.
- ◆ "Imitating the Masters — a portrait by Anthony Van Dyke," a

workshop with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, July 20 and 27.

- ◆ "The Art of Pastels," a workshop with Fran Seikaly, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29.

Ford House

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

- ◆ 10 Out of 10 Tour, 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through July 29. Explore the Ford family's home while learning about 10 artifacts. Admission fees vary.
- ◆ Game Night: Lawn Games, 6 p.m. Fridays, July 7 and Aug. 4. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Story Studio: Bonkers Black and Wacky White, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, for children. Cost is \$4 for members, \$5 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Explorers: Butterflies, 11 a.m. Saturday, July 15, for children ages 6 to 9. Cost is \$5 per child.
- ◆ Story Studio: Radical Red, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 18. "The Story of the Red Rubber Ball" will be read. Cost is \$4 for member children, \$5 for non-member children.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Concert

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ENGAGEMENT



Ryan Nawa and Sophia Lathrop

Lathrop—Nawa

Glade and Joel Lathrop of Charlevoix announce the engagement of their daughter, Sophia Lathrop, to Ryan Nawa, the son of Kristin and Ken Nawa of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Miss Lathrop earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising and graphic design from Michigan State University. She works in the digital marketing advertising field.

Mr. Nawa earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Michigan State University. He is a data analyst.

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WEDDING



Christa and Jordan Meier

Bertakis—Meier

Christa Marie Bertakis and Jordan Peter Meier were married Saturday, May 7, 2022, in Cabo San Lucas, during a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Diego Vidal. A reception followed at the Chileno Bay Auberge Resorts Collection.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Bertakis of Grosse Pointe Shores. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Meier of Verona, Wis.

The bride wore a long-sleeved sheath gown designed by Berta Privee featuring hand-applied lace cuffs, a beaded appliqué with pearls and a bateau-style neckline. The skirt featured appliqué streams and tulle layers throughout. The gown was complimented by a cathedral-length veil and a bouquet of white peonies. The wedding venue was dotted with sunset-colored roses in vintage shades and jumbo white orchids.

The bride's sisters, Marianna Bertakis, Alexandra Bertakis and Carina Bertakis, served as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were her cousin, Angela Giorgio; and friends, Alexandra Nolting, Natalie Bruton and Dana Starr. The bridesmaids wore sandy-colored Hailey Paige chiffon-layered dresses with ruching at the waist and strapping detail on the back. They carried bouquets of white roses.

Best man duties were shared by the groom's brothers, Max and Austin Meier. Groomsmen were his friends, Jordan Armentrout, Adam Burish, Ryan Suter, Jake Dowell and Davis Drewiske.

The mother of the bride wore an off-shoulder periwinkle blue satin gown with ruching and a sheath bodice featuring a large satin flower. The mother of the groom wore a pale blue gown with floral appliqué and a sheer overlay.

The bride earned a master's degree in nursing from Michigan State University. She is a nurse practitioner with Radiance Skin Therapy.

The groom studied at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He is an entrepreneur.

The couple honeymooned in Italy. They live in Madison, Wis.

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Bright and bold

The 2023 Pantone Color of the Year is Viva Magenta, below, and design trends have followed suit. Bright, bold wedding colors are popular, as shown by the bouquet above and arrangement at left.



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By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

Wedding season has arrived and along with it the inspiration for planning all the wonderful elements for upcoming weddings this year and next. Just like fashion, wedding trends are ever-evolving, so its great to check in with the experts periodically to see which styles and colors are hot these day for your nuptial plans. When it comes to flowers in the Pointes, the name Viviano is often on everyone's tongue. Their brand is known for its high-quality, sumptuous flowers and arrangements that have

been making brides and others proud and happy at decades of events. We sat down with Cecilia Viviano at Viviano Flower Shop in St. Clair Shores recently to see which trends she's been seeing and for her expert advice for 2023-2024 brides. From bright, bold colors to organic themes and more, the following is a short list of the most popular trends, and Viviano's is always ready to add their artistry to your vision to make your dream wedding a reality. So get inspired, make some notes and begin picturing what your big day will look like as you plan the biggest party event of your lifetime.

Terra cotta



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Terra cotta is unglazed clay pottery and it lends its name to the color that has become a recent trend. Fall color schemes have shifted to terra cotta, burgundies, umbers and yellows. The lovely arrangement above is an example of this beautiful theme played out in a stunning loose arrangement in satisfying warm tones.



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Organics



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Organics are in, according to the designers at Viviano Flower Shop. These arrangements often have the feel of a garden of wildflowers in an airy, freeform style, like the gorgeous bouquet above.

The organic designs sometimes feature added fruits or fragrant herbs for a totally natural look and feel, like the centerpiece at left, which includes a pomegranate fruit for color and texture. Below, an airy white arrangement.



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Grounded florals



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Grounded installations like the one above featuring arrangements along the aisle or at the front of the aisle help to visually anchor the space and ensure all eyes are on the happy couple. This practical floral solution is easy to move and repurpose for the reception, often in front of the head table. This expert advice from Viviano proves that a little planning can get you the most value and use from your wedding florals.



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Groupings of white roses in simple vases, above, create an easy yet elegant centerpiece for the reception tables. Keeping the arrangements low in height allows guests to see one another for easy conversation.

Groupings



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Groupings of arrangements in unique vases, candles or single flowers create a striking and modern look for the reception area. Some couples personalize the grouped settings with family heirlooms or antiques to bring tradition and personality to the visual display.

Above, a row of single white roses in tube vases along with white tapered candles in black metal candle holders create a trendy minimalist black and white theme that beautifully accents the tables.

At right: A cluster of candles surrounded by white blooms creates a warm and inviting table for guests in this romantic and elegant wedding setting.

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Hanging installations



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INSTANT AMBIANCE

Hanging installations are perfect for venues with high ceilings to create both warmth and dazzle to larger or industrial venues. Adding texture and volume to the event space makes it more welcoming and festive, putting guests at ease and contributing to the party vibe.

Some couples use hanging installations to showcase the head table or other focal points in the party layout.

Above, draping greens and fresh inverted vertical blooms accentuated with warm light bring instant class and artistry to any venue

The natural greens and soft lighting, top left, bring comfortable warmth and ambiance to a space with high ceilings and marble pillars. Without the greenery, the space would have a completely different feel.

Bright flowers and greens soften the wooden look of this winery venue and create a nice focal point or backdrop for guest photos.

The staff at Viviano's can expertly provide recommendations to warm up any type of venue and add the natural beauty that will make your wedding the most memorable of occasions.

A bride and groom's guide to wedding day floral arrangements

The visual elements of any wedding come together to create the mood and theme of this very special day in a bride or groom's life. Floral arrangements are one of the most important components to manifesting an awe-inspiring ambiance. Flowers have such magical appeal because they ignite at least three of the senses. Their delicate aroma can help a venue smell fresh and inviting. And it's hard to deny the visual appeal and color of a stunning floral arrangement. There are hues, sizes, textures, and much more that can cater to any theme. In addition, flowers can add a texture to an event, with their beautiful natural layers of petals, leaves and accents. Flowers convey so much during weddings that it's important to make finding a great florist a priority, according to the wedding resource The Knot. The following is a guide to understanding floral arrangements that may be included in a wedding so that you can decide which ones you might want to include in your big day.

Bouquets, corsages and boutonnieres
The wedding party, bride, groom, and parents of the couple are visually set apart from others at the wedding ceremony by the special flowers on their attire, in their hands or at their seating areas, among other indicators. A boutonniere is a single bud pinned to the left side of a gentleman's jacket. They can be enhanced with sprigs of greenery or other florals and even mementos important to the couple. Corsages are often attached to a dress, but are now more often worn on the wrist. Bouquets are arrangements held in the hand. They can be a few flowers gathered together, or made of more extensive and exquisite displays of multiple blooms, accents and greenery. Bouquets may feature bare stems, or the flower stems may be bound and hidden beneath ribbon and fabric. Some couples also have a small tossing bouquet made to use later in the day, so the bride can keep her original wedding bouquet. Flower petals for a flower girl to drop down the aisle also may also be part of the floral plan if youngsters are to be included in the wedding party.

Ceremony flowers
Floral arrangements are sometimes the first thing guests see at the wedding ceremony. Entryways, seats or pews may be adorned with flower sprays to draw attention to the aisle, known as aisle markers. These visual choices enhance the ceremony space and set the tone for the whole wedding to come. Potted or vase-encased flowers may also bookend the couple at the altar or be spread around that space. The sight of the church with a beautiful display of blooms will be in photographs for years to come so keep this in mind when planning.

Reception components
Flowers again truly shine during the reception. They're one of the most focal decorating components in the reception space. Flowers often serve as centerpieces, so the guest list and the number of tables will dictate how many centerpieces are required. These centerpieces can be elaborate or simply a few flowers in vases or bowls. Florists can customize the look depending on couples' budgets. Some additional reception flowers can include

installations on arches or on anything hanging like a floral backdrop for photo opportunities or to decorate large venues like barns or industrial spaces.

Tips and tricks
Couples should create a list of everywhere they would like to use flowers and present it, along with magazine clippings or planning boards, to show florists what they have in mind when shopping services, according to Hummingbird Wedding Advice. A 2021 survey from The Knot reported that the average cost for wedding flowers was \$2,300. It's important to share your budget so florists can present ideas that are in line with what couples can spend. Don't be shy about telling your florist what you are envisioning so they can create something you'll love. Many expensive looks can be replicated with in-season flowers or less costly alternatives, so work with your florist when in doubt and they'll use their skills and talents to ensure that your wedding is the garden of magnificence you have always dreamed it would be.

8B | CHURCHES

Free summer carillon concerts offered at GP Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents its annual Summer Carillon Recital Series on four Tuesday evenings in July. These recitals are played on the church's carillon, a set of 48 tower bells.

The concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. with the first program Tuesday, July 4.

Concert-goers are invited to listen from anywhere on or near the church campus. Some listeners bring a picnic dinner to enjoy during the music. Ice cream treats will be available for purchase from a Captain Kool Ice Cream Truck before the concert. The 45-minute concerts are family-friendly and are presented rain or shine.

The performers for the first concert are the duo "Bel Ensemble," featur-



ing Dina Verheyden and Richard De Waart, who perform patriotic music, as well as tunes by Adele, Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish and others.

Verheyden studied solo singing at Leuven University in Belgium, then graduated from the Royal Carillon School in Mechelen, where she now teaches. She also sings with professional vocal ensembles in Belgium.

De Waart also studied carillon at the Royal Carillon School. Since 2012, he has been the city carillonist in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, where he plays three carillons. He also plays accordion and arranges music for the bell foundry, Royal Eijssbouts.

They are happily married with three children who join them on their carillon tour in the U.S. this summer.



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Questers & quilts

The Pear Tree Questers met in June at the home of member Sandy Magreta. The program, "Quilting thru the Ages," was given by quilt-maker Jackie Swierk. The members examined antique quilts, as well as 1905 cigarette silks that were used in quilt making.

Speaker Jackie Swierk made a patriotic log cabin quilt that was donated in the Pear Tree Questers name to Miracle Quilts for Veterans, located in Oxford. Pictured top row, from left, are Dorothy Bejin, Pam Barthel, Bernadette Lindquist, Janet Leze, Tina Olofsson and Joanne Niederoest. Seated, from left, are Sharon Lutz, Sandy Mageta, Jackie Swierk and Marcie Skiba.

CMM:

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Guardian Angels service dogs have been paired nationwide in more than 13 years with zero suicides among recipients.

"The divorce rate in the country is 47 percent," Borden noted. "Add a disabled member of the military and that number goes up 90 percent. The divorce rate among our recipients is less than 3 percent.

