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Land sale calms deficit fear

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The forthcoming sale of city-owned property, mainly on Alter Road in Detroit, bumps the Park into a budget surplus for the current fiscal year.

Equally important and infinitely more soothing to those at city hall loathing red ink, the sale wipes out a projected deficit.

The property — consisting of seven lots in Detroit that about the Park plus two on Wayburn in the Park on which the city closed in late 2017 for \$392,000 — is named in a \$420,000 purchase agreement between the city and Pointe Hardware Group LLC.

A unanimous Park council on Monday, July 10, authorized City Manager Nick Sizeland to represent the city in the agreement.

The buyer is required to post \$21,000 earnest money. The balance is due at closing, according to the agreement.

Pointe Hardware's new owners bought the store effective July 1. They didn't respond to interview requests about the land acquisition.

"Pointe Hardware Group is proposing an expansion of the Pointe

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Barnes out as fieldhouse location

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — The large field behind Barnes Early Childhood Center will not be the location of an athletic fieldhouse and has been pulled from the agenda for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting

Tuesday, July 25.

Ed Lazar of East Metro Athletics, which would build and operate the facility at no cost to the district, asked that it be removed from the agenda after public outcry.

"I heard and the board heard from folks that the location was problematic," Lazar said. "Our purpose wasn't to create ene-

mies in the neighborhood but to build something great for the kids."

Lazar said he "made the mistake" of looking at social media.

"Some of the responses were polite, but others were flat-out mean-spirited," he said. "Not one person called or emailed me with questions."

He added that feedback he's

received about the project in general has been positive.

"The pros outweigh the cons 10 to 1," he said. "The community still wants this, but even those in favor asked for a different location."

Mariann D'Hondt, who lives right behind the field with her

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COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Art Bryant, Beautification Advisory Commission Chair Rachelle Koester, Melissa Puppas, Beth Baker, Sonja Blancke Steis and, in front, Lorie Kamm, at the first adopt-a-garden planting.

Woods starts adopt-a-garden program

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Before the first adopt-a-garden project was finished, it had its first visitor and it couldn't have been more appropriate.

"Right as we were doing the planting, a monarch butterfly landed on a milkweed plant and laid its larvae," said Rachell Koester, chair of the city's Beautification Advisory Commission.

"That's exactly what the garden is intended for."

The 1,900-square-foot plot on the west side of Mack next to the Cheese Shoppe will be maintained by The Pointe is Native, a Facebook group of Pointers that focuses on native plants that attract butterflies and provide nectar for beneficial insects. Planting took place Saturday, July 1.

"The birds eat butterfly larvae," Koester added, "so it's a whole circle of life thing."

Included in the garden are eastern redbud, spicebush, wild ginger and black-eyed Susan, among others.

Koester said City Administrator Frank Schulte came up with the idea.

"He put a bug in my ear and I started to do some research and realized it fits perfectly with the BAC's bylaws," she said. "Our mission is to initiate, promote and coordi-

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E. coli levels close Pier Park beach

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The only beach among Grosse Pointe municipal parks is not immune from the nearly 20 eastern Michigan beaches currently closed due to high E. coli levels.

The beach at Pier Park closed Wednesday, June 28, when the city water department's weekly testing found the daily geometric mean taken from four samples to be 405.5 E. coli per 100 milliliters of water.

To be considered safe

for swimming, the daily geometric mean must be below 300 E. coli per 100 milliliters of water, according to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

City officials are unsure what may have caused the current spike; however, the typical suspects include animal waste such as geese droppings, agricultural land runoff and rain runoff from shore.

In fact, as a precautionary measure, the beach

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Courts holding amnesty period for certain infractions

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — People with outstanding financial obligations in local municipal courts have a chance to pay off their debt and save money at the same time.

All five courts will run an amnesty program Monday, July 17, through Thursday, Aug. 31. The program applies to civil infractions and adjudicated misdemeanors only.

"That means they already have to have appeared in court and entered a plea," Woods Municipal Judge Theodore Metry said. "If someone received a ticket and never paid or never showed up, they would

not be eligible."

Metry said court administrators discussed the program at a recent meeting and presented it to the judges.

"We've done this two or three times before, but the last one would have been pre-COVID so it's been a while," he said. "There are a lot of outdated tickets on the books and people with warrants. This gives them a chance to clean things up."

Metry said the program helps people who could be facing a suspended license or end up in jail if they are pulled over by public safety officers. The main purpose behind such programs is to pro-

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Ownership change promises more of same

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The new owners of Pointe Hardware & Lumber are continuing the store's family tradition.

"I've already started bringing my daughters in," said lifetime Grosse Pointe resident Waref Hawasli, owner of the business as of July 1.

His wife and fellow Pointe native, Danielle Hawasli, is learning the ropes as manager while their daughters, ages 7, 4, and 3, explore.

"They've been behind the register," Waref Hawasli said. "Watching them experience this with us is truly one of the most exciting decisions we've made. My daughters are going to get first-hand experience dealing with people, learning responsibility, understanding that you have to be patient and to hold yourself account-

able. And their full-time mom, who is now part of the business, is their role model."

There was more to buying Pointe Hardware on Kercheval at the corner of Maryland than naming the right price.

Former owners Rick Becker and the husband-and-wife team of Randy and Kathy Cousineau — all longtime fixtures at the store where Becker's and Kathy Cousineau's fathers started working as teens during the Truman or Eisenhower years — weren't going to hand it to the first bidder who came along.

"It was huge to us to find somebody who was going to carry on the business," Randy Cousineau said.

"There were other people interested," Kathy Cousineau said. "We just shook our heads and said it's not the right fit."

Waref Hawasli's background as owner of

Hawasli Homes, a renovation and construction company headquartered on The Hill in the Farms, gave him a leg up.

"We found this was going to be the right fit," Randy Cousineau said. "His home building, his family, his wife being a key ingredient — it's one family passing off to another family."

"The buyer for this business is a very small buyer pool," said Jimmy Saros, president of Jim Saros Real Estate Services and credited by both parties as brokering the transaction. "You need someone who understands the community and the impact this business has. Most guys you pitch a business to are just going to look at the books and records. This deal was so much more than that."

"Hardware stores are like the underbelly of a community," Waref Hawasli said. "Everyone walks through a hardware store. I don't care what age or gender you are, what nationality or background. You're coming to purchase stuff that essentially connects us all."

"Pointe Hardware is probably the most romantic deal I've ever been part of," Saros said. "A family's legacy will continue and be built upon. And the long-standing anchor business on Kercheval will



PHOTO COURTESY OF NICOLE ST JOHN

From left are Chelsea Cousineau, Jeremy Cousineau, Richard Becker, Kathy Cousineau, Randal Cousineau, Waref Hawasli and Danielle Hawasli, with their children, Sienna Hawasli, Summer Hawasli and Sydney Hawasli, and dogs, Rocky and Stormy.

continue to play a major role in the neighborhood's resurgence."

As the Cousineaus head into retirement, travel and church volunteerism, Randy smiled about ending 100-hour workweeks.

"This is our sweat and blood in here," he said.

"I have my husband back," Kathy Cousineau said.

"It's one family handing it down to another family," Waref Hawasli said. "And we intend to treat our extended family, which is a team, as family as well."

Pointe Hardware stocks around 21,000 products. Beyond having to learn the differences between

and locations of nail-on plastic half clamps and small base time-delay fuses, Randy Cousineau gave Waref some personal advice:

"I said not to forget his family. I said your kids are going to grow up so darn fast, and you're going to be really busy tied up in the business having fun and making everything grow, but don't ever lose sight of your children."

The Cousineaus and Becker intend to stay on scene for a while to smooth the transition. One change of which they approve is expanding the hours of operation.

"We're going to be changing the hours to 8

a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and introducing 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday," Waref Hawasli said. "During the week, we'll target the do-it-yourselfers, builders, contractors and homeowners. But on weekends, we want to focus on the do-it-yourselfers, the weekend warriors, the men and women out there who are fixing their houses on a Saturday and Sunday."

New hours are having good effect.

"I opened the store this morning and, by 8 o'clock, we'd already had seven or eight people come through the store," Waref Hawasli said last week.



COURTESY PHOTO

A monarch butterfly landed on some milkweed as the group was planting.

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nate beautification efforts in the city."

Money from the commission's annual flower sale was used to purchase the plants.

"There's a pathway right off the sidewalk so people can walk through and enjoy it," Koester noted. "Park benches should be installed in the next few weeks."

Annuals also will be added soon to add color.

"It'll look really great in a few years," Koester said. "The saying among gardeners is plants sleep

the first year, creep the second year and leap the third year."

The BAC is hoping two groups per year will volunteer to sponsor a garden, either along Mack or at Lake Front Park. Groups that are approved will be able to design their own garden, but no invasive plants are allowed.

"We have an application form and some requirements that should be online in early 2024," Koester said. "It'll be on a first-come, first-served basis."

Interested groups can contact Koester at rachellekoester@gmail.com.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — "Some of the commercial people have complained for up to two years," interim city manager Stephen Poloni said in regard to a 2017 Fisher Road streetscape project that has not held up as well as the city was promised.

At the time, the contractor replaced boxwoods in the planters along the front of Fisher businesses with inkberries, which were supposed to be more hardy.

They since have been replaced three times, yet only twice were covered under the warranty.

"What we had found out later, talking to some other landscapers, is that these inkberries don't do well in that type of setting with concrete," Public Services Director Pete Randazzo said. "... We've tried maintenance trimming of some of the dead out of those inkberries to try to bring them back to life. They just didn't come back."

Ergo, city council approved a \$23,860 contract with Tocco Mannino Monday night, to repair and replace the landscaping and irrigation system on Fisher, conditional upon confirmation of a one-year warranty.

The project, to initiate in the fall, will include removing the existing plant material from the Fisher garden beds and replacing it with maiden grass, daylily, black-eyed Susan and Autumn

Joy.

"I think going that route with perennials, it'll liven that streetscape back up and it'll be less maintenance than with those inkberries," Randazzo said. "... They're (also) going to redo some of the sprinkling systems. We're going to remove those pop-ups and have soakers, so all the plant material will get even water during the spring, summer and fall months."

— Laurel Kraus

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Hardware & Lumber brand into Detroit and is excited to be a community partner with both municipalities," Sizeland said.

The current value of the 2017 purchase price of \$392,000 is \$483,595, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' consumer

price index inflation calculator.

Although the selling price represents a \$63,595 loss in terms of present value compared with the purchase price six years ago, it beats the \$400,000 target Park officials said was needed to wipe out a projected \$243,000 deficit.

"This is in excess of what we were expecting from a budget standpoint," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "Yet another budget-relieving measure that helps us satisfy the need to eliminate a deficit."

"It's a market-driven economy," said Councilman Tom Caulfield, regretting the real-value loss but happy to withdraw the city from Detroit real estate.

"I stepped forward and said let's get rid of these properties when I was elected," said Caulfield, elected in 2021. "There's no reason we should have them."

No members of the current council were in

office nor was Sizeland manager at the time the city bought the property.

Councilman Vikas Relan, elected in late 2017 and not seeking reelection this year, said his predecessors' approval of the purchase represented an abuse of power. He offered nothing but accusations and no solution except, during Monday's meeting, to ask fellow office-holders what to do.

The original transaction has been reported a few times in the Grosse Pointe News.

Parties willing to go on record included the Park manager at the time, Dale Krajniak; former Park Councilman and Mayor Greg Theokas; and the property's former owner Phil Pitters, who operated a landscaping business at the location.

A March 17, 2022, News article for which Relan didn't respond to interview requests included:

"The Park and I had

been discussing the purchase of this property for years," Pitters said.

"I was hoping to have dirt and gravel that is stored in the Windmill Pointe Park overflow parking lot moved to Pitters' site," Krajniak said. "We could clean up the overflow lot, next to houses on Barrington."

"Several businesses approached us to buy our property," Pitters said. "You can imagine how many people would want that block, anywhere from an alarm company, car dealer, car wash, outdoor beer and wine restaurant."

"Someone mentioned a car dealer was interested in the site," Krajniak said. "Our concern was the well-being of residents whose houses back up to that location."

Back to present days, the Park isn't free of budget pressures.

The outcome of current labor negotiations are not yet reflected in the current fiscal year budget.



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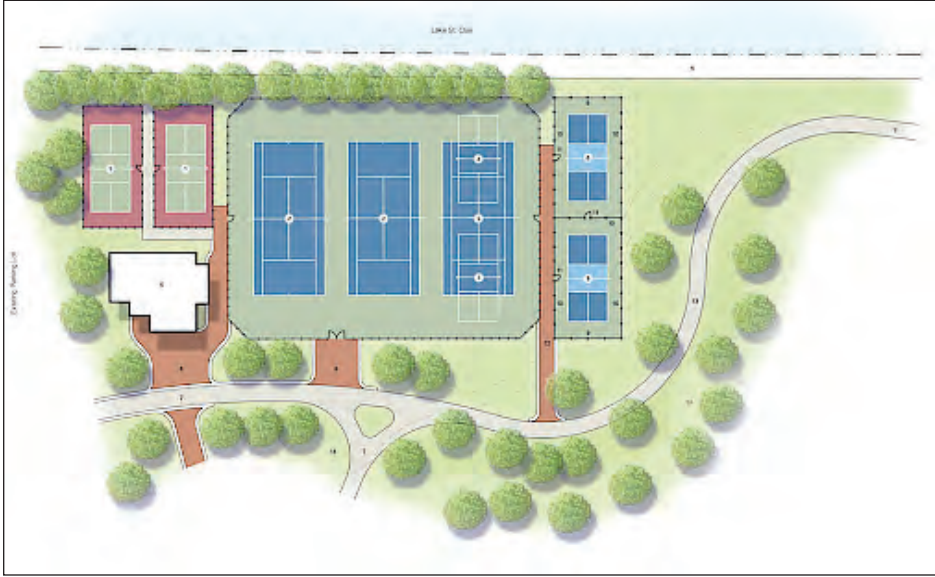
Plea for Pier Park pickleball



By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Recent years have seen the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation aid in funding the new Pier Park gazebo and play structure through its annual appeals. Next on deck, in a nod to the country's fastest growing sport, are two pickleball courts planned for Pier Park.

"Currently we have three tennis courts and one of them has the removable netting that players are able to use," Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation Trustee Nora Ezop said. "That's been fine; however, it's just been growing (in) popularity and there's been more people interested in playing and



COURTESY IMAGE

The two pickleball courts would be placed next to the current tennis courts at Pier Park, with a new brick walkway constructed between the two.

picking it up." The plans would place the pickleball courts next to the tennis courts at Pier Park, while also

including work to resurface the tennis courts — pickleball lines would be drawn on for any overflow from the new pick-

leball courts — and to construct a new brick walkway to go between the two. "That currently is just

open land," Ezop said of where the pickleball courts would sit. "... So we're trying to be mindful of the beautiful view and we're taking into account the best way to construct these, so that it doesn't obstruct the view, but then also it helps people get outside more and we keep people engaged and active at our park."

With approximately \$150,000 needed to bring the full project to fruition, the Farms foundation is accepting donations and also will host a kickoff "Come Play with Us" fundraiser, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Pier Park community building.

Alongside an open bar with hors d'oeuvres catered by Forte Belanger, a silent auc-

tion will feature a VIP parking spot at Pier Park for a year, two reserved picnic tables for Fourth of July festivities and a year-long spot in the paddle board rack.

To purchase a ticket for \$100 or a sponsorship for more, visit grossepointefarmsfoundation.org/events/2023-cocktail-party-fund-raiser/ or send a check made out to the GPFF to GPFF, 90 Kerby Lane, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

The foundation hopes to have the courts constructed and ready for use by Memorial Day 2024, Ezop said.

Petitioners seek pot shops in Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The signatures of pro-pot petitioners solicited partly during last month's After 6 on Kercheval family street fair are on the city clerk's desk.

Clerk Meaghan Bachman has the task of verifying the signatures on two petitions advocating the establishment of two recreational marijuana stores in the city, which currently are forbidden.

One petition proposes a city ordinance allowing

marijuana stores. "If that petition contains sufficient signatures — 5 percent of the total number of votes for the last gubernatorial election — then that matter, the ordinance, will be put on the next ballot in November for a vote by the electors," said Morgan McAtamney, assistant city attorney, during a meeting of the city council Monday, July 10.

In a pincer movement, the second petition addressed the issue through the city charter.

"That is to amend the

city charter to allow recreational marijuana establishments to operate within the city," McAtamney said. "Requirements for those petitions are a little bit different. Those petitions must be signed by 5 percent of the total number of registered voters within the municipality. If certified, it would also go on the ballot for the next election."

Michigan in 2008 became the 13th state to legalize recreational marijuana.

A Park ordinance bans

recreational marijuana in the city.

"(Petitioners) are seeking to repeal that and adopt an ordinance that would allow two recreational establishments within the city," McAtamney said.

"When's the deadline for ballot language?" Councilman Tom Caulfield asked.

"The county is requesting we get that language to the county clerk's office no later than Aug. 1," McAtamney said.

Park city charter requires the clerk to certify

the signatures within 15 days of receiving petitions.

"If there are not a sufficient amount of signatures, then we go back to the original petitioner and give them 15 more days to get additional signatures," McAtamney said. "If they do so, then the matter will come before the council at the next council meeting, which is Aug. 14."

The council has 30 days to adopt the proposed ordinance, reject it or place the question before voters in the next election.

"That being said, we don't have enough time to apply for the ballot,"

McAtamney told the council. "There is explicit case law that states that if the charter splits with state law and would not be able to implement the full charter procedure in time to submit this information to the county clerk's office for the ballot, that charter provision is null and void."

City officials retain the authority to regulate pot shops.

"Most cities do that via zoning," McAtamney said. "We can also establish a licensing procedure. It's very explicit. The city has the authority to enact these regulations."

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mote legal driving and reduce arrests.

"We have the option to waive late fees and penalties and set up a payment plan for them," Metry

added. "It's a way to help people get things worked out and we want to lend a hand to people who want to take the right steps."

Those wanting to participate should call the municipal court in the city where they received the ticket, as each judge

may handle cases differently.

"When they call we'll pull the file and see what the case entails," Metry said. "We'll look at the circumstances and see what can be reduced as far as penalties and fines."

The courts can be reached at:

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park (313) 822-3535.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe (313) 343-5262.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms/Shores (313) 885-2104.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods (313) 343-2455.

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automatically will close for a period of time when there is more than a quarter inch of rain because of the runoff into Lake St. Clair.

"According to our water superintendent, Scott Homminga, there's a variety of factors that can cause it and we don't know for sure," said Derrick Kozicki, assistant city manager/city clerk. "... Please read the signage on the beach and if it says the beach is closed, stay out of the water."

While E. coli is considered for the most part harmless, some strands can cause illness such as diarrhea, urinary tract infections, respiratory illness and bloodstream infections, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports.

Although the daily geometric mean had significantly decreased to 77.8 E. coli per 100 milliliters of water when the Farms water department tested Monday, July 3, a second factor — a 30-day geometric mean — also must be considered to safely reopen.

The minimum 30-day geometric mean threshold must be less than 130 E. coli per 100 mil-

liliters of water, but the July 3 testing came in at 137.7.

As of press time, Kozicki reported, "Next time they test, which is next Tuesday (July 11), if it's below the minimum for both the daily geometric mean and 30-day geometric mean, we'll be able to safely reopen the beach."

"In instances like this where the beach is closed," he added, "the city will make sure we notify the public (via social media and beach signage) when the beach is reopened."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The city will notify residents via social media and signage on the beach when it is safe to reopen.



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

TUESDAY, JULY 18

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens' Commission meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ All-Pointe Synchronized Swim Show, 7 p.m. at Lake Front Park, 23000 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

- ◆ After 6 on Kercheval, 6 to 10 p.m. from Nottingham to Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.



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Heart surgeon credits fellow Pointers on his path to success

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Specifically for the education they knew would be provided by the opening of Grosse Pointe North High School in 1968, David Martin's parents moved their family of five boys from St. Clair Shores to Grosse Pointe Woods when he was in ninth grade — allowing him to be in the first full four-year Grosse Pointe North graduating class in 1972.

Martin, who retired in December from a 42-year career as a cardiothoracic surgeon, may always have been a high achiever — at age 12, he achieved Eagle Scout status, possibly still holding the record for the youngest Boy Scout in Michigan to reach the highest possible rank — but he credits the Pointes, and connections they afforded him, with giving him the confidence to become the first in his family to pursue medicine, along with his older brother, Don, who ultimately became a general surgeon.

“Don and I both grew up building radios and doing ham radio-related things as a hobby,” Martin recalled. “We had



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above, elected to the board of directors in 2000, Martin served as commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in 2008. Right, upon his retirement in December, Martin was gifted a sculpture of a heart surgeon by his partners.

a radio room in our home down in the basement and (one day when) I was in high school, I was using the radio to talk to people all over the world and I heard a really loud signal. The loud signal belonged to a guy that lived in Grosse Pointe and his name was Dr. Roger Debusk.”

Debusk happened to be not only a physician and president of the old Grace Hospital in downtown Detroit, but also is

credited with coming up with the concept of building the Detroit Medical Center downtown.

The brothers became fast friends with Debusk through their shared love for ham radio and eventually also grew a connection with Dr. Joseph Posch, another Pointer and the godfather of a new surgical specialty at the time called hand surgery. During their time in college, the boys both worked under his men-

torship for five years.

“Neither of us ended up doing hand surgery, much to his dismay,” Martin laughed.

Martin did, however, become the chief of cardiac surgery at Mount Clemens General Hospital, now McLaren Macomb Hospital, for 15 years, in addition to working at Ascension St. John Hospital from 1988 to 2010; working as the director of the heart surgery program for nearly all of southwest Michigan after he was asked to step in at Ascension Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo when many of their surgeons retired; and, ultimately, for the last seven years of his career, serving as the national director of quality and outcomes in cardiac surgery for all of Ascension — currently the largest nonprofit healthcare group in America.

“Taking on an administrative role for Ascension nationally was really the crowning achievement in



my career,” he said.

The faithful attendee of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church has seen many miracles throughout the estimated 5,000 to 6,000 open heart operations he conducted over four decades, at the same time living his life with the motto, “Chance favors the prepared mind.”

“If an opportunity comes up and you haven't thought about it, it's going to pass you by,” he explained. “But if you've thought about it and prepared and an opportunity comes by, you're more likely to be able to seize the moment and do something special.”

Fittingly having retired as of Christmas Day last year, Martin has been making the most of his time with his four children and six grandchildren. His oldest child, Tom, and youngest, Lisa,

followed his footsteps into the medical field — a general surgeon and a physician's assistant, respectively — while his second oldest, Julie, took after her mother, Donna, to become an elementary school teacher.

Trailblazer Michael forged his own path into the automotive electronics business.

“It's a very, very interesting family, because everybody brings something a little different to the table,” Martin said, “which is really fun.”

As a past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Martin also now has the time to enjoy his boat, which he named “Heartthrob.”

“You're supposed to name your boat after your wife or your spouse or the love of your life,” he explained, “so having been a heart surgeon, (I) might as well call it ‘Heartthrob.’”

Throughout more than four decades as a surgeon, David Martin conducted an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 open heart operations.



Parking rates going up

Free parking at city hall

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's time for the writer of the 1970s rock hit, “All

Right Now,” to get a move on.

Remember? He's the one who met a girl on the street and encouraged her not to hesitate: “Let's move before they raise the parking rate.”

It will cost smooth-talkers and motorists

alike an extra 50 cents per hour to park on Kercheval upon installation of new meters at a time to be scheduled later this summer.

The rate thereby triples from the current 25 cents to 75 cents for 60 minutes.

Scofflaws aren't addressed among the rhyming couplets of “All Right Now” by the British band Free.

Justice comes according to the 1980s Prince-influenced electrofunk Midnight Star band and their dance jam, “No Parking on the Dance Floor”: “You don't get a move on that body, I'll be forced to give you a ticket, so get with it.”

While life mimics popular culture to the max on Kercheval, it does so elsewhere in the city by a lesser amount, where, citywide, 163 new meters are to replace current ones.

Rates for metered parking on Jefferson and Mack are doubling, not tripling, from the current 25 cents per hour to 50 cents.

Parking in municipal off-street lots will cost 50 cents per hour, a 100 percent increase from the current 25 cents.

Joe Hebeke, owner of Belding Cleaners and president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business

Association, said the city may be overdue for an increase.

“In general, it could be a win-win situation,” Hebeke said. “While we don't want to deter shopping and commerce with overly expensive parking rates, the increase will most likely go unnoticed and the additional revenue will go back into the community either way.”

A 2021 municipal parking study foreshadowed the increases, which city officials also in recent months discussed among ways to help curtail a forecasted budget deficit for the current fiscal year starting July 1.

“The study was to determine targeted recommendations for more efficient management of parking within the four business districts and small business areas,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “The parking rates are woefully insufficient to sustain a modern parking program. As a result, parking operations have to rely on funds from other sources, or operations and maintenance suffer from insufficient funding.”

The city's master plan, finally updated last year, after a four-year process overseen by former members of the planning commission, also

touched on parking rates.

“The master plan identified areas of improvement with parking, including an increase in parking and parking management solutions,” Sizeland said.

Meanwhile, countering the upward trend is the elimination this summer of parking meters at the city hall lot, which also serves the Ewald Branch Public Library.

“People are coming to do business with the city,” Sizeland said. “We don't want to charge them.”

To gauge what the market may bear, Park officials conducted limited comparisons of hourly rates in neighboring City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms, plus southeast Michigan cities known for vibrant shopping districts.

The on-street comparisons are:

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe, 75 cents;
- ◆ Farms, \$1;
- ◆ Rochester, \$1.25;
- ◆ Ferndale, \$1.50 and
- ◆ Ann Arbor, \$2.20.

Comparisons of surface lot hourly rates are:

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe, 50 cents;
- ◆ Farms, 75 cents;
- ◆ Rochester, \$1.25;

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City of Grosse Pointe

Rash of break-ins

A series of vehicles were broken into, lost items or were stolen early this month in the City.

◆ Nothing notable went missing from an unlocked vehicle that was rummaged through in the 800 block of University between 10 p.m. Friday, June 30, and 8:30 a.m. the next morning.

◆ The rear driver-side window was smashed out and the ignition punched in a 2008 Hyundai Santa Fe that was parked in the 500 block of Washington in an attempt to steal it between 5 p.m. Saturday, July 1, and 9 a.m. the next morning.

◆ A 2012 Hyundai Elantra was stolen from the 17000 block of St. Paul between 7 p.m. Saturday, July 1, and 9 a.m. the next morning.

◆ An unknown number of coins and gift cards were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 700 block of Lakeland between 9 p.m. Saturday, July 1, and 9 a.m. the next morning.

◆ A work bag was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 500 block of Rivard between 10 p.m. Saturday, July 1, and 5 a.m. the next morning.

◆ With a broken window, punched ignition and damage to the steering column, a 2012 Kia Soul was attempted to be stolen from the 700 block of Rivard between 11 p.m. Saturday, July 1, and noon the next day.

◆ A couple dollars worth of coins were stolen from another unlocked vehicle in the 700 block of Lakeland between 11 p.m. Saturday, July 1, and 3:55 a.m. the next morning.

◆ An unlocked 1998 GMC Sierra was stolen from the 600 block of Washington between noon Sunday, July 2, and

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2 p.m. Monday, July 3.

◆ A passenger window was broken to steal a pair of women's boots in the 400 block of Washington at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 4.

Surprise

When a BMX bike was left unlocked outside a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval for a week, the owner returned to find it stolen.

Too late

Three juveniles were detained under a prowling and curfew violation after a patrol sergeant investigated a car alarm at St. Paul and Lincoln at 3 a.m. Thursday, July 6.

They were discovered walking in the area, but nothing was taken.

Crash

After a vehicle crash at Cadieux and St. Paul at 12:50 p.m. Thursday, July 6, one of the drivers — a 24-year-old Southfield woman — was found to have a suspended license and multiple arrest warrants. She was cited for driving while license suspended and turned over to St. Clair Shores police.

◆ A manager spotted a 70-year-old Park resident placing inexpensive grocery items into a grocery bag without paying for them at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 8 p.m. Friday, July 7, officers advised her she was banned from the store and would be cited for trespassing should she return.

Banned

When a manager spotted a 70-year-old Park resident placing inexpensive grocery items into a grocery bag without paying for them at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 8 p.m. Friday, July 7, officers advised her she was banned from the store and would be cited for trespassing should she return.

◆ An unlocked 1998 GMC Sierra was stolen from the 600 block of Washington between noon Sunday, July 2, and

ID theft

A unknown person bought a \$4,460 water

ionizer in a Grosse Pointe man's name last August.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bitten

When a 26-year-old Park man was reported for continually acting out on the grounds of a local school at 2:58 p.m. Thursday, June 29, he resisted officer commands and ultimately spit at and bit one officer.

With active warrants out regarding interfering with police officers, the man was arrested.

After being sent to a local hospital for evaluation of the bite, the officer was refused treatment by a nurse because he was armed and until the security supervisor made arrangements for him to be treated by a different nurse.

Stolen car

A locked, white 2017 Hyundai Elantra was stolen from the 300 block of McKinley between 10 p.m. Saturday, July 1, and 11 a.m. the next morning.

Nice try

After being asked to leave a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 2:54 p.m. Thursday, July 6, because he was harassing customers, a 30-year-old Detroit man grabbed a stack of 24 \$50 gift cards from the business and took off running.

A manager followed the suspect in his car until officers were able to arrest him for first-degree retail fraud, as well as resisting and

obstructing arrest.

Tequila theft

Officers are working to identify a suspect after he stole a bottle of tequila worth \$63.59 from a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 6:55 p.m. Thursday, July 6.

He is described as a black man between 20 and 30 years old, who was wearing black pants, a white long-sleeved shirt with red security patches, black shoes, a black hat and a black backpack.

Moped strike

A 55-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while impaired and not having insurance at 11:57 a.m. Sunday, July 9, after striking a moped at Maumee and Cadieux and driving away.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Unsafe gun storage

Someone breaking into cars at night now has a pistol.

Overnight Monday, July 3, in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield, a 9 mm Springfield 1911 Ronin was taken from the glovebox of an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway. The pistol looks a little like a classic Colt 45 in use since 1911, but is of modern design.

Fireworks follies

Fireworks remnants sparked a fire run to the 1300 block of Beaconsfield shortly after 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 4.

Officers staffing a fire engine responded to a report of leftover combustibles burning in the bed of pickup.

"I think they were cleaning up and throwing them in the bed of the truck and a couple reignited," Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said.

Citizens on scene used a garden hose to extinguish the flames before officers arrived.

No one reported injuries.

"It wasn't a big fire or anything," Pittman said.

Hit and run

Police issued a citation to a 32-year-old Detroit man traced to an abandoned vehicle he reportedly drove into a light pole near the intersection of Kercheval and Wayburn.

Officers logged the incident at 4:25 a.m. Tuesday, July 4.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Speed trouble

A 52-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for driving with a suspended license after being pulled over for speeding around 4:45 p.m. Saturday, July 8, on southbound Lakeshore near Provencal.

He was clocked driving 52 mph in the 35 mph zone.

Bar tab

A 28-year-old Hamtramck woman was arrested for drunken driving and received several tickets after being

pulled over on southbound Lakeshore near Provencal around 8 p.m. Sunday, July 9.

A patrol officer originally pulled her over after noticing the tab on her license plate was the wrong color, meaning an expired registration. She also was cited for no proof of insurance and having open intoxicants in the vehicle after she registered 0.19 percent blood alcohol content on a Breathalyzer.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Again

Three more unlocked vehicles were entered Friday, July 7, with a backpack, prescription sunglasses and ear buds stolen in the 2000 block of Allard and the 1800 block of Manchester. The thief or thieves attempted to steal a vehicle in the 2200 block of Stanhope but were unsuccessful, damaging the steering column and ignition.

Public safety departments across the Pointes continue to urge vehicle owners to lock their vehicles and not leave key fobs inside.

Brazen

A white trailer measuring 6 feet by 12 feet was stolen from a driveway in the 1800 block of Prestwick some time after 10 a.m. Friday, July 7. The value of the trailer and contents is \$100,000.

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

Higher parking rates require newer meters

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city's 163 coin-operated parking meters are yielding to an offer they can't refuse.

Unable to be reprogrammed for higher rates, they're being done in.

The city council on Monday, July 10, agreed to replace them with newer models that accommodate the city's forthcoming higher parking rates. They operate by coin or credit card.

The new meters aren't factory fresh, just new to the Park. They're refurbished by Meter Products, a company in New Jersey, and cost \$65 each for a total of \$10,595.

"The (old) meters break down frequently, are past their service life and cannot be programmed to accept changes in parking rates," Sizeland said.

The council also July 10 approved tripling on-street meter rates on Kercheval from the current 25 cents per hour to 75 cents. As part of the same action, officials

doubled metered rates on Jefferson and Mack from the current 25 cents per hour to 50 cents.

Parking in municipal off-street lots will cost 50 cents per hour, a 100 percent increase from the current 25 cents.

Meters at the city hall lot will be removed and not replaced, making parking free at that location.

Changes are effective with installation of new meters, which Sizeland said he expects to occur later this summer.

The swap involves 105 meters on Kercheval, 29 on Mack and 29 on Jefferson.

See METERS, page 8A

RATES:

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◆ Ferndale, \$1.25 and

◆ Ann Arbor, \$1.80.

"Grosse Pointe Park's rates are at least one-half and as little as one-sixth of nearby cities," Sizeland said. "(The) Park's meter rates should be more in line with peer communities, be tied to demand and provide revenue sufficient to sustain its parking operation's expenses."

Boosting rates also is intended to boot long-term parkers from on-street spaces intended for short-term use.

"Currently, there is a lack of turnover of parking spaces in the business districts, particularly in prime on-street spaces in front of businesses," Sizeland said. "These

spaces are often occupied by business owners or employees rather than customers. Customers are then frustrated that they cannot find a parking space close by."

He reduced the situation to an aphorism.

"Good turnover of parking means more people spending money in businesses and poor turnover can contribute to reduced business income," Sizeland said.

"I don't see an additional 25 or 50 cents stopping someone from patronizing our business district," Hebeka said.

To ease demand for on-street spaces, three separate lots are either under construction, soon to begin construction or being contracted for construction in the lower Kercheval commercial district.

The lot under construction is behind the forthcoming Brine Oyster House at the corner of Kercheval and Maryland.

The second, of which the start of construction was delayed by recent rains, is behind businesses on Kercheval between Maryland and

Lakepointe. Both those lots and the restaurant are projects involving the owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

The third lot is a project of the Tax Increment Finance Authority and is located off Maryland south of Kercheval in what is now a gravel-topped spot.

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OUR VIEW

What's hot and what's not around town

Mid-July means it's mid-summer and news stories from around town are keeping the Pointes buzzing. Here are our takes on a some topics — some hot and some we consider not-so-hot — recently covered on the pages of the Grosse Pointe News:

Hot

Best and bravest

We don't ever think it's too much to thank our public safety teams in each and every Pointe (and our fire specialists in the Farms!) for the work they do for our community. Whether it's stopping major retailer theft, partnering with and pooling resources with different cities while responding to tragic drug overdoses, assisting victims of domestic violence, arresting drunken drivers or responding to an accident scene or house fire, the Grosse Pointes have the best and bravest protecting our streets, neighborhoods and people. We regularly see them go above and beyond when our furry or feathered friends are in distress, lost or hurt. We feel safer because of our public safety officers and fire specialists. No one has it better than us in GP because of your effort and commitment.

Top-notch teacher

Three cheers to Steve Geresy, TV production teacher at Grosse Pointe South and Pierce Middle School for receiving the Educator of the Year award by Digital Arts Film and Television. Mr. Geresy received the honor for his longstanding commitment to the Grosse Pointe Public School System's video production program and dedication to high school and middle school students' media education.

Teachers like Mr. Geresy make our schools the pride of our community. As media and communications enthusiasts here at the GP News, we are extraordinarily pleased to see electives of this caliber, led by outstanding teachers, being offered to our students.

We would be remiss to not include here that we sincerely hope our district leaders can find a way to offer a competitive compensation package to our teachers and support staff that's reflective of the excellence we have among our current educators.

Our all-state all-stars

We take a deep dive covering sports each week and with the spring season all wrapped up and postseason accolades rolling in, it sure seems like our homegrown athletes and teams just keep getting better. We celebrated North girls varsity soccer's unexpected, exciting first state championship ever, while we got to ride along several other deep playoff runs in baseball, softball and lacrosse, too. We witnessed strong state final finishes in golf, track and field and tennis, plus our crew and sailing teams made waves on the national scene. How about our women's crew team's national championship in the Women's Youth 4+ National Championship race? Booyah! Also this spring, 33 athletes from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School earned elite all-state honors, thanks to outstanding performances. Three head coaches also took home special coach of the year honors in tennis, softball and



ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

baseball. Not to be overlooked are the combined 37 athletes from the Class of 2023 who will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Your fans in the stands are so proud of you, Grosse Pointe athletes. Head to pages 4-5D to read more about our spring superstars!

Not-so-hot

Hot town, summer in the city:

You know the rest of the lyrics of "Summer in the City" by Lovin' Spoonful: "back of my neck getting dirty and gritty." Too bad we were living out those lyrics literally with way too many days marked by air-quality alerts from Canadian wildfires. Was it smoggy? Smokey? Smoggokey? There might not be the right portmanteau to describe the thick air that brings on the wheezin' season, which steals our joy and fun in the summer sun. We love our neighbors to the North, especially in Grosse Pointe, where we share an international waterway, but can't give this weather situa-

tion anymore of our treasured summer days. Mother Nature and Smokey Bear need a peace summit, stat.

Construction Junction, what's your function?

We're playing on words from a little School House Rock throwback song to add a little levity to the monotony of seeing all of the orange cones and street closures in full effect this summer. The unsightly construction and inconveniences in our daily commutes are thanks to road, sewer and seawall repairs happening around town, in conjunction with a few water main replacements.

We just have to keep reminding ourselves to close our eyes and imagine the end results, because in the thick of the dust, dirt and noise, our gorgeous town ain't exactly pretty at the moment. Again, we know the end results will be worth it, but the jackhammering and dust is for the birds. They are even tweeting about it.

LETTERS

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Re: 'Cap & Gown, stay around'

To the Editor:

That's largely up to us, isn't it? To entice these most recent grads, compel them to return to our great community, re-invest. The ones that either just graduated from our (still esteemed) high schools or the (still majority) who went on to institutions of higher learning — such as the ones featured in the 6-29-23 Grosse Pointe News article — kudos to all the grads and to GPNews for a great layout, which featured a small sampling of students who first graduated from either GPN/GPS and went on to pursue a wide range of highly impressive academic honors, some of whom are now entering their career paths and others who don't ever seem to get enough and are pursuing even more advanced degrees.

Meanwhile, on behalf of us, other taxpayers and property owners, including those with grown children but still highly invested in the quality of life in our community — much of it owing to the strong tradition of "quality public education" — it behooves and informs us to

not only continue to question the spending of our educational "dollars and sense," but to grab at least a small sample of such graduates and query them ("What did you get out of our schools that allowed you to...? What would it take to keep you around...?") This, prior to so many heading to such venues as Chicago where there are watering holes catering to various alumni groups and, just as importantly, the large, still poorly understood group still among us — the one Dr. Niehaus vowed to catch up with — the ones that paid their fair share of public school "tuition" via property taxes, but whose students are no longer "present!" on the still important count day(s).

WILLIAM C. IRVING, PH.D.
Educational Psychologist, Invested
St. Clair Shores

Keep up the good work

To Movie Junkie Mark:

I grew up in a family that loved movies. My dad founded and ran the Dearborn Cinema Society in the '60s and, before they started releasing films on Beta/VHS, he bought his favorites on 16mm film (the only drawback of that format being, beyond the unavoidable loss of sound and picture fidelity, the necessity of changing reels every 15 minutes). Although it was still great, watching "Citizen Kane" with seven reel-change interruptions was not quite as impactful as watching the entire movie from start to finish without stops.

Given my family's love of movies, I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for your weekly reviews of films that many of us (even the film buffs) may have missed. Case in point: After reading your review of "One Chance" in (the June 29) GPN (a film I'd never heard of), I immediately purchased it (for a bargain \$8.99) on Amazon Prime and then watched it last night with my wife and sister-in-law. You were absolutely right. The film had it all — humor, quirkily entertaining characters, the most charming romance (between Brad & Cameron!) — and the complete triumph of the disadvantaged guy you couldn't help but root for.

The ending was indeed most satisfyingly "puddly." My wife can't stop talking about how great it was — and I have to agree. The final bonus was your research revealing that Paul Potts himself supplied James Cordon's singing voice.

Your column's the first thing I read in each week's edition of the GPN. Keep up the good work.

JON TAUB
Grosse Pointe Farms

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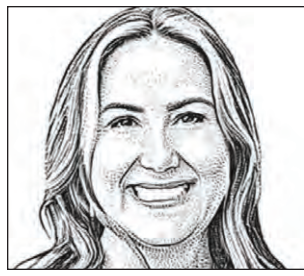


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I SAY By Meg Leonard

Getting the bro/brah/bruh treatment



As the mother of four kids, ages 23, 22, 20 and almost 15, I am fairly well-versed in the specific, oft-used nomenclature of the tween/teen/college-aged set.

What I have found over my years of child-rearing is that some terms come and go with the seasons, like YOLO, which stands for you only live once. Apparently it's now an outdated term, said only in jest to make fun of those brave, no-longer-hip souls who hashtag it on a MySpace post.

In my estimation, other terms aren't here for the long haul either. For example, take the word "cap," which is used to accuse someone of exaggerating ("Bro, you didn't hit the ball that far. That's cap!"). Or the trendy term "sus," when some-

one or something is suspect or suspicious, like "Dude, that chili dog looks sus." I relate some of these newfangled terms to the "gag me with a spoon" expressions of my 1980s Valley Girl-era upbringing. They won't last.

But there is a singular term I believe has super-human staying power. It continues to take on new meanings and has at least three variations in my house, with infinite applications. Equal parts emotive and effective in its succinctness, the term and its derivatives are based on one's mood du jour (read: happy or sad) or blood sugar levels (read: crabby). For kids today, it also serves as a sufficient answer to a question or request from a parent. But more on that later.

I'm talking about the word "bruh," derived from the Gaelic or Celtic "bràh" (I just made that up).

Strictly as a public service, I hope to use this space this week to help you become better equipped at using this term.

The Urban Dictionary describes bruh as "the best answer to literally anything."

It provides examples for its usages — even when it's not appropriate — including:

"Joe: my mom died yesterday.

John: bruuhh"

Or
"Joe: Yo my mom just won a million dollars.

John: bRuHhh*"

*Note how the capitalization emphasizes meter and rhythm to effectively convey emotion. A modern-day iambic pentameter.

My experience has been that "bruh" has three derivatives with three completely separate meanings. For example:

◆ Bro — In general this form is to be used when one is being lighthearted, or as a nickname for a friend or buddy. "Your new bike is sweet, bro!" It also can be used when being assertive. "Bro, don't tell me what to do."

When used by itself with great emphasis, it can replace actual laughter: "My jeans ripped when I bent down at work

today." Response: "BRO!"

◆ Brah — This is generally the more dismissive form of the term, used to express irritation or extreme levels of too-cool-for-schoolness. Or both. "Brah, there's nothing to eat in this house." Or, "Are you serious, brah?" If you are on the receiving end of a simple "brah" to something you just said, any seasoned veteran knows you just got a firm verbal eye roll.

◆ Bruh — Used to express embarrassment/did you really just do or say that, often directed at a parent. It's frequently uttered in deeper-toned staccato, as in "Bru-uuh, did you just toot your car horn and wave at my classmates?" It also can be used to tease a sibling. "Bruh! Are you really wearing that out?" Bonus usage: Can also be weaponized when used alone as a reaction to anything, such as a parent changing the station to Yacht Rock. "Bruh."

Oh, and this is where bruh can be a sufficient response to a parental request:

Mom/Dad: "Will you please fill up the car before you get home?"

Child (who, FYI, is driving the car you pay for): "Bruh."

Now, anyone who has successfully parented/white-knuckled through the driver's training years knows the good news is they are, in fact, going to fill up the car. The bad news is that is the end of the discussion and they are not coming home to tell you where they filled up or how they did a price comparison before deciding where to go for said gas. Don't even bother asking how many Kroger points they used, bruh.

I decided to do a deep dive on the usage of bro/brah/bruh after a recent group chat with my mom friends and I, all of whom had to sign electronic waivers to take a gaggle of our 14-year-old boys go-karting for a birthday party. Instead of writing her son's formal name on the form, one mom decided to give her son a taste of his own medicine and typed in "Brah."

"Seems accurate since

that's all he says around the house," she texted.

What she didn't know is that the name she typed in would later appear on the digital scoreboard at the go-karting place. Thankfully, the mom hosting the party took a picture of it, along with the final results. It prompted a text back from a fellow good-humored mom, saying, "Glad to see that Brah had such a good showing!"