"Never did I think we would ever be able to make such an impact on people's lives — on veterans, their families, their communities."

Borden shared briefly about a recipient who had been homebound 25 years and another who hadn't left his bedroom in six months, "until they were able to find the courage to come to us," she added. "Now they're out in their communities every day."

One such recipient — former U.S. Marine Bryan Carpenter — shared his own story, with service dog Fahrny by his side. He was quick to note the date, June 6 — an important anniversary for him.

"On June 6, 2006 ... I was hit with a second roadside bomb in Fallujah, Iraq," he said.

He woke up two and a



CMM regular Matthew McMurray attended with his Guardian Angels service dog, Cobalt, who wore a white bow tie for the occasion.

half weeks later from a medically induced coma, then had to learn to walk and talk again. His long road to recovery included occupational, speech, physical and other therapies.

"In 2008, I was medically discharged on disability," Carpenter said. "I set off on my way to adapt to my new life as a highly damaged mortal."

Carpenter set out and achieved successes in fit-

ness and martial arts. He worked in security, became a firefighter and published his first book, "Never-Ending Battle After Iraq: A Marine's Road to Recovery."

He credited his motivation and successes to his "baby," a dog named Jade.

"Dogs just put you in a good mood, in a good mindset, which generates good energy," he said. "There was nothing



Mary Lamparter and Elaine Taylor stand by Taylor's painting of "Les Braves II," which was auctioned at the event.

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I couldn't do without my dog by my side.

"... (But) in 2017, cancer killed my baby," he continued. "My life started crumbling. Success stopped happening."

Carpenter faced financial disaster, pushed away those closest to him and became self-destructive. He received a call from Guardian Angels, but declined help.

"I could not replace my baby," he recalled. "It wouldn't be fair to me, to the service dog or to my baby if I replaced her."

"When you hit rock bottom, the only way to go is up," he added. "Life kept hammering down on me and kept me at rock bottom."

Guardian Angels was persistent and Carpenter eventually agreed to their offer: they would fly him

to Florida, put him up for 10 days, introduce him to a service dog and train the pair together — all free of charge.

"I thought, I've got nothing left to lose," he said. "That was the best decision of my life. From that first day (with Fahrny), I was back on top of that mountain, doing successful things again."

In 2021, Carpenter traveled to Austria to compete in a world martial arts tournament, bringing home two championship belts. He trains others in boxing, mixed martial arts and self-defense, and has started working on a second book.

The impact Fahrny has had on his life made it simple for Carpenter to urge CMM attendees to support Guardian Angels in one of three ways.

"If you know a veteran or first responder, and they are struggling and in dire need of help, please get in touch with Guardian Angels," he said. "If you don't know a veteran or first responder, please donate. It can be \$1 or \$100 million. Every penny is highly appreciated by me and Guardian Angels and any future recipient. Or you can become a sponsor. ... You're essentially adopting a veteran or first responder who literally put everything on the line for us. You'll wake up every morning knowing you are literally saving someone's life."

He left attendees with a final thought: "The word 'dog' is 'god' spelled backward for a reason. I thank God for Guardian Angels."

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‘Follow the Thread’ takes many turns

What kind of art is in an exhibition themed “Follow the Thread?” The answer hangs on the walls of the Grosse Pointe Artist Association gallery at The War Memorial and it is complex.

Juror Ann Delisi combed through more than 80 entries to determine which ones to include in the show.

“This was hard work,” she told the artists when they got together to discuss the exhibition.

During the discussion, Delisi explored more deeply the stories the artists had to tell. During her 40 years as a radio host, she has developed an ability to ask probing questions. Currently she hosts “Essential Music and Essential Cooking” on Detroit’s NPR station, WDET.

Artist Laura Reed talked about her gut-wrenching relationship with a street person in the Cass Corridor, when Delisi asked about “Rhonda’s Nitetown,” Reed’s oil painting that won best of show.

Liz DeVree told another very personal story in her “Gone But Not.” Using fabric and thread, she captured the energy that remains when loved ones die.

“The gold thread represents Tom,” she explained, “my deceased husband.”

In her bronze sculpture, “Blue Sky,” Laura Teste imagined a person named Dawn, who cuts the ropes of limitations and casts her lasso into the future to see what the horizon yields. “Blue Sky” won honorable mention.

Using oils and acrylics, Al Sonnenberg shared his grandfatherly insights in “The Shallows,” which he described as a “metaphor for the crucial years between adolescence and self-identity and adulthood.”

Those interested can preview “Follow the Thread” on the Grosse Pointe Artists Association website, grossepointeartcenter.org.

Because art is always



Laura Reed’s “Rhonda’s Nitetown” won best of show.



Liz DeVree’s “Gone But Not.”

more impactful when viewed in person, visitors may drop by the gallery 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, through July 21.

While visiting, guests are invited to take in the needlework/embroidery show in the guest gallery sponsored by Knotted Needle.



Laura Teste’s “Blue Sky.”



Alfred Sonnenberg’s “The Shallows.”

ASK THE EXPERTS By Maura K. McKeever

4 essential legal docs for high school grads

If you have a child celebrating high school graduation, now is the time to prepare them for life after leaving the nest. Once your child turns 18, they become a legal adult and specific areas of their lives that once were under your control will solely be their responsibility.

For instance, if your child is in a severe car accident and requires hospitalization, you will no longer have automatic authority to make decisions about his or her medical treatment or handle his or her financial matters. In fact, without legal documentation, you can’t access your child’s medical records or bank accounts without a court order.

To ensure you can help your child in an emergency without an expensive and unnecessary court process, before your kids move out or head off to college, have them sign the following four documents:

HIPAA authorization

Once your child becomes 18, no one — not even parents — is legally authorized to access his or her medical records without prior written permission. A Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) authorization allows you to access their medical records.

Medical Power of Attorney

A medical power of attorney allows

your child to grant you the immediate legal authority to make healthcare decisions on their behalf if they become incapacitated and cannot make decisions.

Living Will

A living will states your child’s preferences regarding medical care, including end-of-life matters.

Durable Financial Power of Attorney

A durable financial power of attorney allows you to manage your child’s financial and legal matters, such as paying tuition, applying for student loans and paying rent.

Initiating this process with your kids is an essential step in adulthood and will give all of you peace of mind that if your child ever needs your help, you’ll have the legal authority to provide it.

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Barbie dolls make good tools

Dear Gabby: My daughter always wants to play Barbies and dolls and I HATE it. I love her so much and here I am counting the minutes until I can go do something else. Should I continue to pretend I'm not miserable or suggest something else (which she won't want to do)? Help! Is something wrong with me?

— Barbied out in the Farms

Dear Barbied Out,
In this column, I often refer to my own daughters, and there has never been a more fitting occasion to do so than in response to this question.

I suspect many other parents are reading this and reminiscing about the countless games of Candyland, Legos,

Barbies, Polly Pockets, and more. The main point here is not to berate yourself for hating Barbies; you are undoubtedly not alone in that particular dislike.

What truly matters is not the specific toy you play with, but rather the act of play itself. There are a couple of essential reasons why you should engage in play as frequently as possible.

At this age, a child's brain is rapidly developing, and imaginative play is crucial for establishing neuronal connections. Moreover, it helps children develop problem-solving skills and build healthy relationships.

This is where some of the most impactful interactions with your child can take place. By using Barbie (or Ken) as a tool, you can model behaviors

that will serve your child well in the years to come. Encourage assertiveness, cooperation, active listening, compassion, critical thinking, and, equally important, the ability to relax and have fun.

If you want to take the impact of play to the next level, consider inviting your daughter to engage in activities that you also enjoy — anything goes! This not only allows you to have fun with something that suits your taste but also teaches your child the value of give and take — a meta lesson, if you will.

An added twist is that it helps you practice patience and find aspects of the activity that you genuinely appreciate. Seek out opportunities to make the playtime more interesting or innovative.

Now, here's the good news and the bad news—this stage won't last forever.

I've mentioned before that time flies by so quickly that one day you'll wake up, and your child will be in high school or college. You'll inevitably feel a sense of nostalgia for the Barbie years. However, in the meantime, think about the things you've been eager to share with your child, the wisdom you want to impart. Use your creativity to incorporate those elements into Barbie's next happy hangout.

So it's not about Barbie herself, but rather the act of play and the opportunities it provides for bonding, learning, and growth. Embrace the magic of Barbie play and create cherished memo-



ries that will endure long after the dolls are put away.

— Lynn Walsh
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Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

Drama at the Gym

DEAR ANNIE: I love the gym. It has really helped me gain confi-

dence and strength. I have been going to the same gym in our small

town for roughly 10 years. I know all the people there and enjoy my time there —until lately.

There is a woman who just started going to the gym who is toxic. She really hurt a dear friend of mine, whose child was in the same class as her child, by spreading vicious rumors that she was having an affair with a tennis instructor. This was not true. She is the typical mean girl

from middle school who we all choose to forget — the girl who never grew up.

Aside from comforting my hurt friend, I never came into contact with this woman until she joined my gym. Now I have to see her daily, and it bothers me.

It seems like every time I sign up for a class, she is also in the same class. — **TOOK AWAY MY HAPPY PLACE**

DEAR TOOK AWAY: Don't let her take away your happy place. So long as she does not try to engage you in conversation, just ignore her.

The gym is a big place with lots of people, so don't let one bad apple spoil the bunch. Focus on your exercises and on the kind people, the friends you have made at the gym over the years, and you won't have

time to focus on her negativity.

If you consciously choose to focus your attention on all the wonderful people and experiences you have at the moment, she will become like white noise in the background, and you won't even notice her.

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Grosse Pointe Historical Society Fundraiser

Photo story by Renee Landuyt



Mary and Patrick Mansfield of Woodland Place hosted an outdoor VIP reception prior to the main event, “La Belle Epoque,” which took place next door at the Wilkinson home.



Penny Pesta and her daughter, Grosse Pointe Historical Society President Leslie Wagner, were all smiles at the gala.



From left, The Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall chatted with Lisa Gandelot and Mary Lamparter.



Alexa de Bary and her husband, Marc de Bary, pose with gala hostess Mireille de Bary Wilkinson. Marc de Bary is Wilkinson's nephew.



Guests of the gala were invited to wear vintage, period-correct clothing. Among those who did were, from left, Beatrice Falls, Tim Falls and Jessica Falls.



Recent Grosse Pointe transplants Douglas Horst, daughter Alexandra Horst and wife Lawrie Horst, attended their first gala.



Rebecca Dral entertained event-goers with a can-can dance.



Grosse Pointe Historical Society Past President Pat O'Brien chats with Historical Society board member Barney Nowicki, who dressed in vintage clothing for the occasion.

When Mombeau is away

Mombeau is on vacation this week, taking a well-deserved break, so we are jumping in with our staff-favorite, patriotic Americana cake.

This can be made in minutes, and the ingredients are available anywhere from a Rite Aid to a Kroger.

Who doesn't love the flavor combination in all of this delicious goodness? And the red, white and blue are an automatic hit at any Fourth of July party. God bless America and may you all have a wonderful Independence Day.

Ice Cream Flag Cake

2 boxes of ice cream sandwiches

2-3 containers of Cool Whip

Container of strawberries or raspberries

Container of blueberries

Find a nice 9" x 13" baking dish. Line the entire bottom with ice cream sandwiches, then cover with a generous layer of Cool Whip (take it out of the freezer for 20 minutes so it's softened and easier to spread). Repeat one more time.

Decorate with your favorite fruit in a stars and stripes pattern. Cover with parchment and freeze until it's time to serve.



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'Wine' with grilled foods

Tossing steaks on the coals is the ultimate goal of the summer day or weekend cookout. But choosing the wines, though it seems simple (dark red for the steak), entails a number of side issues.