This set off a rapid-fire discussion in the chat over what situations we had recently received the bro/brah/bruh treatment. It was a hoot and half, honestly.

So if you have been paying attention, what would my kids' response be for me using the term "hoot and a half?" Yes, Obi-Wan has taught you well, young Skywalker — both "bruh" and "brah" could apply in this instance, whether used alone or as in "Bruh/Brah, did you just make a Star Wars reference?"

See, bro, we've got this thing down pat.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

ALGER HOUSE AGAIN VACANT: "No trespassing" signs have been erected on the Alger House Museum grounds as the property has been turned back to its original owners. The beautiful old home has been used for a number of years as a branch of the Detroit Institute of Arts. This year, Detroit failed to include funds for its upkeep in its budget, forcing the closing of the museum. The Alger family is keeping a caretaker on the place.

URGES GARDEN CLUBS TO ACT TO PRESERVE BEAUTY OF POINTES: At the invitation of the Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club, representatives from the other six Garden Clubs in Grosse Pointe met for lunch at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The purpose of the get-together was to create interest among members of all Garden Clubs in the community to further the project recently presented in a letter from the Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club Civic Beautification Committee for improvement of the entire Grosse Pointe area.

1973

50 years ago this week

HIGH LAKE WATERS MAKE SEAWALL VERY DANGEROUS: It is a very dangerous thing to be walking on the cement portion of the seawall along Lakeshore Road, as two unknown girls, one of whom slipped and fell into the lake; and two unknown men, one of whom fell in while trying to rescue the "dunked" young lady, can tell you. Police Chief Robert Ferber disclosed that he received a phone call from

a man, who asked that he remain anonymous. "This was not made as a report to the police by a caller," he said. "Rather, the gentleman who phoned said he did so because he wanted to reveal the danger involved."

WOODS GIVES APPROVAL TO CURFEW LAW: The Woods Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to regulate the hours children under 17 years of age may be in or on the public streets, highways, alleys and parks. The ordinance is the outgrowth of the many complaints received due to Devil's Night, Mayor Pro Tem Marvin R. Boutin said. "I do hope and pray we don't have to do anything stricter than this," he said, emphasizing the measure in an effort toward preventing a reoccurrence of such activity, an effort to "stop kids from ganging up and cooking up trouble."

1998

25 years ago this week

QUESTION OF BOATERS' DOGS TO BE ON BALLOT: It's all over except the shouting and Grosse Pointe Woods residents can probably expect a lot of shouting over the next few months as residents debate whether or not to allow boat owners the exclusive right to bring their dogs into Lake Front Park. The Woods City Council voted to place a proposition on the November ballot that would, if approved by voters, allow residents who have a boat at Lake Front Park the right to bring their dogs into the park for the sole purpose of boarding the resident's boat.

UNITED METHODIST BEGINS NEW SANCTUARY: Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new 400-seat sanctuary. The event was attended by John Danaher, mayor of

Grosse Pointe Farms, and the Rev. Hugh White, founding pastor of the church. The Rev. Jack Giguere and the Rev. Mary Ann Shipley, current pastors, joined White for the ceremony.

FOOTBALL RECRUITERS 'DISCOVER' ULS: Things have changed at University Liggett School. All of a sudden, it has become a prime recruiting ground for college football coaches. "I had 28 Division I coaches visit the school this spring," said head football coach Gary Hills. "Last year there was nothing." One of the reasons

for the interest is that six players from last year's 10-1 squad have committed to play football in college.

2013

10 years ago this week

WEBSITE OFFERS NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS: Residents of Grosse Pointe Farms can pay property taxes, water bills and more through the city's updated website, grossepointefarms.org. The convenience of online payments carries

transaction fees of up to 3 percent.

CAN YOU HEAR US? YES!: In less than 24 hours, Grosse Pointe Theatre raised enough matching funds to help upgrade its body microphones and sound equipment. The theater had the opportunity to obtain money for updating its sound equipment in a fundraising campaign that runs through Aug. 27. GPT received a \$3,000 matching grant, to be turned into \$6,000.

DISTRICT REVISITS MONTEITH DROP-OFF: Administrators from the Grosse Pointe Public

School System and Grosse Pointe Woods have continued discussions on options to improve traffic flow on Cook Road during student pick-ups and drop-offs at Monteith Elementary School. In May, the GPPSS Board of Education rejected bids for two previous options, a \$285,000 curb cut on Cook Road and a \$180,000 drop-off lane in front of the school on the Cook Road side; the board majority concluded neither option fully resolved the issues of traffic congestion and double parking.



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Car thieves won't go away

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's not a return of car thieves to the Park.

"They never left," Park Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said. "Thefts of Kias and Hyundais are happening everywhere."

Thieves took three last week in the Park.

"It started with the TikTok trend and just continues," Pittman said.

He was referring to what has become known nationwide as the Kia Challenge, a combination dare and boast by juvenile and teenage car thieves for fellow delinquents craving attention to pepper social media with videos of themselves stealing cars.

Earlier this year, an enhanced patrol of Park police on the midnight shift intercepted three self-described as Kia Boyz, so called because they target the easy-to-steal brand.

The latest thefts reported in the Park were:

- ◆ a gray Hyundai Tucson in the driveway of a house in the 1200 block of Maryland between Wednesday, June 28, and Wednesday, July 5.

- ◆ a gray Hyundai Tucson curbside in the 1300 block of Balfour between 3

and 4 a.m. Sunday, July 2, in the 1300 block of Balfour and

- ◆ a gray Kia Soul curbside in the 1200 block of Yorkshire between 5 p.m. Saturday, July 1, and 4:25 a.m. the next day.

Wayne County authorities announced last month the creation of a multi-jurisdictional task force to curb the trend. Participating jurisdictions consist of Detroit and four suburbs, none involving the Grosse Pointes and none closer to the Pointes than Dearborn.

An eastside anti-car-theft unit, dubbed ACTION, an acronym for Arrest Car Thieves in Our Neighborhood, used to include a full-time Park officer among a staff of roughly a dozen officers. It was disbanded due to budget constraints during the lingering recession of the early 2000s.

The unit was funded by the National Insurance Crime Bureau and involved officers from Detroit Wayne County, Highland Park, Harper Woods and the Pointes.

— Brad Lindberg

Lululemon targeted, out thousands of dollars

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Detectives suspect it was the same crew who thrice stole armfuls of clothing from the Grosse Pointe Lululemon pop-up location in the single week it has been open.

The first incident occurred at 1:20 p.m. Thursday, July 6, when two thin, young black males entered the store at 17101 Kercheval, walked through the aisles

gathering armfuls of clothing and fled to a waiting Jeep, possibly a Cherokee.

Having started off strong with \$2,400 in stolen goods, only an hour later at 2:20 p.m., three suspects carried out the same formula — this time stealing three armfuls — and fled in a black Ford Escape north on St. Clair. The three in the second incident are described as a petite black woman in

her 20s and two black men also in their 20s.

The next day saw two young black men wearing masks use the same pattern to steal likely an additional thousands of dollars of merchandise at 6:31 p.m. Friday, July 7, before fleeing north on St. Clair in a red Dodge Avenger.

Detectives in the City state the investigation is ongoing.

— Laurel Kraus



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Kercheval repaving

Kercheval is closed to through traffic in a nearly five-block stretch between Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools and Bedford while crews repave the roadway. Work was timed to begin after the school year and is expected to be finished when classes resume this fall. Most of the nearly \$675,247 construction cost is funded by a \$415,000 federal grant administered through the state transportation department. The balance is paid from the city's major and local street fund. Engineering fees add another \$99,500. "Work consists of cold milling the existing surface, repairs to the existing concrete base and two courses of overlay," according to a summary by Patrick Droze, an associate with the Park's engineering consultants, OHM Advisors. "Work also includes replacement of significantly deteriorated structures, including sidewalks, curbs, driveways and permanent traffic control signs. Sidewalk ramps will be upgraded to Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Permanent pavement markings will be applied to create safe and highly visible pedestrian crossing areas."



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Warm welcome

Thrive Advantage Group is a team of experienced behavioral health clinicians and therapists serving the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas who help clients make progress, learn better strategies for coping and resiliency and learn to live happier, more fulfilling lives. Founder Megan Gunnell, LMSW, formed a group practice in September 2020, to meet the demand for outpatient mental health services during the pandemic. The group is 100 percent virtual and serves clients across the state. Thrive offers individual therapy, group therapy, retreats, workshops and more. To schedule a confidential therapy session, visit thriveadvantagegroup.com, email info@thriveadvantagegroup.com or call (313) 306-2970. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon-cutting event for Thrive Advantage Group. Pictured from left are Abigail Turnbull, chamber membership and event coordinator; Lauren Kaploe; Katie Hartman-Sheridan; Lindsay Taylor; founder Megan Gunnell; Daleeda Makki; Julia Kline; Heidi Schindlbeck; and Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president and executive director.

Alley, civic lot resurfacing approved

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A new tactic to entice road paving contractors is working.

Unlike last year, when no contractors bid on or followed through with plans to repave sections of alleyways because the job was too small, this year a pair of companies vied for the job due to the city enhancing the appeal by adding extra work.

As a result, construction is expected to begin within one month on repaving alleys:

- ◆ between Wayburn and Maryland from Vernor to Charlevoix, and

- ◆ between Maryland and Lakepointe between the city hall parking lot and St. Paul.

In addition, and this is part of how the city sweetened the deal, work also starts this summer on resurfacing the municipal parking lot between city hall and the Ewald Branch Public Library.

The job includes replacing sanitary sewer manhole covers to reduce stormwater inflow.

Low-bidder Asphalt Specialists of Pontiac beat its lone competitor for both components of the job, \$341,931 for alleys and \$292,440 for the parking lot.

The other firm wanted just over \$89,000 more.

"We've worked with ASI before," said Patrick Droze, of OHM Advisors, the city's engineering consultants. "Parking lots are one of their specialties."

Company representatives reportedly told Droze they may be able to begin work two weeks after signing the contract, he said.

Adding the parking lot to the mix pushed the cost beyond the amount set aside for alley reconstruction. Park officials therefore canceled plans this year to repave two additional sections of alleys. They are:

- ◆ between Wayburn and Maryland from Hampton to St. Paul, and
- ◆ north of Vernor from Maryland to Beaconsfield in the Kercheval business district.

Alley work this summer involves replacing 6,700 square yards of pavement.

In the city hall parking lot, crews intend to remove 1,748 square yards of surface, replace 2,500 square yards of subgrade and add a new, smooth top layer totaling 3,198 square yards of pavement.

There's not much room nor reason to change the lot's configuration.

"The lot is pretty much optimized," Droze said. "There are minor changes. We are going to add four spaces by the library."

City officials also

sweetened the deal by including in the overall project the construction of a parking lot in the Kercheval business district off Maryland. The worksite currently is a gravel lot.

"To achieve economies of scale, this project was lumped in with the city hall parking lot and alleyways," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Asphalt Specialists is in the lead for the second lot with a low bid of \$143,776, which is nearly \$9,300 less than the other bidder.

Although members of the Park city council approved the alley and municipal lot contract Monday, July 10, the Maryland parking lot project is to be funded separately by the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

The authority's next board meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday, July 13.

The authority is funded by capturing future anticipated increases in tax revenue generated within the TIFA district that otherwise would go to the county and state.

Funds are to be spent for the benefit of the district, boarded by the city limits to the north and west, the northern boundary of the Park Downtown Development Authority near East Jefferson to the south and, to the east, the alley between Beaconsfield and Nottingham.

ORDINANCE NO. 400

THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS ORDAINS:
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL OFFENSES ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, ORDINANCE NO. 185, CODE NO. 7-07, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE DEFINING GENERAL OFFENSES; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE COMMISSION THEREOF; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS 81, 98, 60 AND 97."

A true copy of this ordinance, which is effective immediately, may be inspected at the Office of the City Clerk at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, except weekends and holidays.

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"(They) are identical to one used by Grosse

Pointe Woods," Sizeland said.

Meter Products maintains meters in the Woods and Farms, according to Sizeland.

"We stock most mechanical parts to keep your meters functioning," according to the company's website, meterproducts.com.

BoE looks to change public comment policy

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education will consider revising its public comment procedures at its next meeting Tuesday, July 25, in an attempt to shorten meeting times.

This comes after the last three meetings lasted nine hours, six hours — spread over two days — and five and a half hours.

The change would limit public comment on agenda action items,

things the board would vote on at a given meeting, to one hour, although that can be extended by a board vote. Anyone who doesn't get the chance to speak during that time would be able to during the second public comment period at the end of the meeting after the board discusses non-action items, or items up for a vote at the following meeting.

People wishing to comment during either period would be required to submit a form before the end of the superintendent's report, which

is generally the third item on the agenda.

The form would require the person's first and last name, address, what organization they represent — if any — and the topic they want to comment on. If a meeting is recessed, no new comment forms would be accepted when it resumed, as happened Monday, June 12, when the meeting was recessed after four hours and resumed Wednesday, June 14.

Commenters would only be allowed to speak during one of the two public comment times.

Comments are limited to three minutes.

Trustees David Brumbaugh, Colleen Worden and Valarie St. John all expressed concern over the change.

"It's problematic we're adopting different rules during a period of time when we have so many comments on so many things our community wants to tell us," Worden said. "We shouldn't punish people for coming forward and giving us their opinion."

St. John said the length of meeting agendas, not the number of public commenters, is to blame

for long meetings. Brumbaugh added that "given the current climate," anything that limits public comment would not be a good idea.

President Ahmed Ismail said the board's Policy and Contracts Committee looked at policies of a half dozen districts and found most limit the time for public comment.

"Ann Arbor has a 45-minute time limit and your request has to be turned in three hours ahead of time," he said. "I think this is very lenient."

Treasurer Sean Cotton

added that people also can voice their concerns to board members via phone calls or emails.

"I see this as processing the business of the board," he said. "This allows for robust public comment in an orderly manner."

The board also will limit closing comments by members to three minutes.

Brumbaugh said he was 100 percent in favor of that.

"I think we can abide by the same restrictions the community has."

Cotton is the owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

Levinson named Distinguished Alumni during 2023 ULS Alumni Weekend

Adam Levinson of the Class of 1988 was honored as University Liggett School's 2023 Distinguished Alumnus during Alumni Weekend, May 19 and 20.

Head of School Bart Bronk introduced Levinson to the more than 150 alums in attendance, including members of the Class of 1988, who were celebrating their 35th reunion, saying Levinson has had a remarkable path since graduating in 1988 — one that has taken him around the world, living in Singapore, Tokyo, Hong Kong, New York and Los Angeles — all the while supporting academic initiatives.

"Through his professional successes, Adam has shown an incredible commitment to civic and philanthropic endeavors, especially those that support educational initiatives in communities he has called home, including Los Angeles, Ithaca and Detroit," Bronk said. "At Cornell, Levinson and his wife, Brittany, endowed the China and Asia-Pacific Studies Program. And he is a



Head of School Bart Bronk, left, presents the award to honoree Adam Levinson.

founder and board member of the Detroit Children's Fund, which since 2014 has invested nearly \$20 million to ensure that every child in Detroit has access to a quality education and schooling."

When accepting his award, Levinson said he was deeply humbled and honored to be in the company of previous Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. He

said he remembers his time on Cook Road fondly — especially his classes with Gene Overton and his time on the debate team with coach Michael Blashfield.

"I have no doubt that who I am today is because of the foundation that was laid when I was a student at ULS," Levinson said.

Also during Alumni Weekend 2023, Levinson spoke to Upper School

students and shared wisdom about his career path. He reminded them of the importance of being lifelong learners; of being curious, flexible and resilient; of leaning into competition with joy and of seeing failures as the ultimate learning opportunities.

"Life is not linear," Levinson told the students. "You are always

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BoE seeking applicants for new committee

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education is seeking applicants for a new ad hoc committee to assist the Community Engagement Committee.

The Brand Clarification Ad Hoc Committee, created by Board President Ahmed Ismail, will work with a chosen firm to help clarify an effective brand for the district.

"We are looking for community members, staff members and students who work well in a team environment and in a collaborative manner," according to a posting on the district's website Tuesday, July 11.

The posting goes on to say successful applicants will need to have the flexibility to volunteer their time during the week and will act as brand ambassadors for the committee and district.

The committee will be chaired by Treasurer Sean Cotton. Ted Coutilish, a marketing executive at the University of Michigan and member of the Community Engagement Committee, will serve as vice chair. Coutilish first brought the idea of a branding campaign to the committee earlier this year as one way to combat declining enrollment.

The board's fiscal year 2023-24 budget includes \$35,000 for a branding study, plus \$10,000 for an enrollment study.

Applications for the ad hoc committee are due Tuesday, Aug. 1, with interviews to follow. Decisions will be made by Tuesday, Aug. 15.

The application can be found at <https://shorturl.at/ruBK6>.

—Ted O'Neil

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husband, Dennis, said more than 300 people signed an online petition against the Barnes location and another 80 signed a written petition.

"We would have had a lot more people sign next week because everybody is up north this week," she said. "I didn't want to see that huge building back there and the traffic would have been unsafe with all the kids at the school and Star of the Sea across the street."

Lazar originally approached the board last summer outlining his plans. The fieldhouse would be used for off-season training and recovery, as well as a place to mentor student-athletes in life skills such as financial literacy, communications and culinary adequacy. Once built, it would be turned over to GPPSS.

"We want to create a home for the complete student-athlete based on our coaching philosophy," said Lazar, who has coached boys track and field at Grosse Pointe North High School for several

decades. "Based on the results I've seen, it works."

The pulled agenda item would have been a vote on a memorandum of understanding stating the project would only move forward "if and when" 70 percent of funds for construction and maintenance has been pledged and 50 percent has been collected and put in escrow.

Lazar said he will continue the planning process for the fieldhouse and leave it up to the dis-

trict to choose a different location. Brownell and Parcels middle schools previously were considered. Building on district-owned property is the goal as schools are not subject to local zoning or planning ordinances.

Lazar originally envisioned an 80,000-square-foot facility at a cost of \$20 million. Now that he has architectural plans in hand, the fieldhouse would be 163,400 gross square feet and cost \$55 million to build.

Other costs include

\$450,000 for annual maintenance and \$750,000 for yearly payroll. Lazar wants to create a \$35 million endowment to cover those expenses. He thinks there's a potential for \$350,000 in rental income per year, which would be split 50-50 between East Metro and the district.

"I think we could raise \$90 million in the next 12 to 18 months," Lazar told the board's Finance and Facilities Committee in May, noting he has

received interest from local and national foundations, local hospitals and private donors who could be offered naming rights.

The fieldhouse would include an indoor track, space for field events, basketball and volleyball courts, performance and training rooms, meeting

areas, a professional kitchen and a dining room. It would be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday with general memberships available for purchase, although GPPSS athletes would get first priority — at no cost — 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. weekdays.

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Henry Ayrault of Grosse Pointe Park, Audrey Calcaterra of the City of Grosse Pointe, Tommy Hartzell and Lainey Rahm of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Mia Eugenio of Grosse Pointe Shores have been named to the Dean's List at Miami University for the 2023 spring semester.



Henry Ayrault



Mia Eugenio



Michael Mrsan

Michael Mrsan of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Miami University spring 2023 President's List.

Lily Adams of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from the University of Mount Union with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Gavin Hamilton of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the spring semester Dean's List at Iowa State University. He is studying mechanical engineering.

Grosse Pointe South High School student Dominic J. Palazzolo of Grosse Pointe Park recently received a National Merit University of Alabama in Huntsville Platinum Scholarship. He plans to pursue a degree in chemical engineering.

City of Grosse Pointe residents Bridget Doyle, Adam Ebenhoeh, Caroline Miller and Lydia Miller; Grosse Pointe Farms residents Claire Koeppen and Aaron Vyletel; and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Camryn Simon



Bridget Doyle



Claire Koeppen



Camryn Simon

were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Kennedy Williams of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology.

Rachel Rybicki of Grosse Pointe Park and Rebecca Moin of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the President's List at the University of Alabama for the fall 2022 semester.

Fiona O'Byrne of the City of Grosse Pointe was

named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Saint Mary's College.

Jennifer Gmeiner of Grosse Pointe Woods received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Alabama.

Benton Farrell of Grosse Pointe Farms received a Master Health Science degree in cardiovascular perfusion from Quinnipiac University in May.

Emma Turner of the City of Grosse Pointe and Ryan Duffy and Steve Murphy of Grosse Pointe Shores earned degrees from Marquette University in Milwaukee. Turner earned a Bachelor

of Science degree in nursing, Duffy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer engineering and Murphy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Claire Cameron of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the winter 2023 semester at Saginaw Valley State University.

Dominic Carozza of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List of Academic Honors at Sam Houston State University for the spring

ULS Golf Classic raises \$88,000 to support programs

The U Club Golf Classic, presented by Ray Laethem Motor Village, showcased the unwavering University Liggett School spirit, despite inclement weather conditions.

Held at the Country Club of Detroit, this annual event brought together golf enthusiasts, sponsors and Liggett supporters for a day of camaraderie, golf and charitable giving.

Jeff Laethem, avid supporter of the school community and co-owner of Ray Laethem Motor Village, served as the presenting sponsor for this year's Golf Classic. His commitment to ULS and passion for philanthropy played an integral role in making this event a resounding success.

"The Liggett spirit

embodies the core values of community, teamwork and excellence," Laethem said. "It is an honor to support an event that not only celebrates the sport of golf, but also raises funds for a worthy cause."

This year's Golf Classic raised \$88,000 to support ULS co-curricular programs, including the athletic, robotics and theater programs.

"We are immensely grateful to all the participants, sponsors and volunteers who braved the elements and made the U Club Golf Classic a memorable event," said Cressie Boggs, director of development and alumni relations. "Their unwavering dedication to Liggett and their commitment to giving back to the community truly made a difference."

graduated magna cum laude with a degree in social studies education with a concentration in secondary education from Albion College.

Grosse Pointe Woods student Rory Angott received a Jay Olson Memorial Essay in German Award at Albion College's Honors Convocation.

semester.

Giovanni Procopio of Grosse Pointe Shores was named to the Dean's List at Aurora University for the spring 2023 semester. Procopio is majoring in sport management and business administration.

Grosse Pointe Woods student Peter Loch



COURTESY PHOTO

Head of School Bart Bronk, left, and honoree Adam Levinson.

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one decision away from going in a different direction."

Levinson is the founder, managing partner, and CIO at Graticule Asset Management Asia, an independently owned Singapore-based alternative investment management firm with offices in Singapore and New York. Prior to that, he was a principal and member of the management committee of Fortress Investment Group. At Fortress, he served as the chief executive officer of Fortress Investment Group (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., chief investment officer of the Fortress Asia Macro Funds and co-chief investment officer of the Fortress Macro Funds.

Prior to joining Fortress in June 2002, Levinson was a fund manager at Tudor Investment Corp., and a proprietary trader for 10

years at Goldman, Sachs & Co., moving between Hong Kong, Tokyo, London and New York while managing portfolios of G10 and emerging market risk. Additionally, Levinson was the head of foreign exchange at Goldman Sachs Japan from 1998 to 1999.

Levinson is a former member of the Singapore Foreign Exchange Market Committee and serves on the advisory board of Greater Pacific Capital LLP and as an external member of the Investments Subcommittee of the London School of Economics and Political Science. He also is the co-founder of Revolution Cannabis, a privately held craft MSO based in Chicago.

Levinson received a Bachelor of Arts degree in government, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Cornell University. He lives between Singapore, Tokyo and Los Angeles with his wife and their three children.

Previous Distinguished Alumni Award recipients

- ◆ Businesswoman Lisa Black '77,
- ◆ Pediatric infectious disease physician and vaccine researcher Dr. Kristen Feemster '91
- ◆ C-SPAN co-founder John Evans '62 GPUS
- ◆ Washington Post foreign correspondent Keith Richburg '76
- ◆ Retired Rear Adm. Stanley W. Bryant '64 GPUS
- ◆ Businessman Richard Baron '60 GPUS
- ◆ Businesswoman Denise Ilitch '73
- ◆ Businessman Bill Sheldon '68 GPUS
- ◆ Federal Magistrate Judge Nita Stormes '72
- ◆ Broadcast news journalist Miles O'Brien '77
- ◆ Carhartt heir and Board Chairperson Gretchen Valade '45 CDS
- ◆ Founder and owner of the Buffalo Bills Ralph Wilson '36 DUS
- ◆ Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jeffrey Eugenides '78

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‘Grosse Pointe Youth has Talent’ takes the stage Friday, July 21

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A handful of young people will share their talents with the community at 7 p.m. Friday, July 21, during “Grosse Pointe Youth has Talent,” premiering onstage at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program, coordinated by Diana Jones Kirby and the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver, features six youths and two adults.

“The congregation wanted to do something just for the youth in the area,” Jones Kirby said. “There are so many talented teens who are with Grosse Pointe Theatre, at North and South (high schools). They asked, ‘Can you put together a show for youth or something with youth-oriented stories?’”

Jones Kirby attended choir performances at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South in the spring and began making phone calls to recruit talent for the show. She discovered summer is a busy season for young people, but was able to book several talented acts.

Most of the performers will sing and/or play an instrument; however, two moms will perform skits with their children as well.

Parents Elizabeth McQuillan and Julie Nixon will perform skits with their children, Robert Moen and Josh Stuckless, respectively.

Moen and Stuckless also will take the stage — along with Erin Steinhauser, Jolina Hutchingson, Jillian Nixon and Violet King — for musical numbers.

“This is about sharing your talents with the



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Above, multitabled siblings Josh Stuckless and Jillian Nixon. Right, Violet King, who recently was cast as Wednesday in Grosse Pointe Theatre’s upcoming production of “The Addams Family.”



community,” Jones Kirby said. “I told them, whatever you want to share, you can share. They chose the songs. They chose the arrangements. Skit rehearsals started two weeks ago, but the songs — they’re singing their favorites, which they sing all the time anyway.”

Added Yeager-Stiver, “We really wanted this to be about youth empowerment. Josh and Jillian, they’re brother and sister, they came in and asked Diana, ‘What are our limitations?’ We really wanted them to know it’s their choice. We told them, ‘The gloves are off. This is your empowerment moment.’”

In addition to the

entertainment, drinks and snacks will be available for a donation. Admission also is offered in exchange for a free-will offering.

“We have room for 150,” Yeager-Stiver said. “If we fill every chair, we’ll know to do an encore next year.”

Patrons may not have to wait that long, Jones Kirby said.

“If this works well, if we get a good showing, we’ll do another youth show around Christmas time. We’ll add costumes, add a theme, make it bigger. ... It’s such a fun way to bring the community together.”

For more information, call (313) 884-3075 or visit gpcong.org.

On tap

It’s been just more than a year since Grosse Pointe Congregational Church remodeled and debuted its lower-level stage, which is available for community use. Newly upgraded sound and lighting systems have been added and a full-service kitchen makes it a prime location for dinner theater events, Yeager-Stiver said.

“We want to keep momentum up,” he added. “It’s great for the community to know this is available. We want the community to feel the support, especially with our smaller space. The smaller setting makes for a more comfortable show, so if you’re looking for dinner theater space,



Erin Steinhauser is among the singers to perform.



Jolina Hutchingson will take the stage July 21.

come talk to us.”

Other programs on tap at fellowship hall include an art reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 20, for its “Impressions: Printmakers Art Show,” which runs through Monday, Sept. 4.

Whosoever Ministries, which shares space with the church, presents its Apollo Theater Brunch fundraisers from 2 to 4 p.m. the fourth Sunday of each month. Cost is \$30. Jones Kirby will host a

gentle yoga and sound bath program with Heather Bossler from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 30. Cost is \$40 by cash or check, \$42 via credit card. “We’re doing it on a Sunday, the end of the weekend,” she added, “so you can get spiritually, mentally and emotionally ready for the rest of the week. We’ll have drinks and healthy snacks after.”

To register or for more information, visit gpcong.org.

Former Chief Justice Corrigan’s portrait unveiled

Butzel attorney and former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan has been a trailblazer throughout her legal career. On June 14, during a special session of the Michigan Supreme Court, a portrait of Corrigan was unveiled to the public. The event was hosted by the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society. Notably, the portrait was created by Patricia Hill Burnett, a world-renowned artist.

Chief Justice Elizabeth

T. Clement and distinguished guests included former Chief Justice Robert P. Young, who shared personal insights into Corrigan’s career and her dedicated efforts to help Michigan’s children.

A former Grosse Pointe resident, Corrigan concentrates her practice in litigation and appeals. She served as a law clerk to Judge John Gillis of the Michigan Court of Appeals. She then became a Wayne County assistant prosecuting attorney in 1974,

and chief of appeals in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Detroit in 1979. In 1986, she was promoted to chief assistant U.S. attorney, the first woman to hold that position. She became a partner at Plunkett and Cooney in 1989.

In 1992, former Gov. John Engler appointed her to the Michigan Court of Appeals. In 1997, the Supreme Court named her chief judge of the appeals court. She was elected to the

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A portrait of former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan recently was unveiled to the public during a special session of the Michigan Supreme Court.

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Christmas in July kicks off at Ford House at noon Tuesday, July 25.

Santa and Mrs. Claus kick off Christmas in July at Ford House

It might be peak summer temperatures outside, but at Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, the jolly old elf himself and Mrs. Claus are stopping by as part of their summer vacation. And they are bringing special news about this winter's holidays at Ford House.

At noon Tuesday, July 25, Ford House kicks off "Christmas in July" with a special experience featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus. Arriving at the historic estate in their red Ford Mustang convertible, the beloved Christmas couple will spread holiday cheer as they announce Ford House's new winter holiday event, "Home for the Holidays at Ford House."

"Home for the Holidays at Ford House" combines the best features from several years of Christmas programming. From Nov. 24 to Dec. 31, visitors will enjoy a brilliantly lit evening walk throughout the historic estate surrounded by glittering white lights. Additionally, guests will be able to explore the first floor of the main residence and marvel at its understated elegance, a look inspired by Eleanor Ford's tastes and wishes. "We are so thrilled to bring this new event to our guests," said Mary Ann Bauman, Ford House public events and engagement manager. "Our guests have shared their favorite moments from previous years and we've gathered

those together to make 'Home for the Holidays at Ford House' a truly magical experience the longtime visitors and first-time guests will all enjoy."

The Christmas in July kick-off begins at noon Tuesday, July 25, outside the Ford House main residence. Tickets to the ceremony are free, but reservations are recommended. Visitors may sign up to attend by visiting fordhouse.org/christmasinJuly.

Tickets to "Home for the Holidays at Ford House" go on sale to Ford House members in person at 12:30 p.m. July 25 at the visitor center and then online the next morning. Tickets for the public go on sale Tuesday, Aug. 1.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Marchiori Catering

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

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, July 14, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 17, St. Mark Lutheran Church, 26830 W. Park, Roseville.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. Friday, July 21, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, St. Clair Shores City Hall,

27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 27, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm

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

◆ 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.

◆ Walk With Ease, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, July 17 to Aug. 21, with instructors Suzy Berschback and Reyna Diamond Trevino.

◆ Field Trip to the Village of Rochester Hills, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 19. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

◆ Silver Cafe food truck, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 20, sponsored by the Detroit Area

Agency on Aging's Silver Cafe Initiative.

◆ Brainstorming, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 25, with instructor Lori Stanley.

◆ Premier World Discovery presents the free presentation "Christmas Markets of Montreal and Quebec City," 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 26.

◆ Out-to-Lunch Bunch, noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Watermark Bar & Grille. Cost for the bus ride is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Guests are responsible for the cost of their own lunch.

◆ Eastern Market brings fresh produce to The Helm 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 8 and 22.

◆ Fabric Doll Making, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

◆ Mah Jongg Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

◆ Free blood pressure screenings, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month.

◆ Bingo and treats, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.

Cost is \$2 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes one card and 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 grossepointeartistscenter.org.

◆ "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.

◆ Grounds passes are available daily, 8 a.m. through sunset, now through Dec. 31. Passes cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for ages 6 to 12. Members are admitted free of charge.

◆ 2023 Yoga at Ford House, Tuesdays, through September. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for members.

◆ 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.

◆ Story Studio: Outrageous Orange, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 25. "Creepy Carrots" will be read. Cost is \$4 for member children, \$5 for non-member children.

◆ Game Night: Lawn Games, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

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

◆ Volunteer Monday — Fleece & Thank You, 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, July 17, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Let us come Together and Crochet, 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, July 17, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Summer Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Appy Hour, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 1,000 Hours Walk & Talk: Moths, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Summer Scares Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at Woods, 20680 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ GPPL @ Shores Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 800 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 20, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Phoenix Freerunning, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 20, via Zoom.

◆ Pressed Flower Lanterns, 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Saturday Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 22, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19. Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen will provide an update on the county. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

The War Memorial

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

◆ Planet D Nonet: A Salute to Duke Ellington, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$40 VIP, \$15 for veterans and seniors, \$10 for ages 13 and younger.

◆ Cork & Create: Acrylic Painting — Peonies & Pinot, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 27. Cost is \$95.

Corrections

The article, "Leadership changes for Grosse Pointe Rotary Club," published in the July 6 Grosse Pointe News, should have listed the club's Rookie of the Year Award winner as Cissie Cappola.

◆◆◆ The article, "PAATS gets seniors around town," published in the July 6 Grosse Pointe News, should have read PAATS reservations must be made a minimum of 48 hours in advance.

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Michigan Supreme Court in 1998, and reelected in 2006. Corrigan is the only person ever to serve as chief judge of both the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. She served two terms as chief justice.

Corrigan left the court Jan. 14, 2011, to become director of the Michigan Department of Human Services under Gov. Rick Snyder. In 2015-16, she was a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a think tank in Washington, D.C., where she worked on poverty and child welfare issues. In that role, she testified in Congress, authored

papers and book chapters, and served as liaison to state secretaries of human services.

Corrigan has participated in numerous community and professional activities. She currently serves on five nonprofit boards, and is a past president of the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers and the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

She served as a public member of the Michigan Law Revision Commission from 1991-98, an executive board member of the Michigan Judges Association and a member of the Judicial Advisory Board of the Center for Law and Organizational

Economics at the University of Kansas Law School.

She was vice president of the Conference of Chief Justices from 2003 to 2004. She is a published author in the legal and child welfare fields. She holds seven honorary doctorates from Michigan colleges and universities, among numerous honors and awards. Corrigan, who lives in St. Clair Shores, was named to WJR-AM 760's 2018 Class of "Women Who Lead."

Corrigan earned her Juris Doctorate cum laude from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude from Marygrove College.

Memoir recounts military service, offers keys to happiness

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Woods native George Farrell has many fond memories of his military service, as well as a few he'd rather forget.

He details the highlights in his latest book, "Fourteen Pairs of Boots: Life Lessons Learned in the Marine Corps."

"I never threw my military boots away," he said. "They gathered around the house from over 20 years in the military."

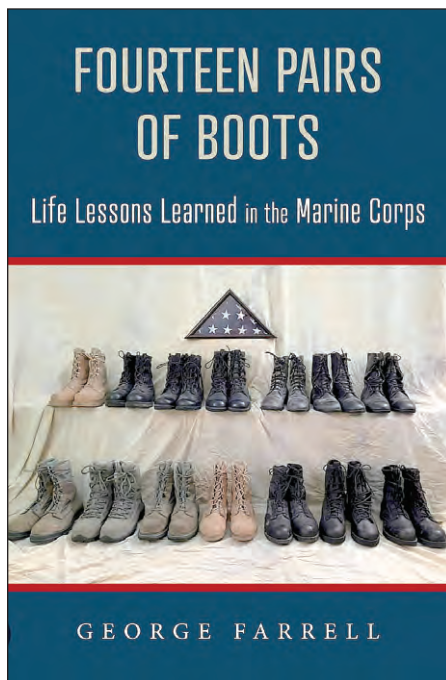
The boots grace the cover of the book, a memoir in which Farrell shares details about his six years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

But he didn't build up his combat boot collection in just six years. Nearly a decade after retiring, the events of Sept. 11, 2001 occurred, renewing Farrell's sense of patriotism. He spent the next 14 years with the U.S. Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. He plans to write a sequel about those years at a later date.

"I originally wanted to become a Navy officer," he said, "mainly because my mom served in WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Services) and she thought highly of Navy officers. But the Marine recruiter got to me first."

After taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, or ASVAB, tests in high school, Farrell was called by a Marine Corps recruiter. He backed off, telling the recruiter he'd already enrolled in college, but asked if the Marine Corps offered a reserve program.

"What appealed to me about the Marine Corps were three aspects," Farrell noted, after meeting with the recruiter. "One, all the other branches, they tell you what they could do for you. When I went, the recruiter asked, 'What



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Clockwise from top left, Farrell's book will be available on Amazon Aug. 1; the author; getting his name on the Operation Desert Storm plaque that adorns the wall in the main hallway at The War Memorial is one of Farrell's proudest moments.

can you offer the Marine Corps?" He threw out a challenge; they were looking for people to accept that challenge. Two, I thought the uniform was really cool. And three was what the recruiter told me about the uniform. He said, 'You can earn one of these.' You have to earn the title 'Marine.' The other branches call you airman, sailor or soldier while you're in training. You're not a Marine until you pass basic training."

"... So I enlisted in the Marine Corps," he added. "My mother, who normally was very supportive, was not very

supportive. I told her, 'Don't worry; it's only the reserves.'"

That's the message his recruiter told him too.

"He said, 'Don't worry. The Marine Corps Reserve wasn't activated in Vietnam. The last time it was activated was Korea,'" Farrell said. "Well, it got activated in Desert Storm."

Though Farrell wasn't sent to Saudi Arabia, he did spend time in the Philippines, which is where he lived through one of the most terrifying experiences of his service: the eruption of Mount Pinatubo — the world's largest volcanic

eruption to happen in 100 years — detailed in Chapter 14: Operation Fiery Vigil and the Exodus:

"A major volcanic eruption was not the least of our problems," he wrote. "Weather reports had indicated a typhoon was approaching the Philippine Islands. The typhoon hit the islands at nearly the same time as the major eruption. The heavy rains combined with the volcanic ash and soon it was raining volcanic mud. The skies grew black. Visibility was extremely limited. I could not see more than 10 feet in front of me. When the

lightning lit up the sky, it appeared as a shady haze of purple. It was surreal and I could feel the earth trembling from the earthquakes. Scientists referred to the phenomenon as a volcaphoonquake. It meant that a typhoon hit during a volcanic eruption accompanied by earthquakes."

He recounts in the book another frightening moment, flying in a CH-46 helicopter during a severe lightning storm.

"I just kept thinking of what will happen if this thing goes down," he said, going through the steps in his head — tear off the weather stripping, kick out the window, swim out through the porthole, pull the cord on the CO2 charger to inflate the life vest and hope for rescue.

"I've got so many military stories in general," Farrell said. "My last book ('Stuff in the Basement: Influences of James Dean' 2019) covered 30 years of my life, but I only touched briefly on the military parts to keep it brief. I wanted to express that part of my life."

Hands down his proudest moment — of his life, not just his military service — was "getting my name on the Grosse Pointe War Memorial plaque for Desert Storm," he said, "especially because my mom and my uncle are on the World War II plaque."

Apart from simply tell-

ing stories, Farrell closes each chapter with life lessons he learned through his experiences. He came up with 14, to mirror the book title.

His 14 Keys to Happiness and Personal Growth are:

- ◆ Dream big
- ◆ Be willing to step outside your comfort zone
- ◆ Avoid negative people
- ◆ Surround yourself with positive people (seek out mentors)
- ◆ Be a mentor or leader
- ◆ Have faith
- ◆ Be grateful
- ◆ Make the most of it
- ◆ Laugh at least once a day
- ◆ Live for the here and now
- ◆ Do not let your ego rule you (keep it real)
- ◆ Always be prepared
- ◆ Do not sweat the small stuff
- ◆ Cherish the little things.

"I always felt like there's something you can learn from life experiences," he said. "If you can impart that to other people and help them, that's a good contribution to society as a whole."

The St. Clair Shores resident retired from the military in 2017, and currently works for Stellantis.

"Fourteen Pairs of Boots" is pending release, but can be ordered now on bookbaby.com. It will be available on Amazon Aug. 1.



Farrell with his mother upon returning home from Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm on Aug. 9, 1991.

Motor City Mitten Mission hosts golf outing fundraiser

The MCMM Charity Golf Invitational, to benefit the Motor City Mitten Mission, takes place Monday, July 24, at Lochmoor Club.

MCMM is a Michigan 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the homeless, needy, sick and those striving for a better way of life while educating, partnering and collaborating with a number of other organizations, schools, churches, clubs and businesses.

MCMM provides approximately 100 to 150 individual meals daily in addition to clothing, blankets, personal care products, mats and pillows, as well as proactively engages people in housing navigation and mental health/substance abuse treatment.

In addition to six programs, the Motor City Mitten Mission operated the Macomb County Winter Shelter for the first time. The MCMM staff far surpassed expectations for the shelter by serving 558 individuals with an average of 76 people nightly,

providing direct services and assistance to 475 individuals, assisting 112 individuals into either temporary or permanent housing and helping facilitate substance abuse treatment to 73 guests.

The shelter closed for the season April 1; however, MCMM is offering a once a week drop-in that provides food, showers, clothing and additional resources for housing, medical and mental health assistance, substance abuse treatment, document restoration, job assistance and other services.

Last year's MCMM golf outing was a tremendous success thanks to the support and generosity of many donors, volunteers and staff.

"Our goal is to surpass last year's accomplishments so that we can continue our much-needed work with our unsheltered and housing insecure," MCMM founder Gail Marlow said. "Your participation and generosity will make a direct impact on

those that MCMM serve."

This year's MCMM Charity Golf Invitational is in honor of the late "Chef Pappa" Ross Hoffman, who served as head chef and kitchen manager of the MCMM Homelessness to Housing program.

"MCMM first met Ross while he was homeless and sleeping in Hart Plaza," Marlow said. "We visited his site daily and were humbled as each encounter he opened up more and more about his personal life and experiences."

"As we got to know Ross, he asked if we had any work available and soon after we brought him on board to our H2H program and made arrangements for him to stay at a three-quarter house," she added. "Initially he was going to be helping with our donation pick-ups and deliveries, but I soon learned that his background for almost 30 years was working in the kitchen. Turns out Ross worked at a variety of restaurants from din-

ers to five-star venues. Within days, Ross quickly got our MCMM kitchen organized and pumping out 100 to 150-plus meals per day almost single-handedly. We had almost zero food waste and he made creative use for almost any food donation that came in."

Hoffman passed away unexpectedly Aug. 28, 2022, leaving the MCMM family devastated, Marlow said.

"Our MCMM kitchen will never be the same without him," she said. "On a positive note, when Ross passed away, he was not homeless, he had a job, he had reconnected with his family and he had tons of people that loved him. He forever made his mark at MCMM and all of those that worked with him and knew him. Last year he was so excited to be able to work at our inaugural golf outing. We thought it would be appropriate to honor him this year."

Lochmoor Club is located at 1018 Sunningdale Drive,

Grosse Pointe Woods. The outing begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Cost for a foursome is \$1,500 and per golfer is \$375. Both include golf, lunch and dinner. Dinner-only tickets are available for \$100.

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OBITUARIES

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Anthony Joseph Tanoury

Anthony Joseph Tanoury, 72, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 21, 2023, with his family by his side.

Anthony will be lovingly remembered and missed by his devoted mother, Gloria Mady Tanoury; his brother, Douglas; and his sister, Susan. He was predeceased by his father, Anthony Tanoury Sr. He also will be remembered and missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Anthony was born June 22, 1951, in Detroit. He worked in Detroit as chief switchman at Cass Toll, now AT&T. He occupied one of the highest technical positions. He was a skilled technician in electronics, circuits and radios. He was a dedicated worker, respected for his excellent communication skills with both colleagues and co-workers. He was known for his ability to identify problems and how to solve them. As the result of a medical spinal injury, Anthony had to retire in 1992.

During the advance of his illness, Anthony, a talented, sensitive man, turned for solace, creativity and companionship to nature. He loved watching birds, photographing them and writing about them. Pictures from his beautiful book, "The Princess Bluejay," are posted online and available by searching "The Princess Blue Jay by Anthony Tanoury, Blurb Books." The book garnered praise from the Wild Bird Federation, Birding Magazine and Winged Wonders.

One might think about Anthony, as many did, as belonging to a brotherhood of St. Francis. Not only did he care about nature, but he also cared for people whose paths crossed his. During his time in assisted living, he spread joy among the residents and although he was confined to a wheelchair, he arranged for water and treats to be distributed to his assisted living family. He never lost sight of his friends there, for whom he cared and advocated for and befriended.

Anthony never held back from saying, "I love you." It came naturally from him. He was comfortable saying it. It was

spontaneous and deeply felt. He had an aroma of love and joy about him that flowed from his heart.

Anthony lived his final days at Ascension St. John Hospital where he died. Cremation has taken place. A private service for immediate family was held May 26, at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores.

There will be a Mass celebrating Anthony's life, for extended family, in Windsor, Ontario, on Saturday, July 15.

His family extends a thank-you to staff, family, co-workers and friends for supporting, loving and accompanying Anthony on his courageous journey through a life well lived. He was grateful to them all and loved them.