Like side dishes.

No one eats just steak at these parties. The patio shindig starts with chips and dips, continues with nuts and crackers and cheese, and olives, and finger foods, and bruschetta and lahvosh sandwiches, hummus, and cole slaw, cherry tomatoes, broccoli and carrots, and caviar and sausages, and I haven't even mentioned my ex-mother-in-law's pickled onions.

So, let's see. The wine. Right. Uh.

Wait. Beer! Sure, that's the ticket. Oh, but not that domestic stuff that has all the flavor of well water. Best bets might be Pilsner Urquell, or Samuel Smith's India Pale Ale, or a truly esoteric favorite, such as Duvel Belgian Ale.

Since I live in northern California, I can easily get the best beer in America, Damnation from Russian River Brewing Co. But if you are in Sarasota or Memphis, well, I'm sorry. Really I am. I am not gloating. Promise. But at

least the brewery will ship to California residents.

Vinny Cilurzo, the brew master, is also now bottling his fabulous Blind Pig IPA; his Pliny the Elder, a hugely hoppy brew, and Redemption, a blonde, lower-alcohol version of Damnation. To get details, send an e-mail to Info@RussianRiverBrewing.com.

I love to write about beer. But since I am not an expert in the subject, there are those who might see me as a poacher. But when the side dishes are so eclectic and distinct, a varied selection of brews is a

party and to do it right, he bought trash cans, each filled with a different style of beer, covered bottles and cans with ice, and then labeled the lids. One had Mexican beers (my favorite was Bohemia). Another was called American Craft Brews (I loved Sierra Nevada and Anchor Steam's Liberty Ale), another was British, and there were cans for ales and "rare."

Included in the latter can was the very pale Tusker from Kenya; Fischer from the Alsace in France (then unfil-

Holland.

More recently we visited the brewhouse at Guinness in Dublin, where a guide told us there was no difference in taste between what we had there and what we got in cans and bottles in the United States. Hard to believe that one.



who'll want wine with their grilled foods. So here one idea: pink.

Most grilled foods represent casual dining, and only; 800-537-9463), Carol Shelton Rendezvous rosé, J. Pedroncelli Zinfandel rosé and the Grenache rosé from Beckmen in central California.

One final beer suggestion: Never consume a fine beer from the container in which it came. My suggestion is a traditional tulip-shaped wine glass, to allow the beer to breathe and open up.

Also, served too cold and the brew becomes mute. Cool is better than ice cold.

Wine of the Week:

22007 Yangarra Grenache Shiraz Rose, McLaren Vale (\$15): Bright strawberry aroma with traces of pepper and spice and a soft finish. Served well chilled this Australia pink wine will work with a wide variety of dishes.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Lately I have been intrigued with the home scent diffusers that make your house magically smell like a five-star hotel. I mean, who wouldn't want that? The problem is the diffusers and machines



that are touted online are upwards of \$250.

Since home fragrance isn't something I could convince my husband is a "need," that was a no-go. However, I turned this into a little project. Could I find the same or similar result in a much less expensive way?

I took to the internet to find something just as good. After coming across many, many contraptions and poring over reviews, I decided on an Amazon Basics 500 ml Ultrasonic Aromatherapy Essential Oil Diffuser for \$22.

What I needed next — and most importantly — was a scent that captured the luxury hotel vibe. This is key, because the last thing I wanted was a cheap, gross-smelling aroma being diffused all over my house.

After careful consideration and a lot of research, I settled on the Sesnelabs Santal Diffuser Oil. It has more than 6,500 4.5-star reviews, so I figured it was a safe bet. Because I was hesitant, I ordered the smallest one possible at 0.33 fluid ounces for \$19.99.

I anxiously awaited delivery and was excited that it arrived in one day.

I quickly unboxed and filled up the diffuser and poof! It immediately started sending out a heavenly scent.

Wafts of gently floating steam continuously flowed and the smell was actually incredible. I kept wanting to get right next to it and inhale deeply — I was obsessed.

I toyed around with the light feature, too; there are about seven different colors you can choose. I am not a fan of the light, so I usually keep it off or on the most natural-looking color: a whitish, almost blue look.

I am definitely giving this We Tried It a perfect score. It's easy, smells amazing, the tiny bottle of diffuser oil lasts a long time (use it sparingly!) and it makes me feel proud of my home — and also of my bargain-finding skills.

For \$42 total, rather than \$250, this is one of the best hacks I've come

up with so far.

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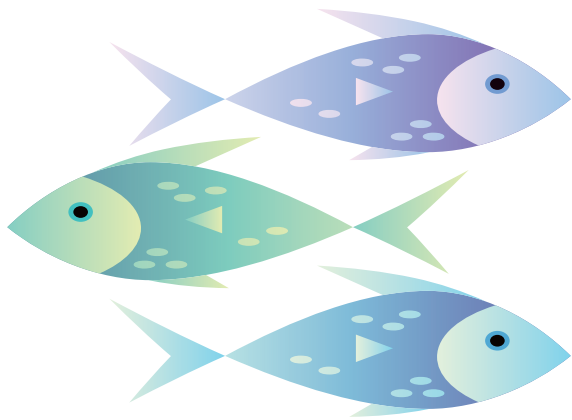
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I did it!
Victoria Whittingham, age 6, of Grosse Pointe Farms, enjoys the sweet feeling of success as she displays her great catch, a 14.5” smallmouth bass, reeled in at Pier Park.

At right, 12-year-old Reid McGuckin’s 15” pike was a winner this week, caught at Farms Park.

Fishing Classic activity continues into its final week

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

The fish are still biting in plenty for the participants of the Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic. This week’s winners faced some ups and downs weather-wise, but that didn’t stop them from reeling in some really great fish. Today is the final day to throw your hooks in the water in hope of landing one of the big prizes. You can win \$50 per fish category in the 12-and-under division and age 13-18 division, plus \$100 for the largest fish of the week.

In the adult division (age 19+), winners get \$25 per fish category plus \$50 for the largest fish of the week. Cash prizes are courtesy of Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe.

All participants are eligible each week for a raffle drawing. Winners take home incredible prizes donated by Fishbones, Lakeside Fishing, Whis-

tle Stop Hobby & Toy plus a high-tech electronics prize from an anonymous donor. The Grosse Pointe News is extremely grateful to these local sponsors for making this contest possible. It takes a community to make great things happen and Grosse Pointe is fortunate to have great people who are willing to step forward to promote family fun on our beautiful lakes and rivers.

The kids’ division winners this week braved the weather to catch bass, muskie and pike. Sam Wakefield won the bass category and Reid McGuckin scored both the pike and muskie prizes.

In the B Division, Sam Andris walked away a winner with his 13” bass and Joe Miller got the Division C prize for his 20” smallmouth bass. Great fishing skills all around!

If you haven’t had time to hit the docks yet, you have until the end of today, June 29, to make it happen. You’ll surely walk away with fond memories that are the biggest prize of all.



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THIS WEEK’S TIP:
Largemouth and smallmouth bass are biting all around Lake St. Clair. Stop in for all the bait and lures you need to keep them biting. Happy fishing!

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Ashley Andris, 11, above right, of Grosse Pointe Park, gets some help displaying her day’s catch, a 12” smallmouth bass caught at Pier Park.

FISHIN’ AROUND THE POINTES

WINNER’S CIRCLE
WEEK 4

DIVISION A WINNERS (age 12 and under)
BASS Sam Wakefield, 12, caught a winning 18” bass in GPS
MUSKIE Reid McGuckin got the winning 15” muskie in GPF
PIKE Reid McGuckin also landed the winning 15” pike in GPF
WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION B WINNERS (age 13-19)
BASS Sam Andris, 13, caught the winning 13” smallmouth bass
MUSKIE N/A
PIKE N/A
WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION C WINNERS (ADULT, age 19+)
BASS Joseph Miller caught the winning 20” bass in GPP
MUSKIE N/A
PIKE N/A
WALLEYE N/A

RAFFLE WINNERS
\$100 Fishbones gift card - John Leverenz
\$25 Lakeside Fishing gift card - Jake Wittwer
\$25 Lakeside Fishing gift card - Kate Andris
Electronics prize - Ashley Andris



Sam Andris, 13, of Grosse Pointe Park used his day at Pier Park to nab this impressive 13” smallmouth bass. Great job, Sam!



Kate Andris, 11, of Grosse Pointe Park caught a whopper of her own. Kate’s 14” smallmouth bass is one for the books!



Allan Morton, of Grosse Pointe Farms used his fishing skills to catch a huge 17” smallmouth at Farms Pier.

A SAMPLING OF THIS WEEK’S INCREDIBLE CATCHES:



John Weglarz, of Grosse Pointe, reeled in a great 15.5” smallmouth bass off the dock at City Park.



Daniel Shanle, age 13, of Grosse Pointe Shores caught a 12.6” largemouth bass, above, in the Shores.



Sam Wakefield, 12, from Grosse Pointe Shores, landed a big 18-incher. The hefty largemouth bass was caught in the Shores.



Joe Miller’s huge 20” smallmouth bass was landed at Windmill Pointe Park. Miller, of Grosse Pointe Park, is a seasoned fisherman.

Detroit River: History and great fishing



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Detroit's Belle Isle is one of the 31 islands scattered across the Detroit River, mostly on the American side.

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

In many ways the Detroit River was the backbone of development for both Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Europeans first navigated the river in the 17th century and Dutch colonists who settled in New Amsterdam (now Manhattan Island, New York) traded for fur with Iroquois native Americans, using the river as a main thoroughfare for water travel.

As fur trading increased, settlers from Europe expanded new settlements to

the west, turning forests into homesteads.

On July 23, 1701, French explorer Cadillac sailed the river to establish Detroit (first called Fort Pontchartrain du Detroit) and French settlers named the river, Riviere Detroit, meaning “river of the strait.” Factoid of the day: Detroit is French for “strait.”

Flowing from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie, the river is a mere 0.5-2.5 miles wide and 53 feet deep at its maximum.

Its jurisdiction is split between Canada and the U.S., with the upper portion under Essex County, Ontario rule

and the lower under the jurisdiction of Wayne County, Michigan. It serves as a major boundary line between countries, giving it international significance.

It contains 31 individual islands, the largest being Grosse Ile, but there is more treasure in its waters than just islands. In 2001, a bronze statue went missing from the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The statue was not found until 2009 during a diving exercise by local police. It was a welcome surprise and returned to the War Memorial.

The River has also given back a DeLorean automobile, cannons from the

1700s and myriad lost anchors.

As far as its appeal to fishermen over the years, the Detroit River has long been known as a great place to land a variety of species. Bass, perch, pike, walleye, muskie and catfish have all found their way onto many a happy local angler's hooks.

Offering a beautiful view from downtown Detroit as well as Windsor, the Detroit River is a landmark with rich historical value, a needed waterway for commerce and a rolling blue playground for Detroiters and Grosse Pointers alike.

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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.

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

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- \$25 per fish category for the ADULT 19+ division,
\$50 for the biggest fish of the week.

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Left, James Corden as Paul Potts, with his mother and father at breakfast, Julie Walters as Yvonne Potts, Colm Meaney as Richard Potts, in the 2013 movie “One Chance,” directed by David Frankel.