James "Jim" William Duff

James "Jim" William Duff, 84, of Palm Desert, Calif., and Grosse Pointe, passed away Saturday, June 24, 2023, with his wife and best friend, Caroline (nee Mehen), at his bedside, after a 25-year battle with Addison's disease.

James was born Feb. 25, 1939, to Lucinda Anderson Duff and Charles Henry Duff. He was the younger brother of Charles Franklin Duff. He overcame numerous ailments as a child, including hip surgery, which required a six-month recovery in a full body cast. During this time, James' appetite for knowledge was fed by reading any dog-eared paperback he could find, especially the works of Louis L'Amour, a passion that stayed with him all his life.

After graduation from Bishop Noll High School, James, with his brother's direction, enrolled at Xavier University in Cincinnati. James excelled in his studies and was rewarded with one of 10 internships at General Motors.

On Sept. 8, 1962, James married Caroline Sloan Mehen and moved to Detroit. Their family grew quickly with the arrival of James William Jr., and Kathleen Marie. James continued his career, receiving his Juris Doctorate degree from Detroit College of Law in 1967, and finding his niche in business as owner and CEO of Creative Risk Management Corporation

(CRMC), a third-party self-insurance administrator. James' focus in the industry was recognized as president of the Metro Detroit Insurance Club, as well as president of the Self Insurance Institute of America. He continued to helm CRMC until 1994, when he became president and CEO of CoreSource.

James' personal life centered on family and community, spending time coaching and mentoring his children and others. He was an avid outdoorsman and boater and enjoyed his Great Lakes excursions on "Irish Mist." He was constantly expanding his knowledge, with interests in music, cooking, wine and, later in life, biblical studies.

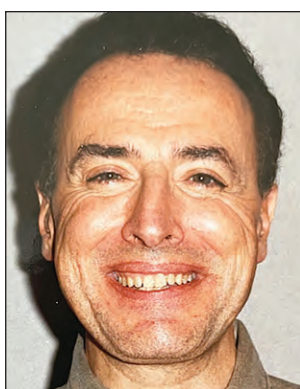
His desire to give back propelled him and Caroline to contribute time and resources to COTS, Salvation Army and the Father Solanus Casey Center. He joined the board of Detroit Macomb Hospitals and helped direct a new hospital, Detroit Riverview. As chairman of the board, his contributions were recognized with the establishment of the James W. Duff Health Care Center. He stayed with the hospital board of St. John, and eventually Ascension Health, more than 30 years.

Xavier University always had a place in Jim's heart, serving as an emeritus member and president of the alumni board from 1993 to 2013. He and Caroline established the James and Caroline Duff Banquet Center on campus and the James W. Duff scholarship fund.

James continued to serve his community by serving as president of the Resident Board at Rancho La Quinta and Segovia.

James was predeceased by his parents, Cindy and Charlie; and his brother, Chuck. He is survived by Caroline, his wife of 60 years; children, James Duff (Cori) and Kathleen Duff; and nephews and nieces, Chris Money (Kent), Gail Tankersley (Paul), Mark Duff (Kathy), Tim Duff (Garet), Thomas Mehen, George Mehen and Michael Mehen (Janna).

As his loved ones reflect on James' life, they know not only how fragile life can be, but also how much difference in the world one man can make.



Anthony J. Tanoury



James William Duff



Diane Francis Sullivan

Diane Francis Sullivan

Diane Francis Sullivan, 85, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 24, 2023, in White Lake, after a remarkable fight to recover from a stroke for five and a half years.

Diane was a beloved member of the Grosse Pointe and White Lake communities. She was the definition of a strong, loyal, funny, hardworking, caring, faithful and Irish mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, Godmother, aunt, friend, teacher, volunteer, church member, caretaker and top-notch hostess. She also was a "surrogate" mother and grandmother to countless people throughout her life, even up until her last days.

Diane was born Aug. 20, 1937, in Detroit, to Edward and Ruth Howell. While only having one younger brother, Richard Howell, Diane's house or Cooley Lake cottage was filled with countless other family members and friends at all times. Even in her last moments, she was most comfortable being surrounded by large, noisy crowds of family and friends. Diane wanted every day to be a celebration and was always prepared to throw a party at a moment's notice. To Diane, each day of life was a gift and should be celebrated to the fullest.

Education was of huge importance to Diane. She attended St. Clare of Montefalco Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park, Dominican High School in Detroit and received a teaching degree from the University of Detroit. She later earned a master's degree in Boston.

Diane also made sure her children had a strong Catholic school foundation, as well as to continue to their highest level of education in their fields. Teaching was not just a job for Diane, but her passion and way to do God's work. She taught in Detroit Public Schools for several years until she took a break to raise her five children. However, she later became a permanent substitute teacher at St. Clare of Montefalco School.

She loved being a Girl Scout leader, helping with school events, going on field trips, producing school, church and community theater plays and performances, being part of many church committees, visiting the sick and making and serving countless meals for people in need, such as St. Leo's Soup Kitchen. Diane served 150 meals there the day she had her stroke, March 13, 2018.

She was part of many of the traditions started at St. Clare and generously contributed all she could for tuition or supplies for many St. Clare students.

While continuing to support the St. Clare school and parish, Diane went back to work full time as a teacher in DPS at Goodale Elementary School (now William J.

Beckham Academy). She absolutely adored her school babies and did all she could to provide them with the best learning experience each day. Diane loved to play piano and was passionate about using music to teach and motivate her students to learn. Besides teaching academics with strong rigor, she made sure her students had other experiences, such as field trips to the theater, plays, the zoo, farms and more. She spent hours finding and fighting for grant money to fund these events, as well as lots of her own money to provide her students with school supplies, hats, mittens and even rides to school. She was most proud of the Black History Program she put on each year. She found someone to make authentic African outfits for each student to wear, arranged for kings from Africa to come and speak to the children, helped her first-grade students prepare speeches and songs to perform and found someone to prepare delicious traditional African food for the children and their guests to enjoy. One of the last songs she sang in her final days was her class song: "We're in Mrs. Sullivan's classroom. We're the best of the bunch. ... We are smart, strong, good looking too. We are Mrs. Sullivan's Bunch."

Diane divided her time each year between her Detroit/Grosse Pointe community and her Cooley Lake/White Lake community. She loved them both dearly and had many friends and connections on both sides of town. She loved to pack up the car after the school year was over and head to the family cottage of Cooley Lake and escape city life. She loved nothing more than to swim, go for boat rides, waterski (until age 69, when she switched to riding a tube), visit the library and read all day in a hammock, entertain and play hostess constantly, play cards, garden, watch great fireworks and spend quality time with family and friends. She also loved going to church in the summer at St. Patrick's Church in White Lake and liked volunteering there as well. She also loved to travel and visited many different places, such as Trinidad, Great Britain, Ireland, France, Australia, Germany, Poland and her final trip to the Holy Land.

After retirement, Diane continued to divide her time between her house in Grosse Pointe and her cottage on Cooley Lake. However, she did not spend her retirement relaxing. She found more time to devote to her family, friends, both churches, volunteering with homeless projects, assisting with the Friends of Vision project, working at the gift shop at Beaumont Hospital, throwing countless parties for family and friends (St. Patrick's Day was celebrated the entire month of March and her birthday was celebrated the entire month of

August) and becoming a part of her youngest daughter, Shannon MacIsaac's, classroom each year. She was that extra pair of hands and support needed at Country Oaks Elementary in Commerce Township. Diane continued to teach students there through music and play the piano to accompany the students as they performed in holiday shows and year-end celebrations for their families.

After her stroke, she continued to try to teach, counsel and tell the staff at her assisted living facilities that they were loved, valued and made a difference in the world. She listened to them and treated them as family. She always wanted to offer someone something to eat or drink and played hostess until the end. She loved to dress up and decorate for all the holidays and insisted on hosting all the family events until she had a stroke at 80. Even after her stroke, the family visited wherever she was to gather and celebrate holidays so she could feel like she was still the host.

Diane, Lady Di, Bird, Mrs. Sully, Mom, Grandma will be missed tremendously by her family, friends and the communities she was a part of. She brought the fun to any event and wanted to make everyone feel recognized and celebrated.

Diane was predeceased by her parents, Edward and Ruth Howell; and her brother, Richard Howell. She is survived by her ex-husband and friend, Dr. Michael R. Sullivan "Tim"; and their children, Kathleen Weber (Steve), Michael Sullivan, Maureen Phelps (Tom), Kelly Montaglione (Chris) and Mary Shannon MacIsaac (Scott). Her greatest joy also came from her grandchildren, Lindsey Leonowicz (Nick), Bridget Sullivan Schriever (Ted), Maggie Phelps, Melissa Sullivan, Jordan Taronji, Timothy Drake Weber, Andrew Taronji, Joey Phelps, Sean Montaglione, Sarah MacIsaac and Alex Phelps; and her precious great-grandchildren, Emerson, Charlotte, Sadie and Bodie Leonowicz.

A Celebration of Life is planned Friday, Aug. 11, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. The parking lot is off of Mack Avenue. The family will receive guests from 11 to 11:45 a.m. before the service. Mass will start at noon with a luncheon and memory-sharing event to follow in the church basement.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, 8642 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202, stleosoupkitchendetroit.org/donate; or St. Clare School. Please make checks payable to St. Clare School PTO, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, 16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

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Dolores Ann Holme

as the best-dressed and most stylish in the room. She loved having fun, laughing, and dancing and adored her beloved husband Chuck as her dancing partner. Dolores was a star in the eyes of all who knew her. She was also the quintessential homemaker who prioritized ensuring her house was clean, meals were cooked, and her children had everything they needed. She was happy to be the central figure in her children's lives. Dolores was a devout Catholic and recently was a parishioner of St. John Neumann. In her later years, she took to making blankets for everyone in the family, and they will always remember her fondly when they see it at the end of their bed, and feel it keeping them warm and comfortable.

Dolores is survived by her four children: Gary Holme (Marleah), Julianna Cornack (Thomas), Jeffrey Holme (Diane), and Kelly Spitzley (Ray); two siblings: Robert Rabe (Michelle) and Judy Kler (Tom); twelve grandchildren: Rachael, Sarah, Natalie, Gabriella, Erin, Tyler, Nicole, Jeffrey, Jr., Ellen, Joe, Street, and Charlie; three great-grandchildren: Paxton, Leah, and Lacey. She was predeceased by her sister Patricia Garbarino.

A celebration of Dolores' beautiful life will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 10 AM at St. Hugo of the Hills Parish, 2215 Opdyke Rd, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. If you would like to leave the family an online condolence, please visit SnyderFuneralHome.com

Dolores will be affectionately remembered

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Elizabeth Ann Shammas

Elizabeth Ann Shammas, 85, passed away peacefully Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

She was born March 14, 1938, in Flint, to Michael and Elizabeth Farah. Throughout her life, Elizabeth's passion was love for her family, namely her children, Philip and Nicole. However, all who knew her realized her love extended far beyond and included nieces, nephews and friends. She always had a special compassion for children, in whom she found her greatest joy.

Elizabeth devoted most of her life giving herself to church, charity and being "a very good mother," her husband, Robert, said. A gifted musician, she played the organ and sang at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Flint at the young age of 14. This launched her career of singing in many community and church choirs.

After graduating from Northern High School, she became the administrative assistant to the president of Citizens Bank in Flint. In 1961, she married Robert Shammas, a sales executive in the family food distribution company, and came to metro Detroit. Robert is now associated with the Caramagno Food Co., which has been serving the food industry more than 100 years.

Elizabeth immediately became involved in her children's education, serving in many different capacities at the University Liggett School. She also volunteered with the American Cancer Society and served as chairwoman of the Grosse Pointe Woods chapter. At Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores, she sang in the choir as a soprano, taught Sunday school, served as president of the Ladies Club for nine years and helped establish and assist with the Senior Fitness Program.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; son, Philip; brother, Roger; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; and loving daughter, Nicole.

Services will be held Friday, July 14, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800



Elizabeth Ann Shammas



Ryan Latcham



Bader J. Cassin, M.D.



Mary Greening

Marter, St. Clair Shores. Viewing starts at 10 a.m., followed by an 11 a.m. funeral.

Memorials may be sent to University Liggett School Nicole Marie Shammas Scholarship Fund, 1045 Cook Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, uls.org/giving; or Ascension St. John Children's Hospital, 28000 Dequindre, Warren, MI 48092.

Ryan Latcham

Ryan Latcham, 39, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, June 22, 2023, in an outdoor accident, just as he lived life — embracing adventure and nature.

Born in Grosse Pointe, Ryan was the beloved son of Dr. Patrick and Linda Latcham; the brother of Patrick Latcham Jr. (Carly), Eric Latcham (Sarah) and the late Kyle Latcham; and uncle to Mary Jane, Elizabeth Rose and Patrick George Latcham III.

Ryan will always be remembered for his free spirit, love of nature, unwavering loyalty, unyielding fearlessness and sharp intellect. He approached life with gratitude, curiosity and passion. He eagerly sought out adventure daily. His favorite pastimes included mountain biking, snowboarding, waterskiing and wakeboarding. Whether he was racing down a trail or carving through fresh powder, Ryan found joy and freedom in the great outdoors. The natural beauty of Walloon Lake, Mich., and Telluride, Colo., were his favorite places to seek solace and peace.

Ryan possessed many talents, from cooking to teaching. His greatest talent was his craftsmanship. He could build anything just by envisioning it. He took great pride in his work and the ability to create beautiful spaces for others to enjoy.

Ryan will be deeply missed by his family, friends and those who were fortunate to have been impacted by his gra-

rious spirit. His memory will be cherished forever and his spirit will live on in the hearts of those he touched. His family says: May Ryan's soul find eternal peace and may his loved ones find comfort in the cherished memories they shared with him.

In honor of Ryan's memory, his family kindly requests donations in lieu of flowers to Most Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter, Detroit, MI 48226, mhtdetroit.org/how-to-help/make-a-donation.

Bader J. Cassin, M.D.

Bader J. Cassin, M.D., a renowned forensic pathologist, loving family man and generous soul, passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023, in Royal Oak.

Born April 26, 1940, in Evanston, Ill., Bader lived a life full of love, dedication, faith and selfless service. He was a man of great intellect and compassion.

Bader earned a Doctor of Medicine degree at Loyola University of Chicago in 1972. He became board certified in anatomic, clinical and forensic pathology. He embarked on a long career as a forensic pathologist, a field where he made significant contributions as chief medical examiner in Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston, Lenawee and Hillsdale counties. His work was not just a job for him, but a calling. He was known for his meticulous attention to detail, relentless pursuit of truth and unwavering commitment to justice. His colleagues admired him for his professionalism, integrity and generous spirit.

Bader was a loving husband to his wife, Carolyn Cassin; and a devoted father to his three children, Julianne Sharp (Jeffrey), Bradley Cassin (Erica) and Laura Ecclestone (John). He was a pillar of strength and source of wisdom for his family. His love for them was evident in his every action; his selfless-

ness was a trait that defined him. He was a doting grandfather to Griffin, Dillon, Connor, Evelyn, Troy, Elle, Reese, Jackson, Reagan, John, Sara and Meghan. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he cherished every moment he spent with them.

Bader also was a beloved brother to Carolyn Driscoll, John Cassin, Mary Perry and Ann Cassin; and a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. His siblings admired him for his kindness and his unwavering loyalty to his family. He was a friend to many and a mentor to those who sought his guidance. His loss will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

Bader was a man who lived his life with purpose and passion. He believed in the power of education, science and the importance of lifelong learning. He was a voracious reader and avid learner. He was always eager to share his knowledge and wisdom with others and inspired many with his hunger for knowledge.

Bader was a man of great altruism. He believed in giving back to the community and always was ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. His selfless acts of kindness touched many lives and his legacy of generosity will continue to inspire those who knew him.

One of Bader's proudest accomplishments was linking his professional career as a forensic pathologist to his deeply rooted Catholic faith of being asked from the Province of St. Joseph (the Capuchin's) through the Archdiocese of Detroit from the Congregation for the Cause of Saints in the Vatican to assist in obtaining the relics from the Blessed Solanus Casey.

A funeral Mass for Dr. Cassin took place Wednesday, July 12, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers,

memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or the Society of Jesus-Midwest Province, jesuitsmidwest.org/support-us/donate-now.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Mary Greening

Mary Greening, 95, passed away Thursday, June 22, 2023, in Grosse Pointe after a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 26, 1927, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to Edwin Richard Stead and Winifred (nee Banks) Stead. Mary spent her childhood in Windsor before moving to the east side of Detroit in 1940. She graduated from East Commerce High School in 1945, and obtained U.S. citizenship in 1946.

Mary worked in secretarial roles with several companies, including Federal Mogul and General Electric. She married Robert E. L. Greening Jr., in 1966, and the couple moved to Grosse Pointe Woods. Mary retired in 1969, to devote her time to her home and raising her daughter, Susan, and son, Steven.

Mary loved music and played trumpet in high school. She joined the choir at St. Philip & St. Stephen Episcopal Church in Detroit. Soon after, she became involved with the Windsor Light Music Theater Association, where she held stage roles in numerous musicals. After some years away from the group, she returned to volunteer in the wardrobe department. She was honored by the City of Windsor in 2008, with the Ontario Volunteer Service Award, and recognized by the Theater Association with a lifetime membership.

Her singing also included years with the Chrysler Optimist Club Imperials, performing songs and a variety of music, from theater musicals to popular and nostalgic tunes, at locations

throughout the area. It was through one of these performances she first met Robert.

Mary returned to her trumpet, playing in the Grosse Pointe Community Concert Band alongside her son, Steven, and her husband, Robert, who played euphonium. She also played with local big bands including Gentlemen of Swing. Always one to enjoy concerts, she could be found weekly at Dixieland performances in Grosse Pointe.

Mary and Robert enjoyed traveling by railroad across the United States and Europe, often traveling to music conventions, including the Sacramento Jazz Festival. With her support, Robert constructed a model railway in the backyard and both were founding members of the Lakeshore Garden Railway Club in 1987. Mary was hostess for many visitors and organizations to visit the year-round model train layout in their backyard, as recently as 2019.

Mary supported her family in everything they did. Robert was involved with the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission's elementary school poster competition. Mary was an active part of the poster judging, with awards of tree seedlings to be planted in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mary is survived by her children, Lee Greening (Pamela), Bruce Greening (Katherine), Steven Greening (Steven Chauvin) and Susan McNally (David); grandchildren, Robert (Melissa), Timothy, Geoffrey, Ashley and Emily; and great-grandchildren, Robert, Easton and Hazel. She was predeceased by Robert; her sisters, Marion Suddick and Dorothy Buckborough; and brother, George Stead.

A private ceremony was held at Acacia Park Cemetery. A combined Celebration of Life for both Mary and Robert will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Humane Society of Detroit, 30300 Telegraph, Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025, michiganhumane.org/donatenow.

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Robert “Bob” H. Broderson

Bob Broderson, 90, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 21, 2023, with his wife by his side.

Bob was born May 12, 1933, in Detroit, the only child of Howard and Ella Broderson. He grew up during the Great Depression and World War II, but always was a happy boy. Bob graduated from Mackenzie High School in Detroit in 1950. He went to work for Chrysler Corp., as a blueprint runner/draftsman and was called to duty in 1953. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, where he met and became lifelong comrades with Jim Behrens of Buffalo, N.Y. Bob and Jim wrote, spoke and visited regularly over the years. Their wives became friends as well. They were proud of their relationship that was nourished for more than 70 years.

After actively serving his country and achieving an honorable discharge, Bob returned to Chrysler where he was hired as a design assistant in the plastics lab. Before leaving Chrysler to pursue a career in sales, he had the good fortune of meeting Doris Ann DeClaire, who worked in the secretary pool. He swept her off her feet. Doris introduced him to her very close-knit group of girlfriends and all the young ladies and their future husbands remained life-



Robert H. Broderson



Geraldine E. Dice



Lisa Miller

long friends.

While Bob and Doris were building their family, he was concurrently driving around the Midwest honing his selling skills. Over the next several years, he sold motorcycle accessories for Buco Products, baby formula for Carnation and clerical and medical products for Asaloe. He joined the team at Will Ross selling medical products for the operating room. In 1979, he decided to register as R. Howard International Inc., and be his own boss the next three years. Then, “the offer he could not refuse” came along when he accepted a position as national sales director for Devon Industries, Inc. He hit it off with owner and CEO Dan Sandel and stayed with the company 23 years until it was sold. Bob then accepted a position as director of international sales for Sandel Medical Industries, working for Dan once again and finally retiring in 2008.

Bob’s choice to sell for a career enabled him to indulge his appetite for travel and adventure, often combining work with pleasure and bringing Doris along when the opportunity existed. Bob and Doris enjoyed travel-

ing with family, friends and colleagues without work obligations as well, and were fortunate to afford traveling the country and internationally to faraway places, including Australia, New Zealand, China, Egypt, Italy, Germany, Dubai and more.

After Doris lost her battle with cancer, Bob retired and stayed busy. He was no stranger to volunteerism and charitable works. After attending the 35-year class reunion of Mackenzie High School, Bob and fellow classmates founded the Friends of Mackenzie. Their motto was, “We are an association of Detroit Mackenzie High School alumni who believe that in our younger years, others gave of themselves to help us. Now we desire to give back to those who need our help the most. If we can make a difference in just one young individual in our community ... to be a better person, a better citizen and a contributor to our community, then we are indeed gratified in our efforts.” As of 2006, this group had raised and donated more than \$400,000 toward the higher education of Mackenzie graduating students. The Friends disbanded in 2016.

good story to share. He always encouraged people to “live your own life” and “follow your heart.” He was special and will be missed tremendously by all who knew him.

A Celebration of his life and funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, July 22, at St. Veronica Church, 21440 Universal, Eastpointe. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to The Helm at the Boll Life Center, helmlife.org/donate; Detroit Institute of Arts, dia.org/support/donate; or Detroit Symphony Orchestra, tickets.dso.org/support/donate.

Geraldine Elizabeth “Gerry” Dice

Geraldine Elizabeth “Gerry” Dice, 100, passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

Gerry was born and raised in Hudsonville. She was the oldest of five sisters who remained close throughout their lives. She graduated from Calvin College in 1942, and taught English at Union High School in Grand Rapids.

Gerry married Robert Dice in 1946. After he graduated from law school, they moved to Grosse Pointe and raised their family. She loved gardening, knitting, playing bridge and reading. She loved music and enjoyed singing with many different choirs. She loved traveling and had fond memories of her experiences as a world traveler. She was a lifelong fan of Michigan Wolverines football and Detroit Tigers. She wintered in Longboat Key, Fla., for more than 30 years and had many great friends there.

Gerry was a founding member of Christ Church Longboat Key. She was a member of Junior Group Goodwill, Grosse Pointe Lawyers Wives and Questers. She also was a member of First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit. Her faith was very important to her and it was a great comfort that her love of God was shared by everyone in her family. She prayed for each member of her family by name every day.

Gerry was predeceased by her dear husband, Robert, in 1983; and her sister, Marilyn Veenstra Marcus, in 2022. She is survived by her children, Mary Ellen “Mimi” VanderMale McMillan (Sandy), Linda Hendrikse (Michael) and Robert Dice Jr. (Mary); grandchildren, Keri VanDrunen (Nate), Laura Grosso (Tony), John Hendrikse (Margaret), Elizabeth

Ledeboer (Marcus), Jacqueline VanderMale, Robert E. Dice III (Rylee), Joel VanderMale (Kathleen), Clare Brady (Chris) and Madeline Dice; and 16 great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her sisters, Dorothy Aalbers, Maxine Groen (Paul) and Carol Kanode (Dick).

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, at *M a y f l o w e r* Congregational church in East Grand Rapids. Memorial contributions may be made in Gerry’s name to First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230; or Calvin University, c/o Development Office, 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Lisa Miller

Lisa Miller, 68, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Lisa was the loving wife of Mark; dear mother of Hilary Mancik (Eric), Adam Miller (Kristin) and Allison Swim (Alex); cherished grandmother of Olivia, Connor, Ellie and Penelope; and beloved daughter of Elizabeth Petterson and the late DeWitt Petterson. She is survived by her siblings, Karen Terlizzi (Bob) and Ross Petterson (Carol); mother-in-law, Eleanor Miller; and sisters-in-law, Susan Laskowski (Ronald), Lisa Kania (Paul), Jill Koterba (Joseph) and Kristen Miller (Suzanne).

Visitation will be held 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 14, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. She will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, 5900 McClellan, Detroit, until Mass at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, nativitydetroit.org/support-nativity.html.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Memorial

John Potter Huckins

John Potter Huckins, born May 22, 1927, passed away Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023. A service in remembrance takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. A reception will follow in Yeoman’s Hall.

Free July 18 carillon concert planned at GP Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents the third of four in its annual Summer Carillon Recital Series at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18. The recitals are played on the church’s carillon, a set of 48 tower bells.

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 presented rain or shine.

The performer for the third concert is Simone Browne, a native of

Tucson, Ariz. She was introduced to the carillon while a student at the University of Chicago and began studying it. After graduating in 2019, she spent a year living in Chernivtsi, Ukraine, through the Fulbright program, teaching English and visiting Ukrainian carillons. She graduated “with great distinction” from the Mechelen Royal Carillon School in 2022.

Browne researches carillon culture and enjoys learning languages in her spare time. She has performed recitals on carillons in Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Lithuania, Denmark, the U.S. and Ukraine.

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Lakeside Palette Club hosts 76th spring art show, sale

The Lakeside Palette Club is hosting its annual Spring Art Show and Sale at a new venue — in the Anchor Building at Trader Todd's Marina on the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores. Virginia Carstarphen, who has owned the marina with partner Todd Hyatt since 2021, also is an artist and member of the Lakeside Palette Club.

In addition to art shows at her building, she also has hosted pop-up retail events, parties and meetings for charitable organizations and yacht clubs. Club officers were excited to host the spring show in this new venue and felt it would be a great opportunity to allow their members more exposure.

The opening reception and awards ceremony was held June 5. The show was juried by Julie Jarowski, a former art teacher at South Lake High School. Jarowski, a graduate of Wayne State University, does commissioned work such as portraits of people and animals, and cre-

ates quilts and pottery. An artist most of her life, she gives private art lessons and has entered many art shows in the state.

Jarowski juried 55 artworks in a variety of media ranging from oil paintings to digital artwork. For the second year, the club has featured a special award in honor of Meta Srigley, a founding member of the Lakeside Palette Club. The Srigley family has donated the monetary prize for the award. This award has a theme: nature, which is reflective of subjects Srigley liked to paint. Her grandson, Tom Srigley, was on hand to present the award to a recipient the juror felt best met the nature theme. He even brought a painting his grandmother did in the 1950s of the Wheat Building, which is on display along with the art in the show. Tom Srigley said his grandmother would be happy to see the club doing so well today.

Awards that were

given at the event were:

First Place: Francine Kaufman, "Bath Sheba" (oil)

Second Place: Sarah Kotajarvi, "Sunrise on the Lake" (digital art)

Third Place: Hsi-Ling Harney, "Glassmosphere" (oil)

Founders Award: Linda Coutts, "Across the Marsh" (oil)

Outstanding Awards: Brianscotte Brooks, "Underpass" (photography)

Diane Harris, "Karen" (watercolor)

Deborah Burnham, "Picatso" (digital art)

Patricia Volke, "Walk Beyond the Boundaries" (mixed media)

Honorable Mentions Mary Grunis, "Pigeon River" (pastel)

Mary Anne Pilette, "Hydrengia Holiday" (acrylic)

Mary Jane Lopez, "Life!" (acrylic)

Lynn Scully, "Spring



Left, Francine Kachman, left, accepts the first-place award for her oil painting, "Bath Sheba," from Michelle Callow, LPC first vice president. Below left, from left, Michelle Callow, LPC first vice president, presents the third-place award to Hsi-Ling Harney for her oil painting, "Glassmosphere."

Below right, from left, Jackie Block, LPC president, accepts the Meta Srigley Founders Award, on behalf of award winner Linda Coutts for her oil painting, "Across the Marsh" presented by Tom Srigley, grandson of Meta Srigley, founding member of the Lakeside Palette Club.

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Fever" (mobile)
Deni Metevier, "Metro at Sunset" (acrylic charcoal)
Tom Sherry, "1938 Cadillac" (photography)

Lakeside Palette Club welcomes new members and is open to everyone. Visit lakesidepaletteclub.org for information about joining the group or attending meetings, open studio times or events the group hosts, including local paint-

outs. Meetings typically take place the first Monday of the month and open studio time is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays at the North Lake High School location. Contact the club via email at lpcofscs@gmail.com with questions.

The art was displayed at Trader Todd's Marine through June 25.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Jennifer Dees, LMSW, CAADC, and John George, LMSW, CAADC

Providing alcohol to minors is risky business

With summer in full swing, it is essential to address the potential dangers associated with parents providing alcohol to minors during celebratory events. As social workers and alcohol and drug counselors, we feel it is crucial to raise awareness about the risks to both the development and well-being of adolescents, as well as the legal ramifications parents and children may face.

Alcohol consumption during adolescence can significantly impact the physical, emotional and cognitive development of young adults. The teenage brain is still in the process of maturation, particularly the prefrontal cortex responsible for decision-making, impulse control and risk assessment. Exposing developing brains to alcohol increases the likelihood of long-term negative effects, including impaired cognitive function, memory problems and reduced academic performance.

Providing alcohol to minors at graduation and other celebrations raises serious safety concerns. Adolescents who consume alcohol are more likely to engage in risky behaviors such as drunken driving, unprotected sexual activity, physical altercations and substance abuse escalation. Impaired judgment and coordination can lead to accidents, injuries or even fatalities, impacting not only the individuals involved but also their families and communities.

In Michigan, providing alcohol to minors is a criminal offense under the Minor in Possession law, or MIP. Parents or guardians who furnish alcohol to individuals younger than age 21 can face legal consequences, including fines, imprisonment, community service and probation. Moreover, parents may be held liable for any harm caused by the intoxicated minor, which can lead to civil lawsuits and substantial financial burdens.

For minors caught consuming alcohol, Michigan's MIP law stipulates penalties such as fines, driver's license suspension, mandatory alcohol education programs, community service and potential impacts on college admissions. Additionally, involvement in illegal activities may tarnish their reputation and limit future opportunities.

Instead of providing alcohol to minors, parents and caregivers should consider safer alternatives that promote celebration without jeopardizing their children's well-being. Some alternatives include hosting alcohol-free events, organizing supervised activities, encouraging responsible decision-making and discussing the risks associated with underage drinking openly.

The risks associated with parents providing alcohol to minors are significant and cannot be overlooked. As a society, it is our responsibility to prioritize the well-being and safety of our youth. By understanding the developmental risks, impairment dangers and legal ramifications, we can work collectively to foster environments that encourage healthy celebrations without exposing young individuals to unnecessary harm. Let us support our youth in making responsible choices that will contribute to their long-term success and well-being.

Jennifer Dees, LMSW, CAADC, and John George, LMSW, CAADC, provide an empathic and holistic approach to well-being at Clarity Counseling and Wellness, LLC. For more information, visit yourclaritycounseling.com.

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Is it rude to respond to a text days later?

Dear Gabby: I have a good friend who I don't spend a ton of time with, but we text each other quite a bit.

One thing that's annoying to me is that sometimes after I send a text, days will go by before I receive a response.

Should I ask if she got the message? Or bring up to her that it bothers me? I feel like it's rude to not respond and it's kind of frustrating.

— Left out in the Woods

Dear Left Out,

Not responding is a response. She is choosing to read your text and not make time to reply.

If your relationship is casual, as you seem to imply, this type of lag in response seems relatively appropriate. If you are asking questions that you feel require or need a response right away, then perhaps you can bring it up with your friend. Know that you will most likely annoy

her, and be ready to accept the outcome.

On the other hand, you refer to her as a "good" friend, so perhaps it's time you ask her to meet for coffee and try to figure out why you both are not making an effort to see each other more often.

Sounds like a face-to-face conversation is in order.

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



Hurt mother keeps hurting me



DEAR ANNIE: Where do I even start with a mother like mine? She tries WAY too hard to be funny, and I usually end up being the butt of her jokes, which, as a shy introvert, I'm not crazy about.

I've backed off on sharing news about what's going on in my life because for whatever reason, she feels compelled to make my business everyone else's business (including personal medical stuff), and

worse, anytime she offers me any financial assistance (I don't ask; she offers), she always manages to turn it around and make me feel guilty for needing help.

At one point, she even brought me to tears when my insurance wouldn't cover one of my medications, and she offered to pay for it just to complain about how expensive I was — right in front of the cashier.

I've tried to talk to her repeatedly about how bad she makes me feel, but she just dismisses me as being "too sensitive." I'm borderline ready to just cut her off, but I'm wondering if there's a different way I can approach this since she won't listen to me. — BE-

LITTLED DAUGHTER

DEAR BELITTLED DAUGHTER: Instead of deciding if you should cut her off right now, try to understand that what your mother is doing is truly mean. There is no other way to say it.

She teases you and violates your boundaries by blabbing to others about your personal matters and then tells you that you are being too sensitive for having a natural human reaction by feeling hurt. That is called "gaslighting," plain and simple.

Your sensitivity is a gift. It is hopefully what will allow you to get some awareness about what is going on.

Your mom probably



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

had that same type of shaming or cruelty done to her, and instead of allowing herself to look at how hurt it made her feel, she just identified with the aggressor and is now doing the same to you. Giving you money and then making you feel guilty — all forms of control.

Because you are sensitive, you can break this cycle and recognize that your mom is a hurt woman who is hurting you.

Know that her actions have nothing to do with you and everything to

do with the fact that she couldn't get in touch with her feelings enough to know how that type of teasing and shaming to someone is really cruel.

Continue to be yourself and allow that sensitive side of your personality to make you into a more empathetic human being — something the world certainly needs more of today.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2023 CREATORS.COM.

Legacy on the Lake

Photo story by Renee Landuyt



Ann and Jim Nicholson and the Nicholson family were honored during this year's event, a portion of the proceeds from which benefit the Moross Greenway Project.



Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside and Dr. Kevin Grady, president and CEO of Ascension St. John Hospital and Ascension River District Hospital, served on the Legacy committee. Grady also is a chamber board member.



Angela Theis sang "The Prayer," in both English and Italian, before the meal.



Judy Agley and David Balle, M.D. Balle chaired the Legacy committee.



From left, Maria Miller, interim president and CEO of The War Memorial; Veronica Alger; and Claudia Corrado with Fred Alger, seated.



Holding their sailboat awards are, from left, Tim Nicholson, Stephanie Nicholson, Alicia Nicholson, Ann Nicholson and Jim Nicholson.

Fish finds

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

A family history of fishing is a cool thing. We all love it. Mostly catch and release with a passion for the pull that is strong. It came from my father and his cousins, then went down to my brother and ended up being passed down to my son.

It's exciting and fulfilling. It's almost a primal desire to provide for your family, so says my Uncle John. He would go to Lake St. Clair and catch enough perch for 12 people which would be cleaned up and served for dinner for the whole family.

I'll never forget my son's first bass catch on Lake Huron. It was a metal boat, my brother and Nicholas patiently waiting for the perfect catch. They proudly brought the fish home and gutted and fried it.

We each only had a morsel of the catch but it was the best fish that I have ever tasted.

Maybe it was because they were so proud to feed us. Love that goes into food is surely real.

Today I'm sharing my recipe for fish tacos. I always go to Farms Fresh Market when I need whitefish, typically caught in Lake Superior. It's a light and flaky fish that is cheaper than cod and can be cooked quickly. I cook the fish in the oven for around 10-12 minutes with an aluminum foil lined baking sheet so that the skin is easy to remove. Plus the clean up is easy.

I paired it with pineapple salsa and red cabbage. You can't beat this summer dish. Simplistic love for food is the best way to cook.

Fish Tacos

2 lbs white fish, with skin on

1 tbsp cumin
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tbsp olive oil
Red cabbage, shredded
Sour cream
Pineapple salsa
6 tortillas, flour

Preheat the oven to 400. Season the fish with cumin, salt and pepper, then drizzle with olive oil. Cook for 10-12 minutes or until the fish is sizzling and opaque.

Meanwhile, warm the tortillas in aluminum foil with the fish.

Once the fish is cooked, with a spatula, gently remove the fish from the skin and place on the tortilla.

Top with shredded cabbage, sour cream



PHOTO BY ANNE GRYZENIA

and your beautiful pineapple salsa.

Pineapple Salsa

½ pineapple, cored and cut into ¼ inch pieces

½ seeded and diced jalapeno

½ chopped red bell pepper

4 tbsp chopped cilan-

2 limes, juiced

Add all ingredients to a bowl and let sit to marinate, about 30 minutes.

Tasting room etiquette

The episode was unnerving and was avoidable had there been someone around with the sensibility to solve the problem.

It occurred in a winery tasting room I was visiting a few years ago. And I can appreciate the fact that the dilemma wasn't easily solved.

Since summer has arrived, it may well be time to revisit tasting room etiquette since many vacationers will be visiting wine country areas in the coming months — which brought back to mind the above prickly episode.

I was served an ounce of a wine I wanted to evaluate. Soon after, a woman arrived at the tasting room. Within seconds, it was

apparent that she had bathed in an unbelievably powerful perfume that quickly impacted the whole room so strongly that none of the tasters could smell the wines in our glasses. All we could smell was perfume!

What made it all the more galling was that the aromatized woman seemed to have no interest in wine! She was there primarily to finger the thematic gadgetry — earrings, scarves, T-shirts, umbrellas, coasters.

Winery tasting rooms originally began as a way to allow potential buyers to get a sense of the recent wines that growers and winemakers had crafted. In earlier days, tasting

rooms didn't charge. Servers were skilled and answered questions about grapes and winemaking.

Winery tourism wasn't a thing in the 1970s or even 1980s. It wasn't until the 1990s when tourists began to invade wineries as a kind of vacation activity. Winery tasting rooms began seeing a lot of newcomers who knew nothing about wine — or tasting room etiquette.

To this day, many people who visit tasting rooms do so primarily for what once was seen as free alcohol. Today, most tourers know that winery hospitality rooms charge tasting fees, most of which were instituted to discourage buzz-seekers.

Some people who visit wineries don't realize that there are unwritten rules governing such activities, including one of the most obvious: eschew products with extraneous aromatics.

This includes not only perfume, but aftershave, strong deodorants, aromatic hair conditioners and even cigarette smoke left in hair, beards and clothing. Numerous tasting room employees have told me that almost everyone should avoid all extraneous aromatic intrusions when planning to visit a tasting room.

This includes avoiding the wearing of clothing such as leather jackets, skirts and pants, some of which are so aromatic that



they can smell offensive to serious wine tasters. Also verboten are fruit-scented lipsticks, scented hand and body creams and hand sanitizers.

The same goes for foods brought in from outside. It's the main reason that wineries usually stage picnic tables outside, on patios, even where summertime temperatures soar well into triple digits.

Some wineries even go to extreme lengths to avoid impactful scents in their tasting areas by using scent-free soaps in rest-

rooms. Be aware that visitors' scented hand lotions are seen as anathema.

Only very rarely have I ever seen signs at wineries' tasting rooms with anti-cologne caveats, but it's well known that winery personnel detest such disrespectful behavior.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Last week, someone asked me about my hobbies. As I tried to drum up a response, I realized I don't really have many.

After I saw the shock on their face and learned about their dedication to training for 5Ks and doing Paint-By-Number kits, I figured it was time to find my own hobbies.

After thinking it over, I decided it was time to start reading consistently again. I have always loved to read, but finding the time can be difficult. I challenged myself to read for 15 minutes every night to get back into it.

Overall, it's been going well. Fifteen minutes usually turns into longer if the book is enjoyable. It's way better than scrolling on my phone before bed and I find that I fall asleep much faster.

Many of my friends also enjoy reading and have many book recommendations. The only downfall is the library has long waiting lists for popular books and they are pretty expensive to purchase on

Amazon or at bookstores.

Over the past few months, I've bought way too many books online. They don't usually go to waste, as I give them to friends to pass along, but it's still an expensive habit.

The Kindle makes it super easy to rent books from the library and have them downloaded directly to the device. Using the application Libby, users can get on library waiting lists, check out books and have them delivered to the Kindle instantly. All you have to do is enter a valid library card number. It's that easy.

Next, the Kindle is so easy to read in the dark or in direct sunlight. The screen feels and looks like paper, so it is glare-free in the sun. The screen is much different than a phone and makes reading a breeze.

Better yet, one charge lasts well over a month. Even with daily reading,

my Kindle charge lasted almost five weeks. It's kind of incredible.

While traveling, there is no better option than the Kindle. It's super small and lightweight and there's no need to bring multiple heavy books along in your suitcase. And if necessary, it's easy to download new books as you need them.

After you read a few books on the device, it's able to learn your reading speed and estimate how quickly it will take you to finish a book.

All in all, the Kindle Paperwhite is 100 percent worth the money and I'm giving it 5 out of 5 alligators. The Kindle is a great companion to the second-to-none feeling of turning pages of an actual book. Both hold a special place in my heart.

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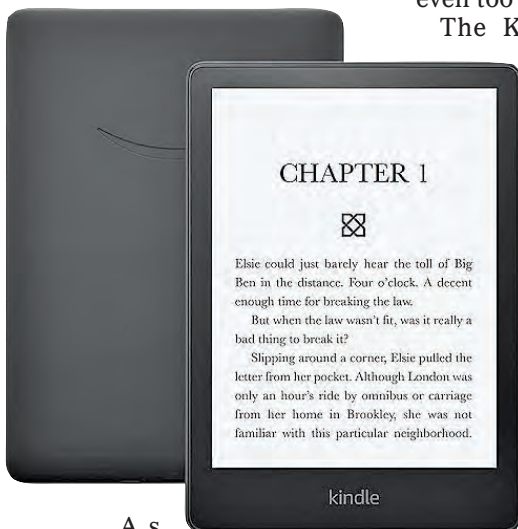
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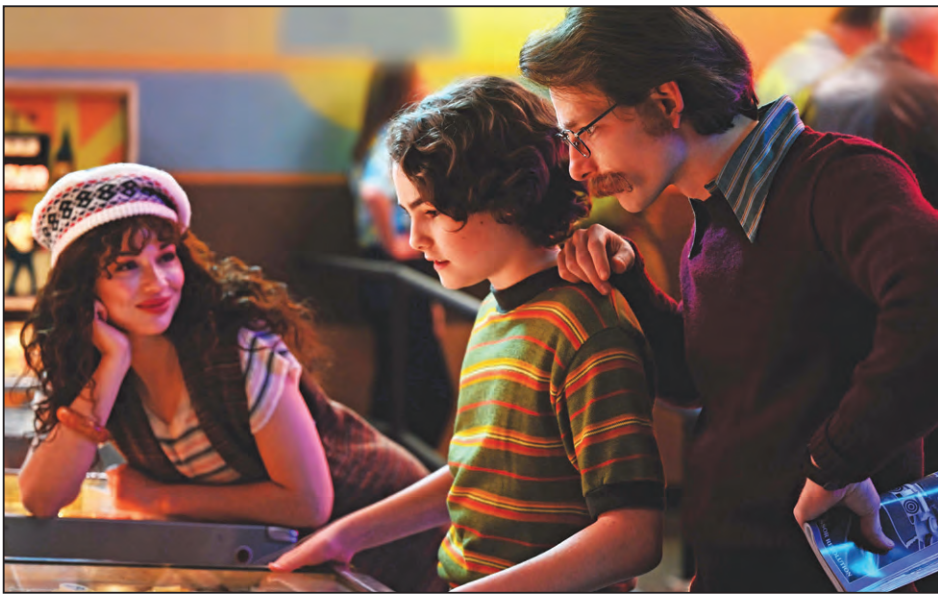
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Left, Crystal Reed as Ellen, Christopher Convery as Seth and Mike Faist as Roger, in the 2022 movie "Pinball: The Man Who Saved the Game," written and directed by Austin and Meredith Bragg.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "Pinball: The Man Who Saved the Game"
 2022 - Not Rated
 1 hr 35 min
 ★★★★★

Before we get started here, let me just say I'm not a pinball aficionado. In fact, I don't see the allure behind arcade and video games of any sort. However, when I heard about this film, I was intrigued. How could a film about one man's attempt to legalize public pinball machines get the sort of accolades it received? And how could something as innocuous as pinball possibly be illegal?

questions the making of the film and comments that what he did was so insignificant that it's really a "footnote" to history.

We then jump back in time to the early 1970s and learn more about our central character. In his college days in Wisconsin, the younger Roger (Mike Faist) became obsessed with playing pinball. After graduation, he moved to New York City with the dream of becoming an advertising copywriter. After getting and losing a couple jobs and going through a divorce, he ends up interviewing at an upstart magazine

refreshing to see a couple take their time with a relationship rather than hop into the sack the first opportunity they get. She's a sweet person who's looking for a stable relationship and a father for her son Seth (Christopher Convery). Ellen makes it clear to him if he's not on board, he can hit the road.

Roger spends a lot of his free time playing pinball in an adult bookstore. When he inquires why there aren't any pinball machines in bars, he's flummoxed to find out they've been banned in the city for over 50 years. In fact, they're outlawed in sev-



Roger, playing pinball, which may be the very thing that he is best at.