MOVIE REVIEW
“One Chance”
2013 - Rated PG-13
1 hr 43 min
★★★★★

What do you get when you take a classic underdog-makes-good story, add a sweet romance, spice it up with some beautiful arias, and throw in a large helping of Venice, Italy? You simply have a wonderful, feel-good movie that you’ll tell all your friends about.

small town in Wales. As a young kid he was fascinated by opera. He was also a shy, chubby boy who was constantly bullied by his classmates. It was this bullying that held him back, and it continued even into adulthood. Potts struggled with this harassment and it was something he had to overcome to pursue and attain his dream — to sing classical music on the world stage.

his talents and is constantly encouraging him to chase his dreams. Potts takes a menial job at a mobile phone store with his childhood friend Braddon (MacKenzie Cook). I first saw Mr. Cook in the brilliant comedy series “Detectorists” and he always seems to play offbeat and lovable characters. If you enjoy him in this film, I encourage you to look out for this



Left, Alexandra Roach as Julz, being serenaded by Paul at the beach.

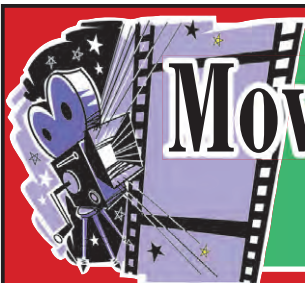
“One Chance” is the true story of Paul Potts (James Corden), a talented yet shy young man who overcame the odds to win the “Britain’s Got Talent” contest a few years ago. Note: This isn’t really a spoiler since just about every review you’ll see mentions the outcome. What’s important isn’t the remarkable ending, but the journey he took to get there. Potts grew up in a

In addition to the maltreatment by his peers, he had a father who was, shall we say, less than supportive. His dad Roland, is played by Colm Meaney, and he is truly a meanie in this movie! He tells his son he should give up his pursuit of a career as a singer and join him working in the steel mills. His mother Yvonne (Julie Walters), on the other hand recognizes

show. Braddon witnesses Paul’s talent first hand in the store because he simply can’t stop singing. He suggests Paul enter a talent contest at the local pub. When Paul appears nervously on stage, dressed as the clown in “Pagliacci” he’s jeered because of the outlandish costume. However, once he opens up his mouth and delivers an amazing performance, the crowd is absolutely



At work with Braddon, played by MacKenzie Crook and Paul, played by James Corden.



Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



stunned. Paul meets a young woman Julz (Alexandra Roach) on-line via email and then in person. When she comes to town to meet him, it turns out to be quite an awkward first date. But you can sense the two are destined for each other.

made me want to hop on the next plane to revisit “La Serenissima.” (And it reminded why we gave our oldest daughter Venice for her middle name.) While in the class, Paul meets Alessandra (Valeria Bilello), a beautiful Italian tal-

Freevee. Also on 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.

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

would have been better off reading a good book.

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



Paul Potts, performing in costume at the local talent show.



Paul on the show Britain’s Got Talent.

Julz is another player on “Team Potts” and it’s because of her and winning the talent contest that Paul eventually ends up going to Venice to attend a singing class. Luciano Pavarotti sits on the board of the prestigious school, and when the semester ends, a lucky few will get the honor of performing before the master himself. The scenes of Venice are truly spectacular. How could they not be? Witnessing one of the most beautiful cities in the world on the screen

ented vocal student who’s attracted to him. Will he fall for her or stay true to his girl back home? I won’t give away any more of the story, but let’s just say Paul has a few obstacles and challenges ahead of him. One thing I discovered while doing a bit of research is that while James Corden is a competent singer in his own right, all the vocal parts were done by the real Paul Potts. And what a voice he has! I should also add that even if you aren’t a fan of classical music or opera, I think you’ll enjoy this wonderful film. Warning: The ending of “One Chance” just might have you puddling up.

Currently streaming for free on Hoopla.com (with your library card), Tubi, and

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I’ll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkie-mark.blogspot.com.



Left, Julz with Paul’s mom, in the audience at Britain’s Got Talent.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Scorpio.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 29, 2023: You are sensitive and intuitive, which is why you can get such a good read on people. You grasp their situation. This year is about service to others, especially family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can help and support others. (Is it time for a makeover?) Focus on personalizing your home.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Make friends with your bank account today, because something unexpected could impact your finances. Double-check details regarding taxes, debt, inheritances and anything you own jointly with others. Someone might back out of an agreement. Tonight: Repairs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Someone close to you might throw you a curveball today, or a partner or close friend might want to change the arrangement in your relationship. Whatever happens, you will be surprised by someone today. They might be rebellious, or perhaps it's you. Tonight: Discussions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Your work routine will be interrupted today. Staff shortages, power outages, late deliveries, mixed-up communications or people you know might rebel or start a little coup. Likewise, something unexpected related to your pet could occur, or even your health. Tonight: Money ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Parents should be vigilant today, because this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Know where they are at all times. Be particularly vigilant with toddlers and keep them away from hazardous situations. Meanwhile, social plans might suddenly change. They might be canceled, or you might receive an invitation. Tonight: Serious talk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Someone you least expect might knock at your door. Because you don't know what will happen, get dressed. It might be smart to have some food and drink on hand. Tonight: Research.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Pay attention to everything you say and do today. This is an accident-prone day for your sign. This means you have to be mindful. Slow down and know what you're doing. Make sure you don't do anything or say anything that you will later regret. Tonight: Set goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Keep an eye on your money and your possessions today. Something unexpected could impact them. For example, you might find money; you might lose money. Be smart and protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Guard against impulse purchases that you might later regret. Keep your receipts (and the box). Tonight: An important talk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You might feel rebellious today because the Moon is in your sign at odds with wild, wacky Uranus. This makes you feel energized and ready for anything. You want some excitement! You might stir the pot in a relationship just to see what happens. (Be kind.) Tonight: Study.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today you feel restless. You don't know why, but you have that feeling that you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. You might hear some news that puts you on edge. You might also disagree with someone just to be contrary. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Very likely, a friend will surprise you today by doing or saying something you least expect. Or possibly you will meet

someone who is a real character. Or you might be surprised by the mandate of a group to which you belong. "Let's all wear suspenders." Tonight: Agreements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Tread carefully, because a boss, parent or someone in a position of authority might surprise you or catch you off guard today. ("Busted!") You might be unhappy about some news that you hear. Whatever happens, it might also make you feel rebellious. Tonight: Work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Travel plans will change today. They will be canceled or delayed, or you might have to travel even if you didn't plan on doing so. Some of you also might be shocked by something in the media or the news. You also might take your own personal stand on something related to politics, religion or racial issues. Tonight: Practice.

BORN TODAY
Actress, singer Camila Mendes (1994), actor Gary Busey (1944), actress Sharon Lawrence (1961).

Contract Bridge

THE MISPLACED KING

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	Q 7	♠	8 6 4 3 2
♥	Q 3	♥	10 8 5 4
♦	A J 9 8 5	♦	7 2
♣	K J 10 6	♣	4 3
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	K 9 5	♠	A J 10
♥	A J 7 2	♥	K 9 6
♦	6 3	♦	K Q 10 4
♣	9 8 7 2	♣	A Q 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♦			

Opening lead — nine of clubs.

A good rule for declarer to follow — when the outcome of a hand appears to depend on where a particular card is located — is to start looking for a way to make the contract even if the card is badly placed.

Take this case where it may seem that declarer requires a successful spade finesse to make six diamonds, but actually South has a much better chance than that.

After considering his options, South should conclude that if West has the ace of hearts, he can make the slam regardless of where the king of spades is located. Only if East has the ace of hearts will a spade finesse eventually be necessary.

Accordingly, after taking the ace of clubs and drawing two rounds of trump ending in his hand, South leads a low heart toward the queen at trick four. If West goes up with the ace, South's worries are over, so let's assume he allows dummy's queen to win the trick.

Once the queen holds, declarer pursues his plan by next cashing his remaining clubs, discarding the nine of hearts from his hand on dummy's last club. Declarer then plays a heart to his unguarded king. West takes the ace but must give up the ghost, whatever he returns. If he leads a spade, declarer's spade loser disappears, and if he leads a heart, South discards a spade from dummy as he ruffs in his hand, thereby eliminating his spade loser.

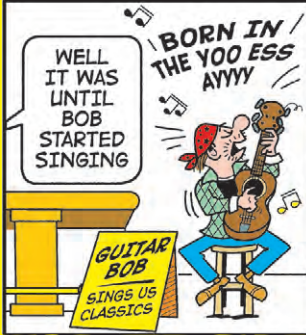
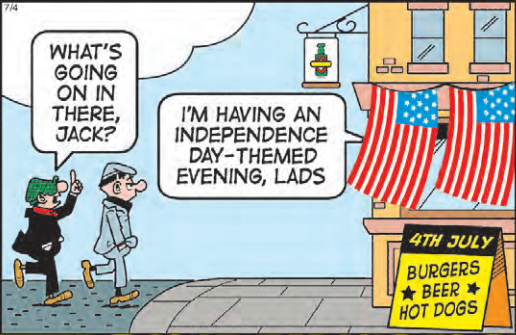
So — oddly enough — when dummy comes down, South initially prays that West was dealt the ace of hearts, but when and if East shows up with that card, South then prays that East was also dealt the king of spades.

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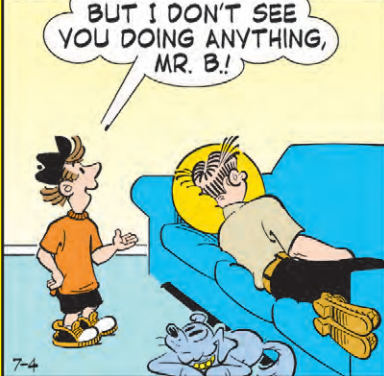


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"I LOVE WATCHIN' THE FIREWORKS ON JULY 4TH!"

"BUT RUFF CAN'T WAIT FOR THEM TO GO AWAY!"

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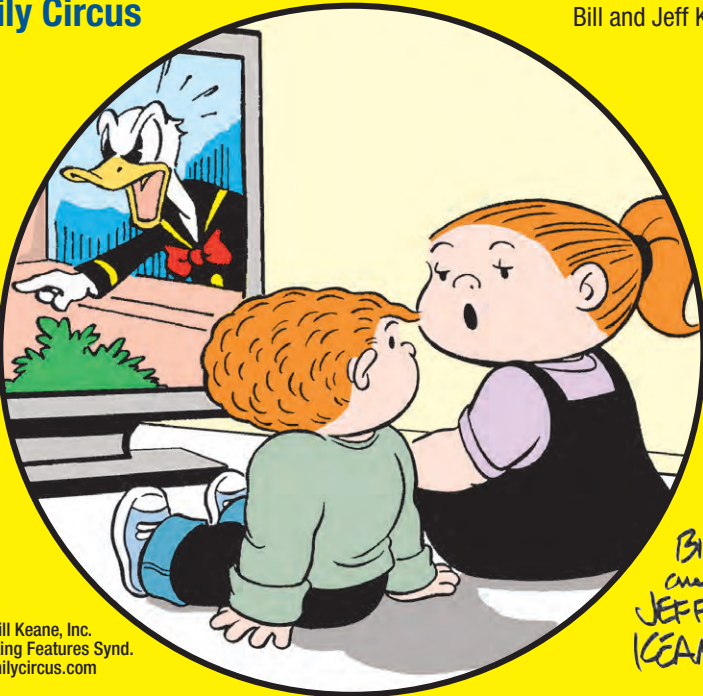
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“Donald Duck and Daffy Duck aren’t brothers. They just have the same last name.”

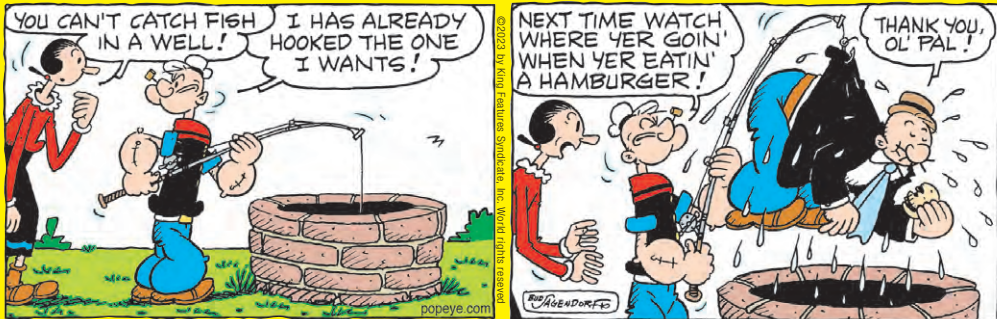
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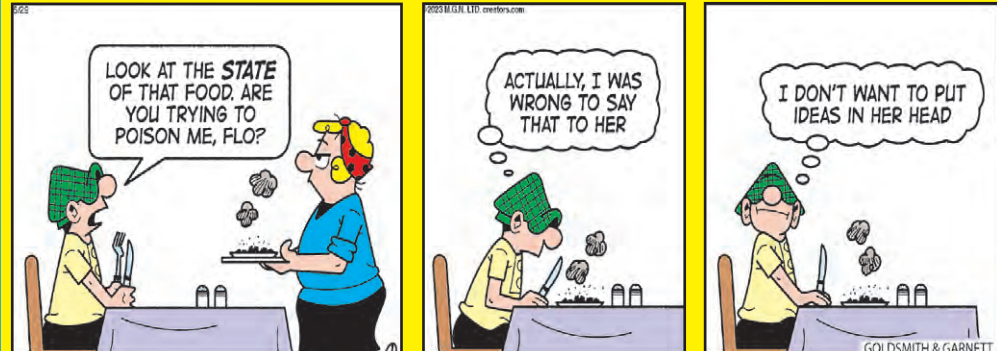
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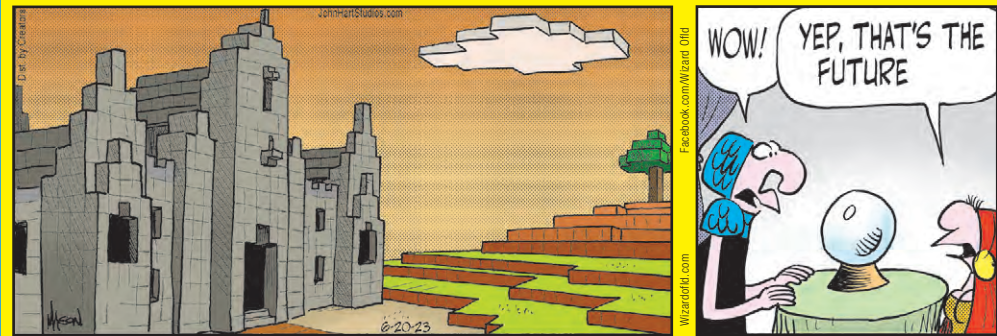
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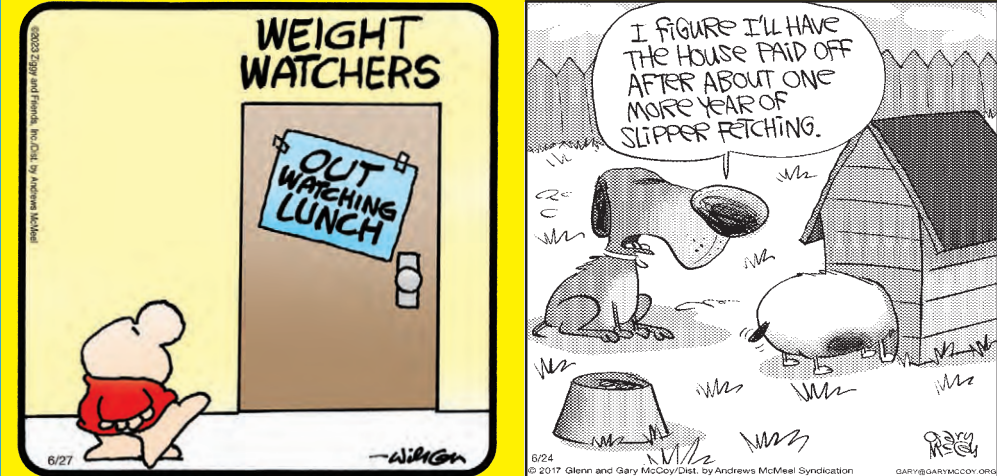


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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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6/22 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 29, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 What makes it sit?
4 Ikea bookcase
9 Bank acct. insurer
13 Fly ball catcher
15 Hour after midnight
16 The one for Baskin Robbins has "31" hidden in it
17 Texter's acknowledgment of a different take
18 Bit of goofing around
19 All excited
20 Certain coder
23 "Fame" singer Cara
24 NYSE listings
25 Org. for an esq.
26 Cabbage family member
28 "Respect" singer Franklin
31 Smear campaign tactic
36 Lead-in to "Perignon"
37 Mined rock
38 Reason for a food recall
39 Missions, for short
40 NBA star Luka Doncic, e.g., briefly
41 MLB's hitting streak record holder (at 56 games)

- 44 Slyly add
46 Deborah of "From Here to Eternity"
47 Clumsy fella
48 Boo
50 Large fantasy being
54 "Before we start, I need some caffeine" ... or a theme hint
57 Clean with water
58 Malia's sister
59 "Darkness on the Edge of ..." (Springsteen album)
60 Norway's capital
61 Arctic or Atlantic
62 Installs, as a lawn
63 Q, W, E, R, T and Y
64 Nature's incubators
65 Tic-tac-
DOWN
1 Folded Hands symbol, e.g.
2 Anoushka Shankar's instrument
3 Electric or gas appliance
4 Wild pig
5 Presumption at trial
6 Stop holding on
7 Hideouts
8 Song title spelled with arm motions

- 9 Light in the kitchen?
10 Ruthlessly competitive
11 Rangers goalie
12 Shesterkin
12 Gear tooth
14 Word of appreciation
21 Ring out
22 Cocktail whose glass often has a salted rim, briefly
27 Sprawl atop
28 Japanese cartoon genre
29 Arizona tribe
30 "Are not" retort
31 Choosy ones in a peanut butter ad
32 Russian mountain range
33 In an underhanded way
34 Part of OMG
35 "It looks good to me!"
41 In a ____ (very soon)
42 Golden
43 Fleece ship
43 Cons
45 Quality that evokes compassion
48 "yourself!" ("Hold on to your hat!")
49 Stubborn ones
51 In progress
52 Hairstyle after a makeover
53 Like a standoff
54 Battalion's home
55 Has the stage
56 Campbell's containers
57 Asian pan

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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6/22 Solution

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Morning Ritual by Hanh Huynh

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Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



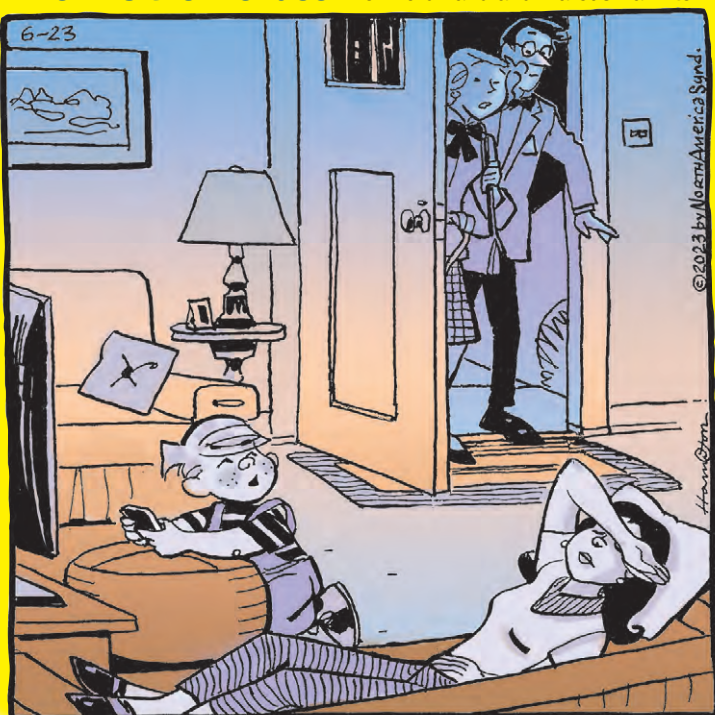
Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



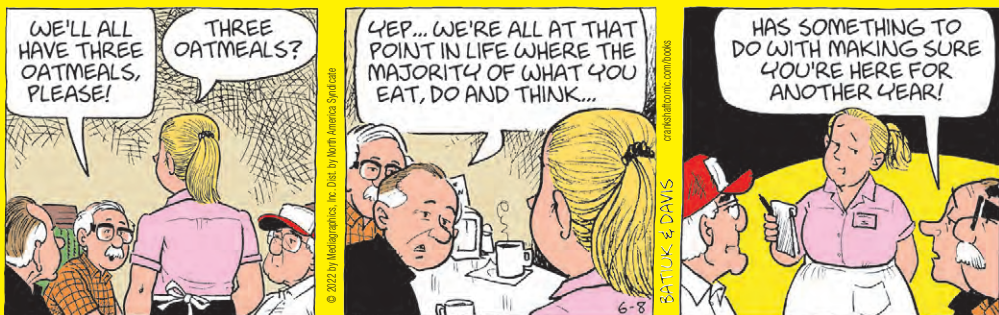
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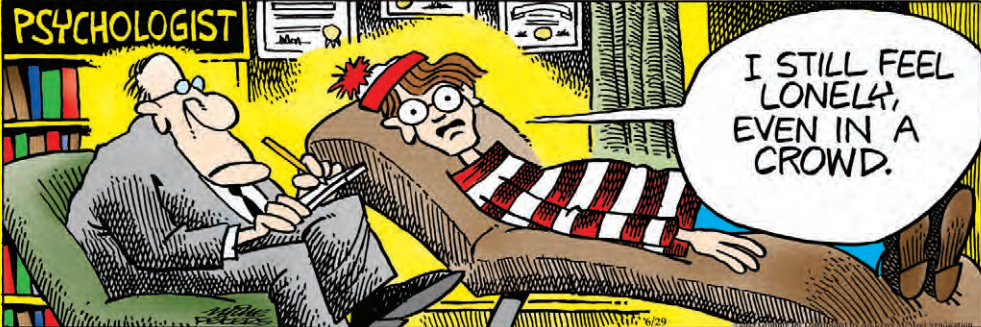
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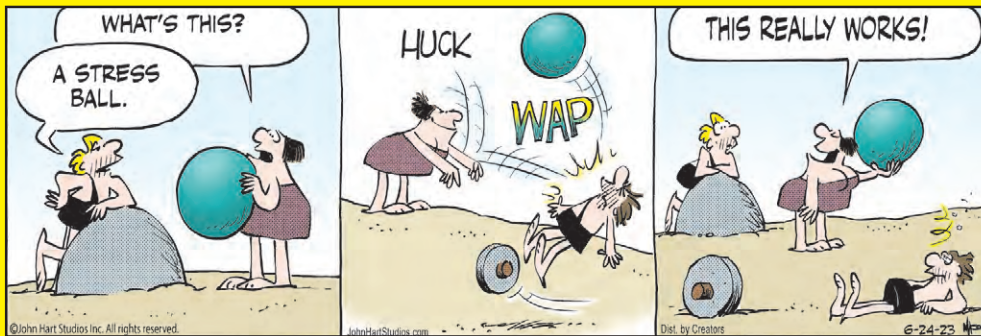
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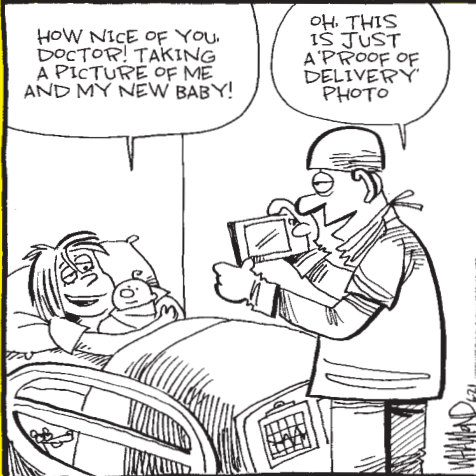
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Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Reality Check