Now that I've probably lost half my readers, let's soldier on! This is one of those little guy versus the big bad monster, aka city hall, stories. It's not a major event in the grand scheme of things, and it's treated accordingly.

The Bragg brothers (Austin and Meredith) have written and directed an absolutely charming little film that will hook you in the first couple minutes. We meet the hero of our story Roger Sharpe (Dennis Boutsikaris), sitting on a stool in a studio. He's being interviewed documentary style by the off-camera director. He

called Gentleman's Quarterly. There he meets a slew of interesting employees including a flamboyant art director played brilliantly by Bryan Batt.

He amusingly informs Roger that the magazine caters to "mostly rugged men." Some of the outfits he dons are pretty outrageous, even for the 70s.

On his first day on the job, he bumps into an attractive young woman Ellen (Crystal Reed), a single mom who works as a secretary during the day and paints at night. The two slowly become friends and begin seeing each other. It's so

eral American cities due to overly aggressive anti-gambling regulations. A bit of the film is devoted to archival footage of New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia railing about the evils of playing the game and the NYPD destroying pinball machines.

Because of this revelation, Roger decides to pitch the idea of writing an article on this subject to the magazine. This leads to him doing extensive research, which includes interviewing the owners of pinball manufacturing companies and some of the pioneers and inventors who created



Left, Crystal Reed as Ellen, Christopher Convery as Seth and Mike Faist as Roger.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



the machines in the first place. In the course of doing his investigating, two things occur:

He decides to quit his job at the magazine and write a book on the subject. And he's approached by a group called the Music and Amusement Association to join them in fighting city hall to legalize pinball machines.

One thing I especially enjoyed about the film was the detailed explanation about how the game is played. This was accompanied by close-up action shots of the ball ricocheting around the machine as the points are racked up.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

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](https://www.youtube.com).

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

Also, if you're looking



Ellen and her son Seth looking at a Q Magazine.

It almost made me want to go out and play a game or two. Almost.

The directors cut back to Roger the Elder throughout the movie as he moves the story along and clarifies several points. He even appears with his younger self in a couple scenes, which is very entertaining.

Sure, "Pinball" is not a big story of historical significance, but that's what I liked about it. I have a feeling you will too.

Note to parents: The film is unrated and I found it suitable for the entire family.

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy.com. Also, to rent on Prime Video.

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone

for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkie-mark.blogspot.com.



Crystal Reed.

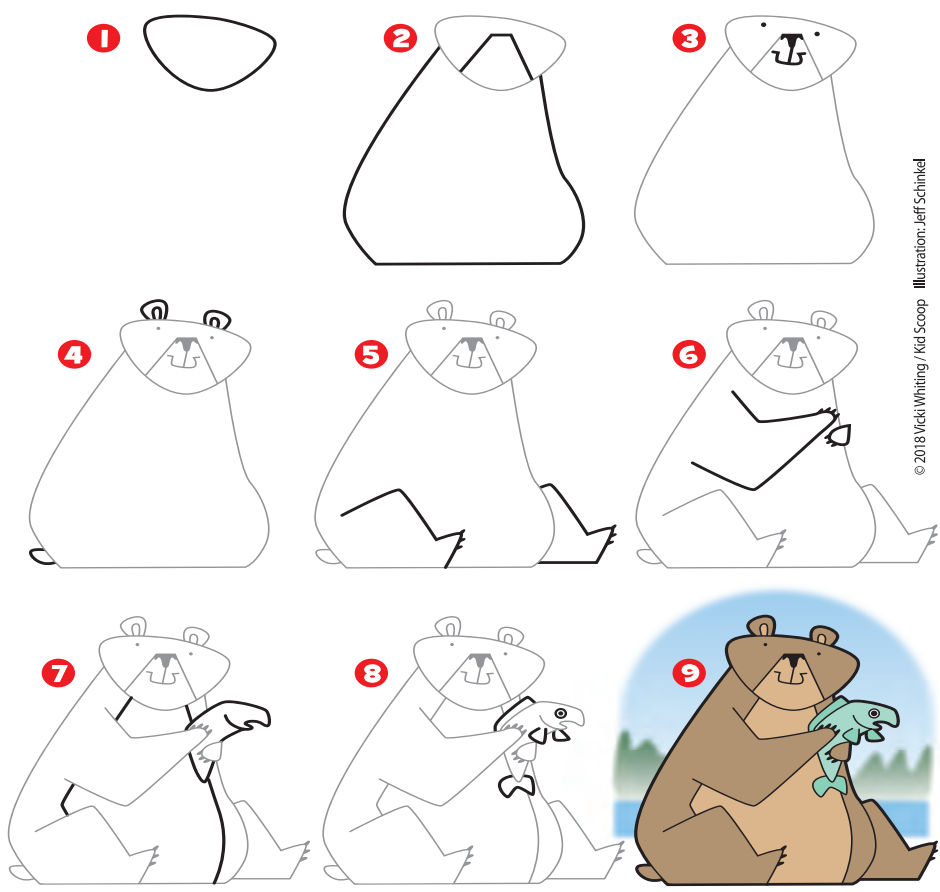


Dennis Boutsikaris as Mr. Roger Sharpe.

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Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 13, 2023: You are a courageous risk-taker with great powers of imagination. You visualize what you want to achieve before you do it. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to let go of anything or anyone who is holding you back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Power struggles at work, with your pets or possibly your kids might occur today. It could relate to financial matters. It also might relate to something that you own — perhaps something missing or broken. Whatever the case, you're not happy. Be patient and forgiving. **Tonight:** Conversations!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Competition connected with sports, social occasions, your kids or dealing with groups and friends might take an intense curve today. Suddenly, someone wants to win at all costs. (This is easy to fall into.) But hey, five years from now, will this even matter? Stay chill. **Tonight:** Money issues.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You will need extra patience today dealing with family members, especially parents or authority figures (including the police), because people will butt heads. It's as if whatever you put out there will be blocked by someone else. You're stymied! Obviously, this will be frustrating. Stay calm. **Tonight:** You win!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Controversial topics could become nasty arguments today. People will be hotheaded about politics, religion or racial issues. The thing about a prejudice is that you cannot be reasoned out of it, because you were never reasoned into it. Definitely a stalemate. **Tonight:** Solitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Financial disputes are likely today. These disputes could be about money, cash flow, earnings or something to do with shared property. Or they might relate to a particular belonging you have that is missing, broken or under dispute for some reason. In the end, it's just stuff. **Tonight:** Be friendly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
This is a challenging day for you because fiery Mars and the Moon are lined up in your sign opposing stern Saturn. This is not an easy situation! It guarantees that someone or something will block your ambitions or your efforts to do something. Be smart and wait until tomorrow. **Tonight:** You're noticed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Although you are an excellent debater, you like harmonious, peaceful surroundings. You don't like friction or anger. Therefore, postpone important decisions until tomorrow, especially ones related to work, your health or something to do with a pet. **Tonight:** Explore!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Children might be an increased responsibility today. You also might deal with restrictions, rules and regulations regarding sports events or any kind of social occasion. There's no point in

resisting the inevitable. Wait until tomorrow to put your plans in motion. **Tonight:** Check your finances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Parents, bosses, teachers and the police — any kind of authority figure — might give you some grief today. This is not the day to ask for permission or approval for anything. Meanwhile, tomorrow is a much better day! **Tonight:** Cooperate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
It's easy to end up in an argument with someone today, because people are opinionated, obstinate and, at the same time, they will be met with resistance from others. They're frustrated! (A deadly combination.) Tomorrow, however, is a much better day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Expect some challenges when dealing with possessions, belongings, money and shared property today. Whatever you attempt to do will be met with opposition from someone or a particular circumstance. However, if you wait until tomorrow, things will be much easier. **Tonight:** Play!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
This is a challenging day. Mars and the Moon are lined up opposite your sign. Meanwhile, Saturn is in your sign forcing you to take everything seriously and urging you to stand your ground. But this will be an impasse. The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral. Postpone things until tomorrow. **Tonight:** Cocoon.

BORN TODAY
Actor Harrison Ford (1942), actor Patrick Stewart (1940), actress Aya Cash (1982).

Contract Bridge

SHEER ARTISTRY

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ K J 9 4 2
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 10 8 7
♣ J 6

EAST
♠ 10 8 6 5
♥ A 3
♦ Q 3 2
♣ A Q 10 2

SOUTH
♠ 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A K 9 5 4
♣ 9 5 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1 ♣ 1 ♠
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♥
2 ♠ 3 ♥
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Way back in the 1930's, a team known as the Four Horsemen, comprised of Willard Karn, Hal Sims, David Burnstine and Oswald Jacoby, dominated the world of bridge. For years they rode roughshod over all opposition, winning most of the important tournaments.

All four have passed on to happier hunting grounds, but the tales of their exploits linger on. Today's hand was played by Karn.

West led the jack of clubs, which held, and East won the club continu-

ation with the ten, cashed the ace (on which West discarded a diamond) and returned his last club. Karn ruffed with the jack as West discarded another diamond.

Karn played a spade to the queen and led a heart, winning with the queen. He now had the K-2 of trump and guessed well to play the deuce, felling East's ace.

East returned a spade to dummy's ace, on which South discarded a diamond, and Karn then made the key play of the jack of diamonds. East ducked and so did South, West contributing the ten. A heart to the king drew the last trump, and declarer's diamonds won the last three tricks.

When the play is analyzed, it is found that the spade finesse, the deuce-of-hearts play and the jack-of-diamonds finesse were all absolutely essential. Furthermore, the timing had to be perfect.

The spade had to be led at trick five so that a trump could be led from dummy, and the queen had to be finessed so that the South hand could not be forced to ruff later on. Furthermore, the jack of diamonds had to be finessed to overcome the missing queen and ten with one stroke.

No defense stops the contract. If West keeps his diamonds, South establishes the suit by ruffing the third round in dummy.

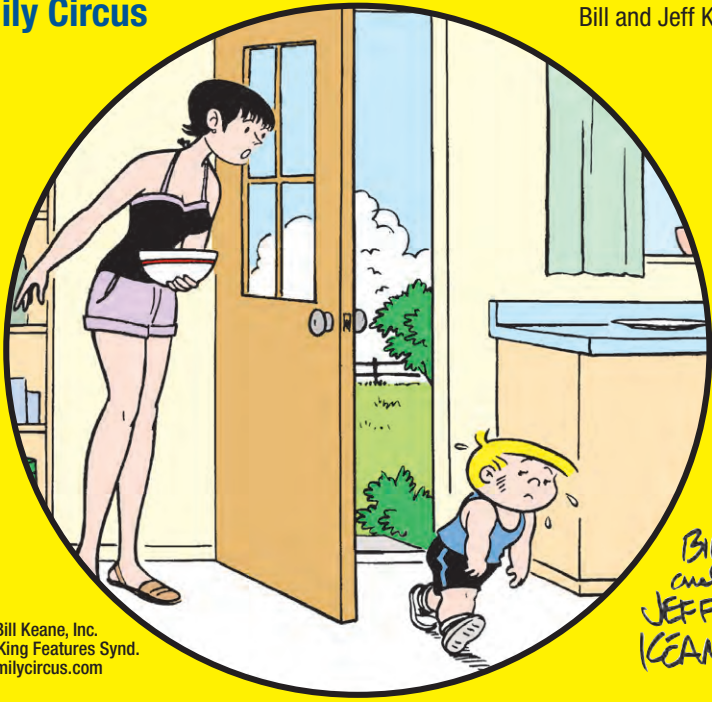
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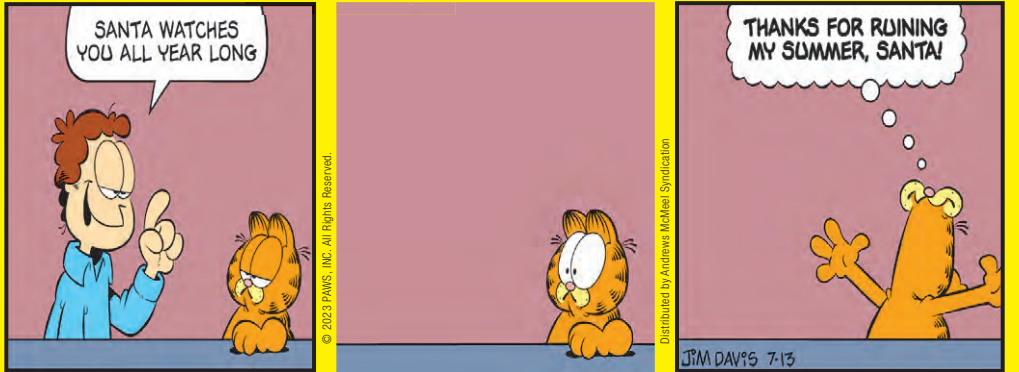
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"It's hot as WHAT out today?"

Garfield

Jim Davis



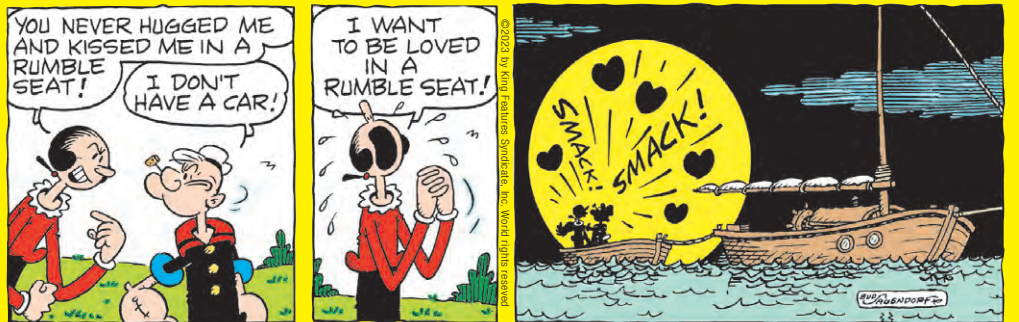
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Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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5								
6	4	2	5					

7/13 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

3	2	9	6	5	7	4	1	8
6	5	1	9	8	4	2	3	7
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1	9	2	4	7	6	5	8	3
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7/6 Solution

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Beetle Bailey

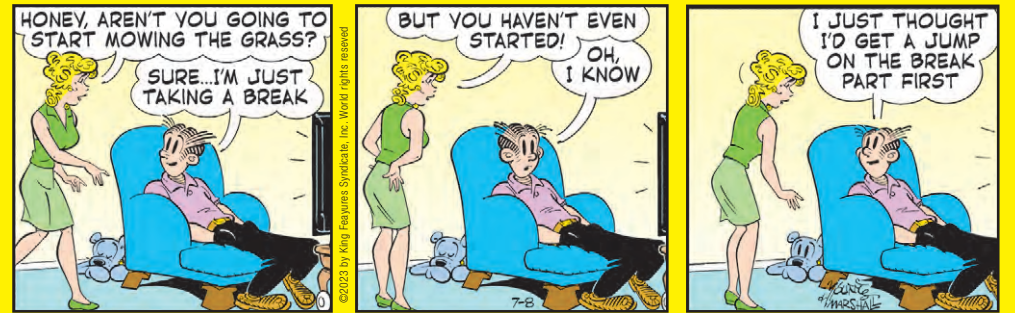
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Over The Hedge

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 13, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 Beyond's partner
- 6 Tolstoy's Karenina
- 10 Revolutionary Guevara
- 13 Floodgate
- 15 King in a Shakespeare tragedy
- 16 ___ the groundwork
- 17 "The Birdcage" star Nathan, on the gridiron?
- 19 Valuable rock
- 20 Acura model
- 21 Gets the better of
- 23 Many were played in the '90s
- 24 Sound on Old MacDonald's farm
- 27 As well as
- 28 "Only Murders in the Building" star Martin, at a track meet?
- 33 Abhors
- 36 Book jacket blurb
- 37 Nike competitor
- 38 Lift up
- 41 Most bronzed
- 43 "Here on Gilligan's ___" (end of an old TV theme song)
- 44 Wrath
- 46 Lots of land

DOWN

- 47 "Basic Instinct" star Sharon, in a bowling alley?
- 51 Brief time, briefly
- 52 Doing business
- 53 Org. that tracks viruses
- 56 Like some marital assets
- 59 "Essential" herbal remedy
- 62 Chum
- 63 "Mission: Impossible 2" director John, in the ballpark?
- 66 Boxer banned from 1967-'70
- 67 Sandwich to eat after a sandwich?
- 68 Wild parties
- 69 Stocking part
- 70 Confined, with "up"
- 71 Interior
- 1 Savory jelly
- 2 Vanilla, or lacking flavor
- 3 Kicks out of office
- 4 Workshop gripper
- 5 Vaping device
- 6 The whole shebang
- 7 Grant-giving grp.
- 8 Second introduction?
- 9 WNBA game venues
- 10 Become less clear
- 11 Triangular instrument
- 12 Peepers
- 14 "___": The Smartest Guys in the Room" (documentary about an energy company)
- 18 Acquire
- 22 Add value to
- 25 Pen point
- 26 Make a sweater, say
- 28 Party animal
- 29 Where to find Walla Walla, Wash. Indian state known for its beaches
- 31 Ascend
- 32 "Ink"
- 33 Next in line
- 34 "Not to mention ..."
- 35 Is deceitful
- 39 Man's makeup in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 40 Thus
- 42 A Bobbsey twin
- 45 Sixth sense: Abbr.
- 48 Summer treat on a stick
- 49 Pianist and radio host John
- 50 Being broadcast
- 53 Shrink in fear
- 54 Some designer bags
- 55 Like a tight race
- 56 Tiff
- 57 Ring up?
- 58 In ___ straits
- 60 Nibble away
- 61 Waffle maker
- 64 Base of the decimal system
- 65 Camp bed

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

P	U	R	R	P	S	Y	C	H	E	G	A	P		
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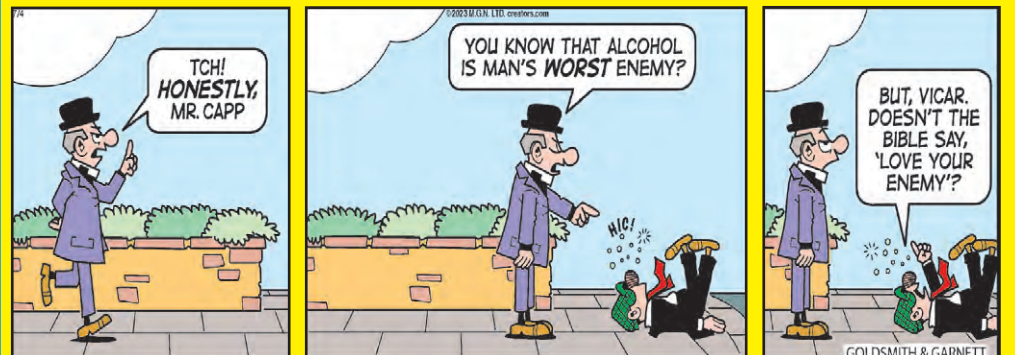
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Sporting Group by Gary Larson

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Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



Wizard of Id

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Tony Carrilo



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Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy

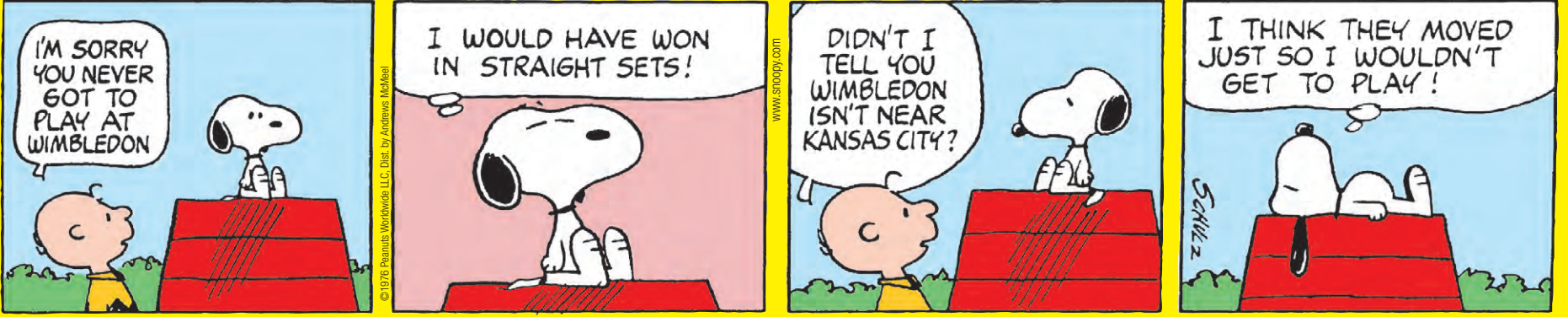


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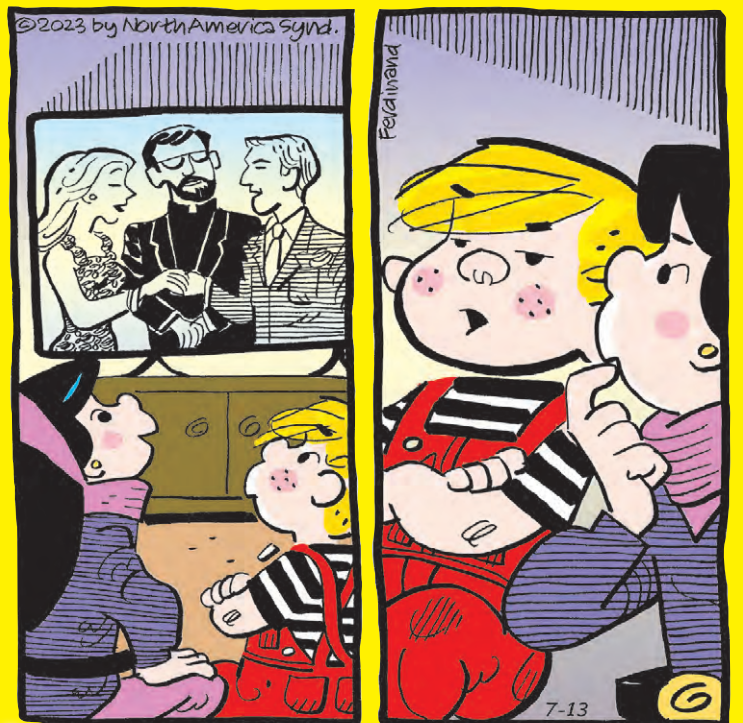
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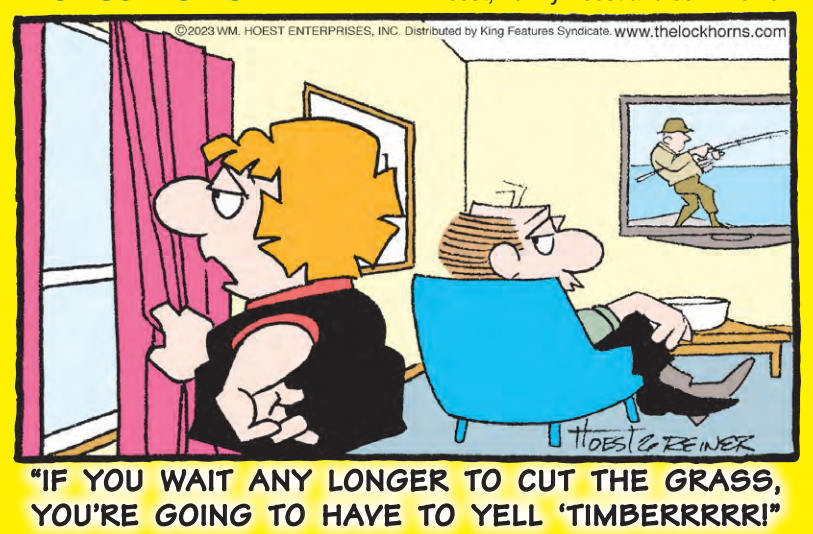
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Kid Scoop Together:

Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below and circle the seven errors you find. Then rewrite it correctly on the lines below the article.