Dave Whamond



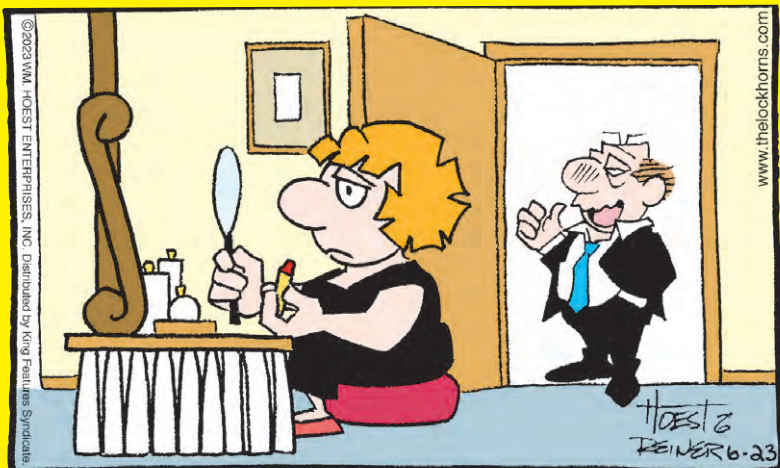
Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Close To Home

John McPherson



"Since Al retired, he's been getting on my nerves. I just find him so... well... clingy."

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"You'd better eat your ice cream cone before it melts. Or before Marmaduke eats it."

Rivals come together to bring home gold on Meijer’s district three team

By Clare Ramsdell and Grace Cueter
Staff Interns

After going separate ways to play high school hockey at Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North, a group of 15 female ice hockey players set aside rivalries and rejoined forces as members of Meijer’s district

three team to earn gold at a three-day tournament at the Meijer Sports Complex in Rockford June 23 to 25. The spring league team has players from both North and South’s girl’s varsity ice hockey teams, as well as players from the Saint Clair Shores Saints, and even AAA level teams. While the

group is a collection of players from a number of Grosse Pointe teams, the players are not strangers to one another. In their earlier years on the ice, they played together as members of the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs. Meijer forward Ella Dobbs was excited to have the opportunity to be back on the ice with

the people she grew up playing with, and feels as though they were able to quickly rekindle the team bond they once had. “Playing with the team this week felt very nostalgic. We all used to play together on Bulldogs for around 10 years, until everyone moved up to like bigger teams,” Dobbs said. “We brought our old plays back and talked on the ice. We used our skills and our coach’s skills, and joined them all together to make one good thing.”

At the tournament, the team played three games that determined which game they would qualify for in the final. They won their first two and lost the third, which sent them to the gold medal game. The loss initially impacted the team’s confidence, but they managed to bring back their energy to win the gold medal game. “We were expecting to win, but when we lost our game before the gold game, we got a little bit nervous,” Dobbs said. “We got it back together for the gold game, and we went into overtime and won.” The gold medal game was close, going into overtime and a shootout.

In the shootout, three girls were selected from each team to attempt to score on the opposing team’s goalie. However, with no goals scored, it went to a fourth player. Meijer forward Lexi Dobbs was the fourth player selected to shoot, which led the team to victory. “For my shootout goal, I faked going to my backhand, and then I went to my front hand and shot it in the left corner and scored,” she said.

Aside from their success in the shootout, the team’s experience of playing with each other in the past created a bond that could be seen on the ice. They successfully set up plays, connected passes, scored goals, and cheered each other on from the bench. Head coach Steve Smith was impressed with the team’s effort and energy. “It was a whole team effort, all three lines scored goals, and the defense kept the shots on our net to a minimum, and when we did make mistakes, our goalie bailed us out,” Smith said. “We played as a team, with good puck control with a lot of passing, and a fast pace. Other teams had a hard

time matching the pace of our game with all three lines.” Meijer defender Maggie Weiss believes that the team’s passing was what drove their success in the tournament. “Our team chemistry is definitely there on the ice,” Weiss said. “We are all friends, which makes us really good at connecting passes and finding open players on the ice.” After weeks of practice, Meijer was able to return as champions. Goalie Rosie Smith said she enjoys being able to watch the entirety of the ice from the net. For her, winning was exciting and showed that though they are rivals at the high school level, she and her teammates were able to successfully work together towards one goal. The tournament marked the end of the team’s season, and many of the players will soon be rivals again. “I felt so excited when we won,” Rosie Smith said. “I thought it was funny that I was playing on a team with people who are usually my rivals, and we came together as one team to win.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Players from the Meijer district three-team, a combination of hockey players from Grosse Pointe, hold up their gold medals after winning their tournament at Meijer Sports Complex in Rockford



COURTESY PHOTO

Martin has worked at Lochmoor Club since 2011 and is appearing in his first ever PGA Tour event at the Rocket Mortgage Classic, which begins on Thursday, June 29, at the Detroit Golf Club.

MARTIN:

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by finishing tied for 15th in one of golf’s four major tournaments. In many of these events, it is rare to see players who are not full-time pro golfers make the cut, let alone finish higher than some of the world’s top-ranked players. The Rocket Mortgage Classic may not be as big of a tournament as a major like the PGA Championship, but a strong performance this weekend could open plenty of doors for Martin in his golf career. “It would definitely get my name out there,” he said. “Maybe I could

get some exemptions into a few more tournaments and stuff like that.” As he gets ready to tee off on Thursday, June 29, in the first round of the tournament, Martin will have his chance to try and make some of those new opportunities a reality. Can he do it? For one thing, Martin knows that just about anything and everything is possible when it comes to golf. “I hit it definitely long enough to keep up with those guys,” Martin said. “Not super long, but long enough to be dangerous, and if the putter gets hot then who knows, something crazy could happen.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY COWAN

Sailors honored

A group of four sailors, including three Grosse Pointe natives, received special recognition for their performance at the US Sailing Match Race Championship Invitational in Wisconsin last weekend. Pointers Dougie Cowan, Ryan Hexter and Michael Kirkman were joined in the race by Sophia Hackett, a classmate of Kirkman’s at Boston College, and received the Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Award. The team finished fourth overall in the competition, earning the sportsmanship award and a standing ovation from their fellow sailors.

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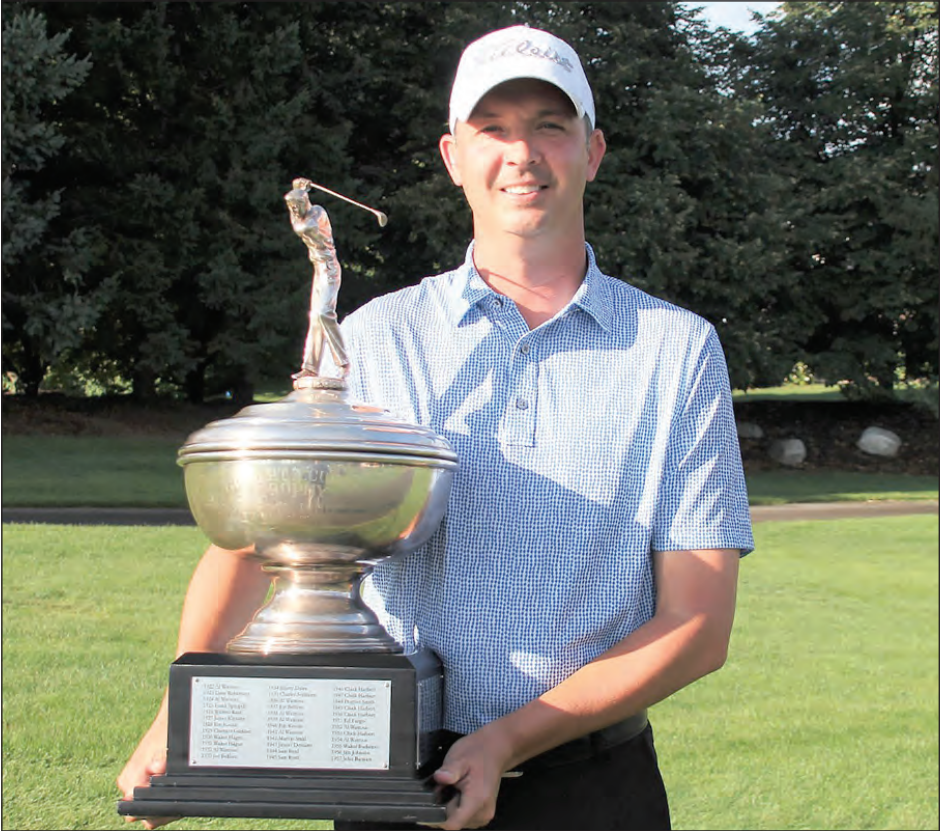
2D GIRLS SPRING HOCKEY | 3D MAJOR LEAGUE FISHING | 4D LITTLE LEAGUE | 6D CLASSIFIED

Lochmoor’s Martin hits links at 2023 Rocket Mortgage Classic

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

This weekend, some of the best golfers in the world will be in the Motor City for the PGA Tour’s 2023 Rocket Mortgage Classic. Also in the field ready to showcase his skills both to the crowd and to the big-name pros is Kyle Martin, a familiar face for many around the Pointes, especially Lochmoor Club members.

Martin, a native of Grand Rapids, has been with Lochmoor since 2011 and serves as the club’s PGA head golf professional. Holding that title allows him the opportunity to compete in tournaments like the Michigan PGA Professional Championship, which Martin won last August. It was that victory in 2022 that earned Martin a sponsor exemption into the Rocket Mortgage Classic, and now almost a year later, the time has finally come for him to take his



COURTESY PHOTO

Kyle Martin, PGA Head Golf Pro at the Lochmoor Club, won the Michigan PGA Professional Championship last August and earned a spot in the field at the 2023 Rocket Mortgage Classic this weekend.

first swings on the PGA Tour. “This will be the biggest stage I’ve been on,” Martin said. “I’ve played in eight national championships through the PGA of America, but to be in a PGA Tour event, everything will be

The journey for Martin to get to the Detroit Golf Club with some of the PGA Tour’s best began when he was in college and was able to reach amateur status. A few years later, he elevated his status to a Class A PGA Professional, making him officially qualified to be a club pro.

The life of a club pro is pretty different from the lives of golfers on the professional tour. Martin’s everyday duties at Lochmoor include teaching lessons, organizing leagues and outings for members and much more.

“It can get pretty crazy trying to coordinate all of our tournaments and mix in lessons for the week and finding a way to practice in between all that,” he said. “I can’t quite practice like those (PGA Tour) guys do but I’m trying my best to get ready.”

On Martin’s bag for the tournament is another Lochmoor member, Jon Zalenski. Zalenski has been Martin’s caddie in PGA

Professional tournaments before, so he will have a familiar face alongside him as he navigates the Detroit Golf Club with the PGA Tour’s stars.

Now with one of their own about to be in the professional spotlight, the Lochmoor Club is rallying behind Martin. The club is even going to lengths to make sure that as many members as possible can be at the event cheering on their club pro.

“Our chef Tyler Skinner set up a shuttle bus where members can buy in and get food and tickets included to go back and forth for Thursday’s round,” Martin said.

Martin is also fortunate because this might be one of the best times ever to be a PGA club pro playing in a PGA Tour event. That is because Michael Block, a PGA club pro from California, made waves at the PGA Championship in May

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Athlete of the Week

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Kaitlyn Barr’s upcoming college career has a real shot at being out of this world.

As one of Grosse Pointe North’s top senior athletes and scholars, Barr is ready to launch into her next chapter at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), in Worcester, Mass., where she will study aerospace engineering and play college softball.

She is looking toward her exciting future now that she put a busy and rewarding June in the books. She graduated high school June 7, and finished her last day on the softball diamond June 14, when the Norsemen lost 3-0 to eventual Division 2 state champion Hartland in the state quarterfinal.

Finishing the season with a 14-9 record as a starting pitcher and serving as team co-captain, Barr was a key component to the Norsemen’s success. She helped her squad win the regional championship and advance the furthest the pro-

gram has in the state playoffs since 1992.

“I know my big goal was to win regionals and we did that,” she said. “... We were returning most of our starters (from last season) so that was good from our perspective.”

With her days at North behind her, Barr said she is looking forward to what lies ahead for her at WPI.

“I really wanted to play softball in college,” she said. “I was trying for a long time to get

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kaitlyn Barr

School: Grosse Pointe North
Sport: Softball

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“So I eventually came across (WPI) and they were able to accommodate both. I am able to play both softball and get the high level of education that I really wanted.”

Barr, who has been awarded multiple academic scholarships

through various organizations, hopes to create a “space robotic rover,” which would have the ability to track space debris in Earth’s orbit.

The idea would be for the rover to use robotic arms to retrieve the space debris and return it to Earth for it to be repaired, reused or disposed of safely.

“My interest in aerospace engineering is mostly because I have always had an interest in space and felt that engineering would be a good overall career choice for me,” she said.

Whether she is in the classroom or on the diamond, Barr said she uses the same dedicated mindset.

“Both require lots of hard work and time,” she said. “I prepare for games the same way I prepare for tests, with just lots of preparation in the days leading up to it.”

Barr said she felt that as the years progressed, she figured out what methods and techniques worked for her and what did not for softball and school.

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Kaitlyn Barr steps up to the rubber while pitching for North in the Division 1 state quarterfinal against Hartland.

Raising the Barr

- Pitched 144.1 innings for North this season, recording 200 strikeouts.
- Led North to its first regional softball championship in 31 seasons.
- Earned 2023 honors as first team all-MAC Red, first team all-district and first team all-region.



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Above left and right: Kevin VanDam greets his fans after tallying exactly 18 pounds on what may be his last first day on Lake St. Clair.



Chris Lane (Guntersville, AL), who sits in seventh place in overall point totals at press time, works the waters in search of big smallmouth bass.

Anglers hit Lake St. Clair to compete for \$800K purse

By Brian Owen
Guest Writer

Eighty of professional bass fishing's top anglers spent the last five days battling it out on Lake St. Clair to qualify for the finals of the MLF Bass Pro Tour General Tire Stage 6, presented by John Deere.

Fans can head to majorleaguefishing.com prior to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 29, to watch them compete live for the \$100,000 top cash prize and important points for their season totals. There also is a watch party at Cabela's in Macomb County from 1 to 6 p.m. and the top 10 finishers are guaranteed to be on hand for the trophy presentation.

If you are a fan of fishing or want to become one, this would be your chance to see some of the best in the sport and possibly catch a glimpse of the GOAT, Michigan angler Kevin VanDam, or "KVD," who is competing in his final season as a professional bass angler. It will be a bitter-sweet week for KVD, who loves Lake St. Clair and recently said, "It's the best smallmouth fishery on the planet."

As of press time, Jordan Lee of Cullman, Ala., currently is in first place for Group A with a two-day total of 46 pounds, 3 ounces. Michigan angler Jonathon VanDam made the cut and sits in 19th place with 34 pounds, 9 ounces.

Dustin Connell of Clanton, Ala., sits above Group B after Day 1

with 22 pounds, 13 ounces, and KVD is in 18th place with exactly 18 pounds. KVD has the experience and knowledge of Lake St. Clair to put a 25-pound bag on the board and his big fish was over five pounds. A school of those could place any angler into the top 10 to compete on the final

day. There are two groups of 40 anglers who fish for two non-consecutive days of qualifying. On Day 5, the scales go back to zero and the top 20 from each group compete in the knockout round. The top 10 compete in the finals on Thursday. Group A's Day 2 on

Monday, June 26, brought storms, but Jordan Lee was still on fish and able to maintain a big lead. Tuesday's forecast was cloudy with wind gusts up to 20 knots. With these conditions, anglers need to rely on their instincts more than their technology. Several of the MLF

pros were spotted fishing the waters of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores, including Mark Daniels Jr., of Tuskegee, Ala., currently in fourth place in Group B. Chris Lane and Boyd Duckett, both from Guntersville, Ala., also were in search of big bass in Grosse Pointe waters. Many of them, including KVD, went to Canada as it was opening day for smallmouth bass this past weekend and those fish have not been pressured.

A lot of exciting Major League Fishing moments will unfold the

next few days before the action continues next month, just up the way in Bay City for Minn Kota Stage 7 on Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River Aug. 1 to 6. Did KVD or JVD make the cut on Lake St. Clair? Did Jordan Lee and Dustin Connell continue to boat more than 20 pounds a day? Did Mark Daniels Jr. return to the Pointes in search of a five-pound smallmouth? Tune in to MLF to find out what happens. And come back to the Grosse Pointe News this summer for more fishing action from the Great Lake state.



Storms approach Casey Ashley of Donald's, S.C., who fished the infamous Mile Roads of St. Clair Shores.

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 278

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting held on June 20, 2023, the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council passed Ordinance No. 278.

Ordinance No. 278 amends Chapter 34 of the City Code of Ordinances by revising its Article I, Section 34-8, to repeal subsection (8), operation of vehicle without security.

A copy of Ordinance No. 278 is available for public inspection at the City Offices.

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk
Village of Grosse Pointe Shores,
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CITY OF HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 19617 HARPER AVENUE HARPER WOODS, MI 48225 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods, Michigan Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 7:00 PM**, in the Conference Room at Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Master Plan at 7:00 PM. This notice is provided in accordance with Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended, "Michigan Planning Enabling Act".

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any interested person may appear and comment upon the proposed Master Plan during the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission, c/o City Clerk Leslie M. Frank, City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE WELLSPRING DENTAL OFFICE RELOCATION

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HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Little League softball, travel teams compete in championships

By Clare Ramsdell
Intern

Grosse Pointe Little League Softball teams concluded their season with a series of championship games Saturday, June 17, at Elworthy. In an exciting showdown within the

machine pitch all-star division, North faced off against South and emerged triumphant, 17-10. The minors division witnessed an intense battle between the Sooners and the Wildcats, resulting in a nail-biting 7-6 victory for the Sooners. Lastly,

the majors division saw a stunning performance by the Dawgs as they claimed victory over the Peppers, 11-1. Also featured, is a special shoutout to the 8u Lakeside nights who won the Commerce Championship, Sunday, June 25th.

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The Sooners minor league softball team holds a pre-game meeting as they get ready to take on the mighty Wildcats in the Grosse Pointe Little League Softball championship. rash Panda coaches, back row, left to right, Anthony Rubio, Kyle Rademaker and Roy Pride flash the No. 1 sign, alongside their victorious players, after winning the GPWSLL minor league championship at Ghesquiere Park.



In the all-stars division, the South team forms a spirited huddle, preparing to face off against North in the Little League Softball Championship.



In the machine pitch all-stars softball championship, players from team North, right, and team South, left, stand at home plate for a pre-game photo. North dominated the field, ending the day with a convincing 17-10 victory over South and capturing the championship. ter an exciting game, the Farms-City River Cats strike the victory pose as undisputed champions of the AA division and show off their new bling.



South all-stars wear big smiles in the dugout during their game against North in the Little League championships. e AAA Twins are World Series champs in the Park.



Players from the Wildcats, left, and the Sooners, right, show good sportsmanship and gather for a photo after the minor division's closely contested championship game. The Sooners narrowly claim victory with a final score of 7-6. th their prized trophies in hand, the Emeralds proudly stretch across home plate, celebrating their victory in the GPFCLL's A ball division championship.



The 8u Lakeside Knights proudly show off their championship rings after winning the Commerce Classic tournament on Sunday, June 25th. From left, back row of coaches: Phil Mannino, Rich Inger, Ryan Cavanagh, Derek Augustyn, Chris Miko. Middle row: Julian Augustyn, Tyler Vandenberghe, Ryan Donnellon, George Dakmack, Bennett Rubio. Front row: Jackson Donnellon, Nicholas Amori, Harrison Cavanagh, Cameron Mannino, Boomer Inger. Not pictured: Kian Kashef and Brayden Miko

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“I kind of figured out, ‘OK, if I want to do well on this test, this is what’s going to help me be successful,’” she said. “... Same with softball. I figured out, ‘OK, when I do this before a game, I’m successful, versus when I do that’ type of thing. You have to figure out what works best for you.”

That strong work ethic translated to major success not just in the classroom for Barr, but also on the field.

She pitched 144.1 innings for North this season, recording 200 strikeouts. Teams hit .243 against her on the mound and she finished the season with a 2.67 ERA. Barr also contributed at the plate, hitting .319 with 13 RBIs, along with an OBP of .390 and slugging percentage of .514. She also never lost to archrival Grosse Pointe South throughout her high school career.

Her performance this season earned her honors as first team all-MAC Red, first team all-district and first team all-region.

Barr said she used several role models to help elevate her game, including former teammate Dylan Cardinale, who currently plays softball at Albion College. She said knowing how opportunities

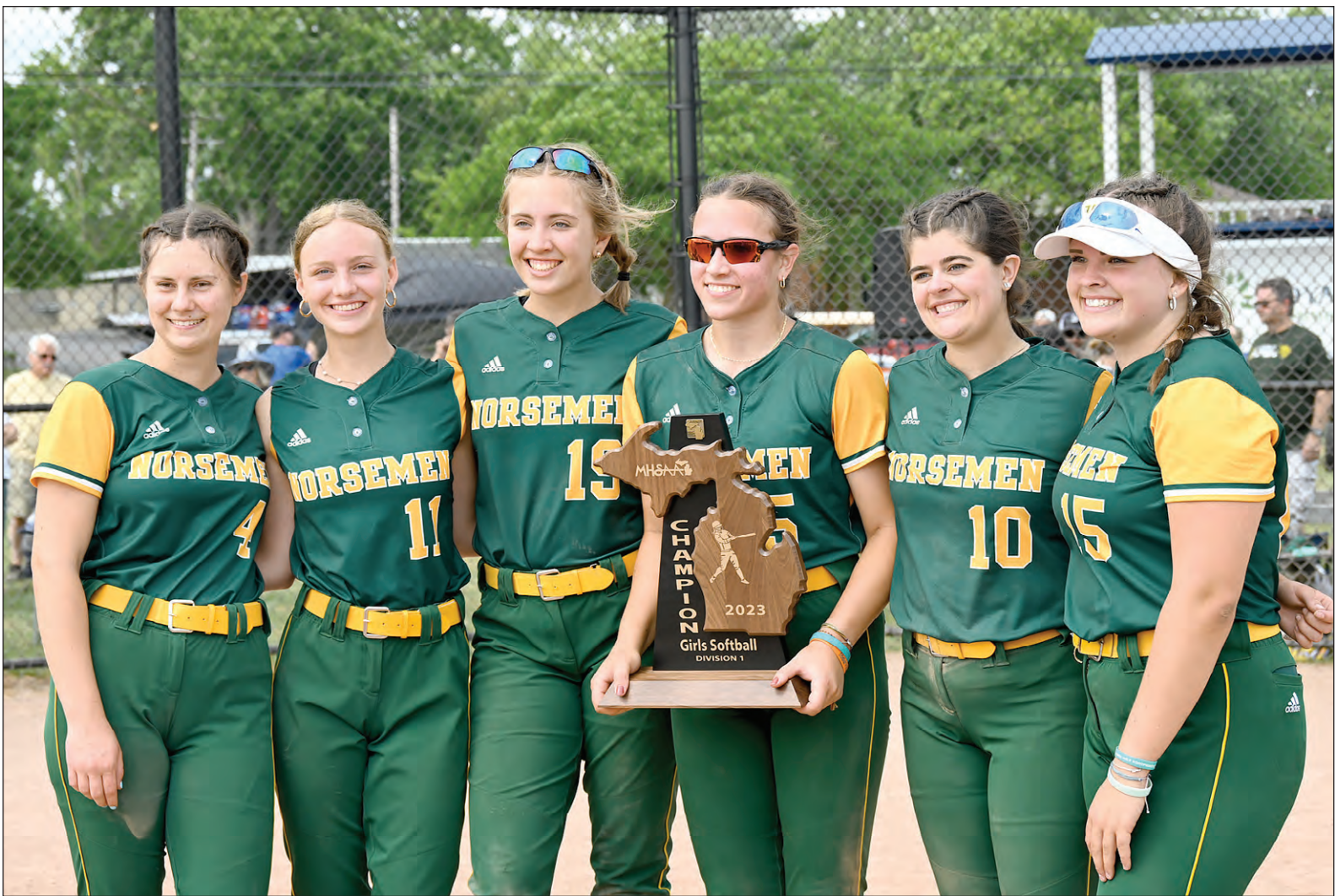


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Kaitlyn Barr holds Grosse Pointe North’s regional trophy with her fellow senior teammates.

have opened up for young women to continue playing at the college level helped drive her and her teammates.

“I think for someone it can be very motivating,” she said. “It helps players push themselves to get better because if they are interested in continuing playing, they know that they have a real opportunity to (do so).”

Barr also credits the

guidance of her assistant coach, Rachel Wiedyk, and head coach, Ron Smith.

“He has always been so supportive of me and giving me the tools I need to be successful,” she said, adding that the coaching staff had a lot of patience with her slow and methodical approach to pitching.

As for Smith, his admiration for his “workhorse” is evident.

In an interview immediately following North’s regional win, he complimented Barr’s influence on her teammates with her good work habits.

“That kid has one of the strongest work ethics of most any kid I have ever coached,” he said. “She worked hard in the offseason every day and it’s paying off. ... She’s our horse and that’s a compliment.”

Barr said she will

miss the bond she built over the years with her teammates.

“What I’m going to miss most is the relationships I have with the girls on the team,” she said. “It will be weird to not be with them next spring, but at the same time, I’m excited to play with my college team.”

She also said she hopes she has left her mark for future North

teams to build on.

“I hope to inspire other people to work hard setting goals and to go out and achieve them,” she said. “(I want to be about) always giving it your all and putting in the work to be successful.”

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Winning week

University Liggett sophomore and varsity golfer, Steve McMahon, left, took first place out of 22 golfers at a challenging 36-hole junior tournament held at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills on Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, June 20. McMahon showcased his skills with two impressive rounds, shooting 77 and 78 respectively. He followed up his big tournament win by being voted first-team all-state in Division 3. According to Liggett’s head coach of boys golf, Dan Sullivan, this incredible achievement makes McMahon the first sophomore in Liggett’s illustrious golf history to attain such a distinction.

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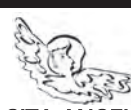
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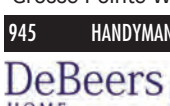

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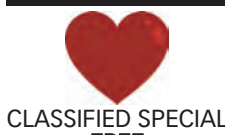
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Many countries celebrate their independence days in unique and fun ways. This week, Kid Scoop takes a trip around the world to discover how other countries show their love of independence.

Celebrate Independence Around the World!

The Fourth of July in the United States commemorates America's independence from Great Britain. On July 4, 1776, a group of Americans signed the Declaration of Independence. Today, Americans celebrate with parades, barbecue, fireworks shows, and wearing red, white and blue.

Viva México!

Mexicans celebrate “Grito de Dolores” (meaning “Cry of Dolores”) on September 15. On that day in 1810, Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a priest in the town of Dolores, made a speech demanding the freedom of Mexico from Spain. Now on this day, the president rings the original bell from Father Hidalgo’s church and recites Hidalgo’s original speech. The president ends with the cry, “Viva México!” which can be heard the rest of the night during celebrations, fireworks and other fun activities.

Use the code to learn what “Viva México” means.

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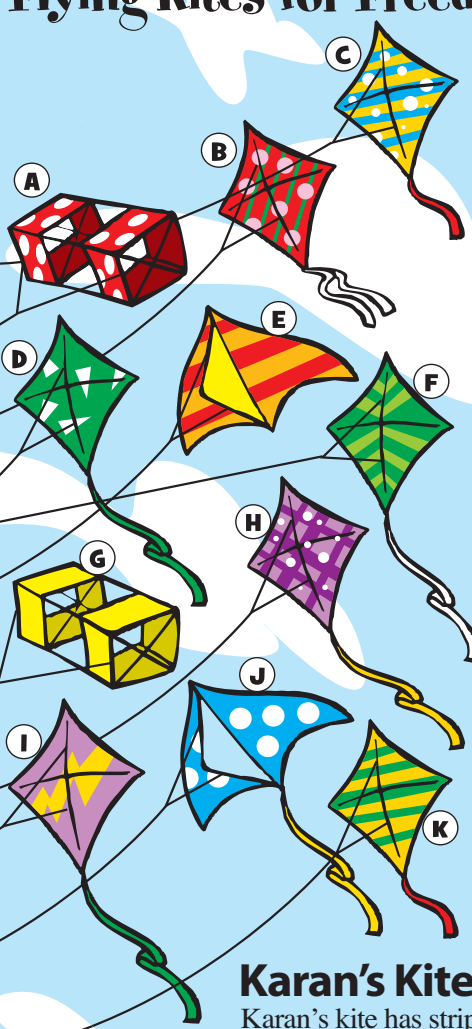
Flying Kites for Freedom in India

The night before Independence Day in India, the president of the country gives a speech about how the country is doing.

On the day itself, August 15, citizens gather and watch their country’s flag being hoisted to the top of the flagpole. This happens at offices, homes and schools. Afterwards, families and friends get together and enjoy delicious food.

Lots of people also fly kites on Independence Day to symbolize India’s freedom from the British on August 15, 1947.

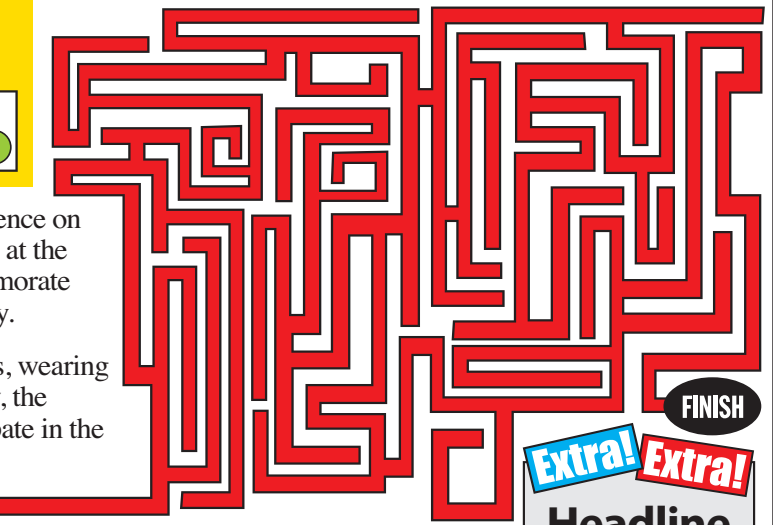
Karan’s Kite
Karan’s kite has stripes. His kite has a tail, but not a short one. Karan doesn’t like polka dots on kites. It is not a box kite.



Poland

People in Poland celebrate their independence on November 11 when citizens place flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to commemorate soldiers who have died for their country.

Citizens attend parades and ceremonies, wearing Poland’s colors: red and white. In Warsaw, the capital city, thousands of runners participate in the annual Independence Day Run.



Sum It Up!

After reading this page, write three short statements for each country that sum up how independence is celebrated there. Poland is done for you.

Poland	United States	India	Mexico
• Wear red and white clothing			
• Participate in the Independence Day Run			
• Put flowers on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier			

Headline Fun

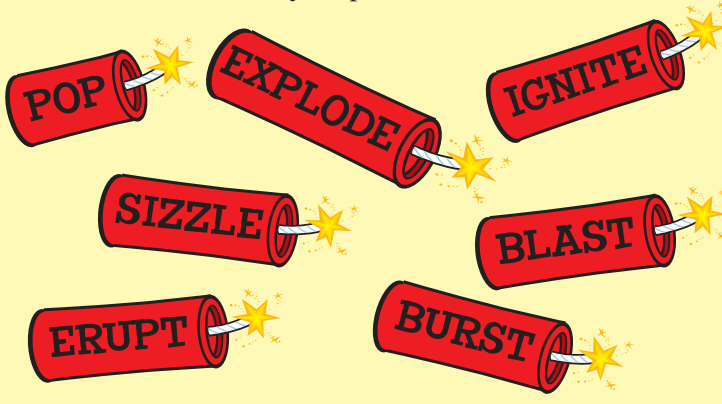
Look at the headlines in today’s newspaper. Rewrite each headline so it means just the opposite.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of formats.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Loud fireworks can scare pets. Be sure to keep your pets indoors on Independence Day.

Dash through today’s newspaper to find the letters that spell the words on these firecrackers. Spelling an entire word “defuses” the firecracker. Can you spell them all in five minutes?



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Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Fireworks have blasted some of the words out of this article. Can you find where each missing word belongs?

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Most Independence Day celebrations _____ include setting off fireworks. The exploding excitement of fireworks had its origins in a _____ in China.

About 1,000 years ago, a Chinese cook _____ three ingredients _____ found in kitchens at that time. A _____ from the cooking fire _____ his concoction into a blast of sparks! Some say this was the _____ firework.

The three ingredients were saltpeter (used for pickling _____), sulfur (used to make _____ fires hotter) and charcoal (the _____ wood from the cooking fire).

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week’s word: **UNIQUE**

The adjective **unique** means being the one and only of its kind.

The fireworks show was **unique** to the area.

Try to use the word **unique** in a sentence today when talking with friends and family.

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Country Search

Look through the newspaper to find the names of five or more countries. Find these countries on a map of the world. Why was each country mentioned in your newspaper?

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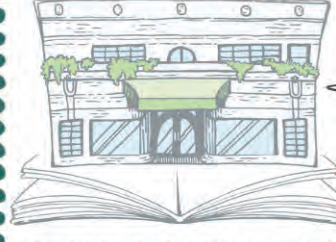
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What was your best birthday celebration ever?



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- SUMMER HAS FINALLY ARRIVED AND THERE ARE 90 DAYS TO ACCOMPLISH MY GOAL TO....
- THE DOORBELL RANG AND I OPENED IT TO FIND THE CUTEST LITTLE ANIMAL I'VE EVER SEEN SITTING ON MY PORCH. I....
- MY PHONE SUDDENLY DROPPED INTO LAKE ST. CLAIR & MY PARENTS REFUSE TO REPLACE IT. SO THAT MEANS THIS SUMMER I'LL BE...

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