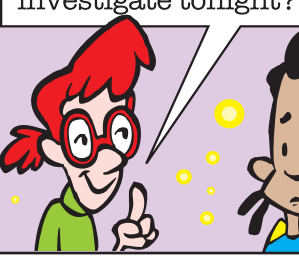
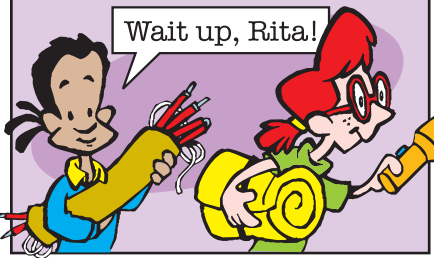
Rita Rebus and the Case of the Mysterious Night Lights

Mystery fan **Rita Rebus** and her best friend, **Misty Phy**, were about to head out for a night of backyard camping.

They asked Rita's little sister, **Lula**, to come along, too. But ...

At night, I see these little **lights** blinking near the bushes. I think there must be **MONSTERS** out there!

Oh, I think I know what those lights are. They won't hurt you. How about if we investigate tonight?



See Lula? Those little lights are **FIREFLIES!**

What is a firefly?

A firefly is an insect, but it is not a fly. It is a beetle.

Beetles have two pairs of wings. The front pair is stiff and protects the soft back wings, which are used for flying.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

How does a firefly glow?

Fireflies need four things to glow. Three of those are chemicals it has in its body. Circle every third letter to discover the fourth thing it needs to glow.

P Y O J E X T R Y S A G F W E Y B N

Why do fireflies blink their lights on and off?

An adult firefly can make its light blink on and off. Each species or kind of firefly has its own blinking pattern. Males and females use their flashes to find mates from the same species.

Some species flash short, quick flashes. Others stay lit longer. Others have longer dark times between flashes.

The male flies around flashing his light. The female stays near the ground and flashes "answers" to the male's flashing messages as he flies above her.

Fireflies also use their flashing lights to scare off predators and to warn other fireflies of danger.

Extra! Extra! More Than One Spells Confusion

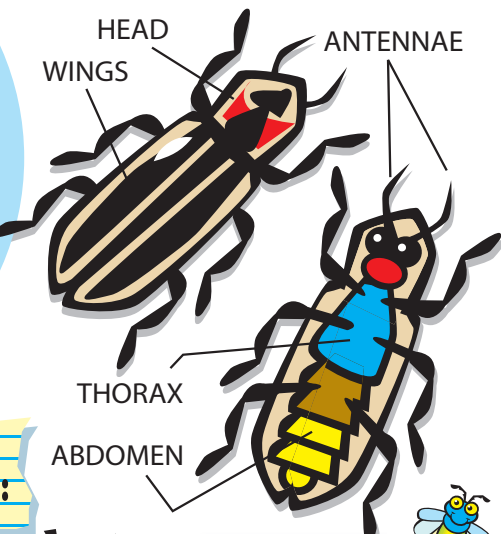
One firefly is spelled **f-i-r-e-f-l-y**. More than one is spelled **f-i-r-e-f-l-i-e-s**. To make firefly plural you change the y to i and add es.

Look through the newspaper for five nouns that end in y. Change each from singular to plural. Then, look for five plural nouns, and change them to singular nouns.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Grammar: Use conventions of spelling; identify plural and singular nouns.

How do fireflies breathe?

People use their lungs to get oxygen from the air. A firefly has small holes on its abdomen that let in oxygen.



QUICK INVESTIGATION:

Use a light stick, often found with sporting goods, to demonstrate how chemicals can mix together to create light without giving off any heat.

Glow Little Glow Worm

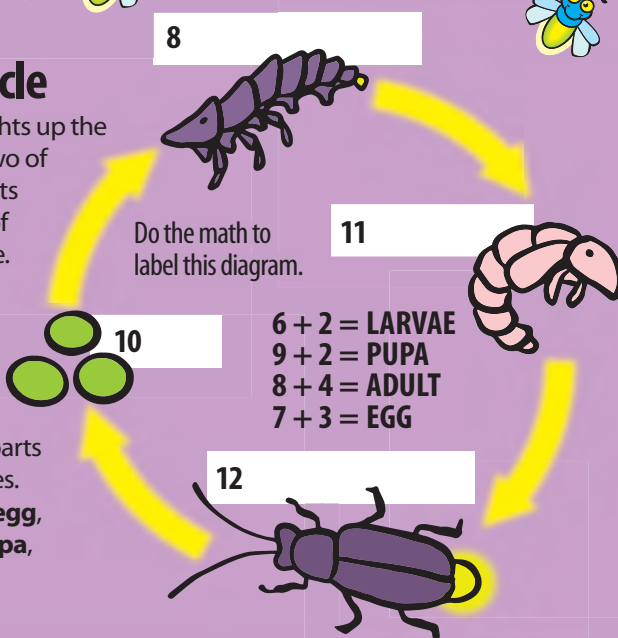
What are glow worms? Hold this page up to a mirror to find out!

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Firefly Life Cycle

A firefly lights up the world in two of its four parts or stages of its life cycle.

Like all beetles, fireflies have four stages or parts to their lives. These are **egg, larvae, pupa, and adult.**



Standards Link: Life Science: Know that differences exist among individuals of the same kind of animal.

What a Character!™ Brilliance is ...



... lighting up when you learn something new!

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **ABDOMEN**

One meaning of the noun **abdomen** means the rear part of an insect's body.

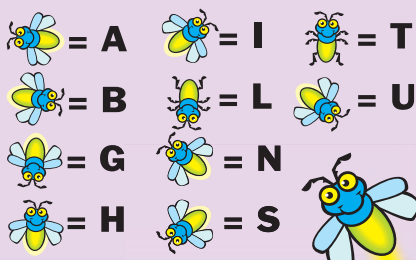
The firefly's **abdomen** glowed a bright green.

Try to use the word **abdomen** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Firefly Code

Use the code to discover another common name for fireflies.



Double Double Word Search

- FIREFLIES
- BETTER
- GLOW
- LIGHTS
- FLASHES
- ABDOMEN
- WINGS
- SCARE
- INSECT
- LOOK
- HURT
- MALE
- FOUR
- HOLES
- HEAT

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Adjective Detective

Practice using descriptive words in stories to add color. Clip five adjectives from the newspaper that could describe a mystery. Use these words to write a story about a detective solving a mystery. Be creative!

Standards Links: Grammar: Use adjectives in written compositions; Writing: Use a variety of forms in writing.

What goes SNAP, CRACKLE, POP?

ANSWER: A firefly with a short circuit.

Write On!

Write Words Wonderfully

An alliteration is a series of words that start with the same letter. Can you come up with one or more alliterations?

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Hepner named 2023 Mr. Diver

By Meg Leonard
 Associate Editor

For Grosse Pointe South varsity diver Logan Hepner, there's only one way he could top his championship-winning, record-breaking high school swim career — and that's by being named 2023's Mr. Diver by the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association.

Before adding this latest top honor to his already impressive resume, Hepner won back-to-back Division 2 state diving championships in 2022 and 2023. This season, he broke the D2 state diving record, earning 560.80 points in his state title win. He now owns both the 11-dive and six-dive pool and school records at South. He also was named to the 2023 all-state Dream Team, alongside his Blue Devil teammate, swimmer Keiran Rahmaan.

In the same week Hepner learned he won Mr. Diver, he also was named All-American by the National Interscholastic Coaches

Association (NISCA) for the third consecutive year (his 2020 freshman season was canceled before the state final due the pandemic). The NISCA All-American lists were used to help determine the award for Mr. and Ms. Diver, where Hepner was ranked the No. 1 male diver in Michigan. Lily Witte of Dexter won Ms. Diver.

Hepner said winning Mr. Diver was the culmination of a lot of practice, hitting the weight room and having a championship mindset all season.

"This year, I had a huge motivation to break some records," he said. "I knew both pool records for the six and 11 (meter) dives were high, and I knew it was going to be tough, so I was really surprised to break them."

All the honors and accolades make for a sweet ending to one of Grosse Pointe's most accomplished and decorated athletes, who will head to the University of Michigan

in August to begin a collegiate career on the men's swimming/diving team.

"In summer, we do two-a-day training sessions and the first (each day) is with the college team, so I am doing some of those," said Hepner, who plans on studying business and supply chain management at U of M.

Hepner has trained with Club Wolverine in Ann Arbor the last few years, so his comfort factor with U of M's facilities and its swim and dive program is high.

"It was a very comfortable decision for me to go to U of M," he said. "... I'm excited to live on campus. I love the city of Ann Arbor and think it's one of the coolest college towns in the country."

That familiarity will help with the college transition, particularly now that the Wolverines just lost long-time head coach Mike Bottom, along with men's diving coach Mike Hilde.

See HEPNER, page 2D



COURTESY PHOTO

South's Logan Hepner, named 2023 Mr. Diver, is just weeks away from beginning his freshman year competing for the Michigan Wolverines.

Ballot set for second annual Athlete of the Year contest: Cast your votes beginning July 19

By GP News staff

It's that time of year again to cast your ballot for the second annual Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year contest. Voting opens at noon Wednesday, July 19, and ends at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, online, on social media or by paper ballot submitted to our office, located at 16980 Kercheval, in The Village.

The contest is the culmination of our 2022-2023 weekly Athlete of the Week feature, where our valued readers and subscribers, coaches, teammates, parents or grandparents have nominated exceptional athletes from our Grosse Pointe high schools to be recognized for their outstanding performances and dedication to their respective sports, leaving an indelible mark on their programs. Many of these outstanding athletes also will continue their athletic careers as college athletes this coming fall.

These features have offered the community an inside look at these special athletes, showcasing their remarkable achievements. Each one has left us thoroughly impressed and inspired. We want to reward these athletes for their impressive accomplishments and support them in their future endeavors, which is why we

started the "Athlete of the Year" contest last year.

The Grosse Pointe News will grant four outstanding athletes the esteemed title of the Pointes' "Athletes of the Year," along with a \$500 scholarship to their respective

college or university. The scholarships will be determined by two methods: The Grosse Pointe News staff will name one female winner and one male winner, determined by consensus. Each will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

The second set of winners will be decided by readers through the Grosse Pointe News website, Instagram and Facebook pages, in addition to "old school" voting by filling out a ballot in the newspaper and dropping it at our office.

Participants can submit one vote each 24-hour period.

Sports have always played a vital role in our Grosse Pointe community, and help foster bonds, improve self-esteem, promote teamwork and help our kids stay active. This contest provides an opportunity to rally behind our local athletes, and its success wouldn't be possible without the support of the feature's dedicated sponsors, including Pointe Capital Management, LLC, Expert Heating & Cooling, Joe Ricci Automotive, Racing For Kids and 313 Lacrosse.

We thank you for your commitment to our community and to our incredible athletes. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for our Athlete of the Week feature for next season, we would love you to join the team. Contact us at media@grossepointenews.com.

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Hepner said he hopes to learn who his new diving coach is in the next week or two.

While many divers specialize in either the 1-meter, 3-meter or platform diving events, Hepner said he is eager to work on all three events once official practices start at the end of August.

"I plan on doing it all," he said.

Included in it "all" is what Hepner calls a

"growing interest" in platform, which will be helped by his experience as a former gymnast. He said he can use some of the skills he gained in that arena to take on platform's higher dives, which come at five, seven and 10 meters.

"Gymnastics really helped me, especially in the beginning. It put me ahead for sure and a lot of what I had to do in diving came naturally because of it," he said. "I can use a lot of those (skills) in platform."

Now that his high school career is in the

books, Hepner said he hopes fans look back at his successful career and remarkable 2023 season from a team, not individual, perspective.

"I hope people remember the awesome diving team we had," he said of the divers' contribution to the team's fourth place state meet finish among 35 schools. "We had so much fun as a dive team and we had fun with the swimmers."

"I want them to look back and remember how unified we were and how hard we each pushed each other."



PHOTO BY PAM RAHMAAN

Blue Devils diver Logan Hepner owns both the 11-dive and six-dive pool and school records at South.

Candidates for 2023 GP News Athlete of the Year

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Be sure to cast your votes for your favorite male and female athlete in the 2023 Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year contest. Voting opens at noon Wednesday, July 19, and ends at 11:59 p.m. Aug. 6.

The candidates include:

Male

Griffin Adams
Varsity Lacrosse
Grosse Pointe South

Adam Ayrault
Varsity Basketball
Grosse Pointe North

Ethan Clark
Unified Basketball
Grosse Pointe North

Cass Cooley
Varsity Soccer
University Liggett

Logan Detweiler
Varsity Cross Country
Grosse Pointe South

Brendan Downey
Varsity Track & Field
Grosse Pointe South

Leo Dragovic
Varsity Hockey
Grosse Pointe North

Andrew Dupree
Varsity Wrestling
Grosse Pointe North

Wells Graham
Varsity Baseball
Grosse Pointe South

Ian Gudenu
Varsity Hockey
University Liggett

Logan Hepner
Varsity Swim & Dive
Grosse Pointe South

Drew Hill
Varsity Baseball
Grosse Pointe North

Jaden Holyfield
Varsity Football
Grosse Pointe North

Jake Juip
Varsity Track & Field
University Liggett

Titan McKenzie
Unified Basketball
Grosse Pointe South

Josh Pierce
Varsity Football
University Liggett

Jarren Purify
Varsity Baseball
University Liggett

Keiran Rahmaan
Varsity Swim & Dive
Grosse Pointe South

Karter Richards
Varsity Basketball
Grosse Pointe South

Oliver Service
Varsity Baseball
University Liggett

Connor Stafford
Varsity Tennis
Grosse Pointe South

Egan Sullivan
Varsity Football
Grosse Pointe South

Peter Ulku
Varsity Basketball
Grosse Pointe South

Stephen Wheatley
Varsity Hockey
University Liggett

Female

Natalie Babcock
Varsity Softball
Grosse Pointe North

Kaitlyn Barr
Varsity Softball
Grosse Pointe North

Avery Beal
Varsity Swim & Dive
Grosse Pointe North

Josie Cueter
Varsity Ice Hockey
Grosse Pointe North

Lilian Deskins
Varsity Track & Field
Grosse Pointe North

Olivia Dimuzio
Varsity Soccer
Grosse Pointe South

Gabby DiVita
Varsity Volleyball
Grosse Pointe South

Izzy Fruehauf
Varsity Field Hockey
University Liggett

Brooke Lezotte
Varsity Gymnastics
Grosse Pointe South

Shannon Moin
Unified Basketball
Grosse Pointe North

Tori Nugent
Varsity Softball
University Liggett

Ryleigh O'Donoghue
Varsity Crew
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University Liggett

North, South top guns join forces at all-star game



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN GRIESBAUM JR.

From left, South's Wells Graham and Cliff Grabowski sport the same team colors with North's Cam Schafer and Jordan Arseneau to play in the MAC/OAA all-star game last month.

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Two Blue Devils and two Norsemen set rivalries aside and joined forces last month to play together in the Macomb Area Conference and the Oakland Activities Association third annual MAC/OAA All-Star Game June 20, at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

Grosse Pointe South's Wells Graham and Cliff

Grabowski paired up with Grosse Pointe North's Cam Schafer and Jordan Arseneau to represent the MAC Red and MAC White, respectively. The MAC team built an early lead, but the OAA used an eight-run fifth to take the lead. After nine innings, the two teams settled on a 10-10 tie.

North won the MAC White regular season championship, while

South finished tied for second with Macomb Dakota in the MAC Red. The Blue Devils got the last word by knocking North out of the playoffs in the district final game June 3, winning 3-2. South went on to advance to the state quarterfinal, losing to Brownstown 9-7. Woodhaven lost to Novi 8-3 in the state championship game.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023 GROSSE POINTE PARK, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF Grosse Pointe Park that a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted at the Municipal Building of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the August 8, 2023, City Primary Election meets the requirements of law.

Interested parties are invited to attend.

Meaghan Bachman, City Clerk
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Grosse Pointe News



Major League Fishing legend Jordan Lee reigns on Lake St. Clair

By Brian Owen
Guest Writer

Alabama angler, Jordan Lee, boated a nearly six-pound smallmouth bass on day one of qualifying to put him in first place in his division and he never looked back. Wire-to-wire, Lee was consistently on the biggest bass, all smallmouth bass caught in Canadian waters.

Michigan fishing legend and Major League Fishing co-founder, Kevin Van Dam, needed a big fish in the final hours of day two to make it to the knock-out round and he got it. A 6-pound, 2-ounce smallmouth put him above the cut line and gave him Big Bass for the day. At the end of the knock-out round Wednesday, Van Dam found himself in a similar position. A 6-pound bass would propel him into the Top 10 to compete for the championship the final day.

Fishing the same spots he relied on all week, the 2018 Bass Fishing Hall of Fame inductee stuck to his guns in Canada but fell short of the Top 10, finishing 21st out of the field of 80. Van Dam, who will retire at the end of this season, took his final cast on Lake St. Clair, one of his favorite lakes. Van Dam will wrap up his career next month on Saginaw Bay/Saginaw River, just a couple hours away from his hometown of Kalamazoo and where his love for the sport began.

MLF co-founder Gary Klein, a 2018 Bass Fishing Hall of Fame inductee, had an incredible week on Lake St. Clair and tallied his 100th Top 10 finish. Klein's last time in the championship round was two years ago, also on Lake St. Clair. Klein said the lake has gotten better.

"I remember in the early years, we would run out of this lake and go fish Lake Erie because you couldn't compete," he said. "It's really changed now and this lake is full of good quality smallmouth."

Klein said the hardest thing about this tournament was practice fishing in Canada with no rods on the deck. Canadian waters were closed to smallmouth fishing until day one of the qualifying round. Klein and the rest of the MLF anglers could only use their technology and mark spots that held fish. Klein used an Aqua View camera to find his fish in Canada during practice.

American waters, especially St. Clair Shores and



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRIAN OWEN

Elated and exhausted, Lee exits Canadian waters on his way to collect his trophy.

the Grosse Pointes, were not overlooked and produced some quality fish. Mark Daniels Jr. stayed on the American side and it paid off with a Top 10 finish for him. Daniels also was complimentary of Lake St. Clair at the Top 10 and trophy presentation at Cabela's in Chesterfield Township.

"It's been an amazing week," he said. "You guys got a gem of a lake. If you want to have a good time, pick up a drop-shot and go out there."

With less than an hour left in the championship round, Jordan Lee's close friend, Alton Jones Jr. of Waco, Texas, was chipping away at his lead. Jones needed to land a big smallmouth to overtake him as time ran out. Jones's second-place finish has a silver lining and puts him in first place for Angler of the Year going into the final stage of the season in Bay City next month.

While Lee takes home a \$100,000 check and jumps into MLF's top five, the biggest winner was Lake St. Clair and its multitude of smallmouth bass. Lake St. Clair plays host to hundreds of local tournaments every summer and thousands of anglers from all over the country take the pilgrimage in hopes of having one of those remarkable 100-fish days that few lakes can provide.

Fish on!



Above, Jordan Lee hoists the MLF Bass Pro Tour Championship Trophy for stage 6 on Lake St. Clair. Below left, moments after securing his victory, Jordan Lee shares his winning strategy and baits with the MLF viewers online.



CITY OF HARPER WOODS 2022 CONSUMER'S ANNUAL REPORT ON DRINKING WATER QUALITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that copies of the 2022 Consumer's Annual Report on Drinking Water Quality for the City of Harper Woods are available to the public free of charge at the Harper Woods City Offices and the Harper Woods Public Library. Copies of said report were previously distributed to all residents via U.S. Postal Service the week of June 19, 2023, however, additional copies are available to interested persons at the above designated locations. For more information, call the Department of Public Works between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 313-343-2570.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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Simply the best!

Athletic and academic all-state accolades pour in for Pointe's players, teams and coaches

By Grosse Pointe News sports staff



This spring, 33 varsity athletes from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett kicked, pitched, ran, scored and sailed their way to elite all-state honors, thanks to outstanding performances in their respective sports and inside of the classroom this spring. Three head coaches got into the act too, earning special coach of the year honors in tennis, softball and baseball.

A combined 37 athletes from the Class of 2023 also will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Here's a look at the postseason accolades for athletes in the Pointes:

Baseball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

2023 Division 2 state runner-up

National Baseball Coaches Association regional Coach of the Year
Division 2 regional Coach of the Year
Dan Cimini, head coach

Max Preps Michigan Baseball Player of the Year
Jarren Purify

All-state dream team
Jarren Purify, shortstop
Oliver Service, catcher

First team all-state
Jarren Purify, shortstop
Oliver Service, catcher

Second team all-state
Reggie Sharpe, second base
Preston Barr, pitcher

Detroit High School Sports Awards Player of the Year
Jarren Purify

Top 5 Academic all-state team award
The Knights finished No. 5 in the state, based on cumulative team GPA.

Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East/West All Star Game
Jarren Purify
Oliver Service



Photo by Renee Landuyt

Liggett head varsity baseball coach Dan Cimini talks to his dugout during the state championship game. Cimini won 2023 Division 2 regional coach of the year honors after his team advanced to the state championship for the ninth time in 12 seasons.



Photo by Renee Landuyt

Liggett's Oliver Service goes after a pitch in the top of the seventh inning in the state final June 17.



Photo by Renee Landuyt

Liggett all-state players Oliver Service, left and Reggie Sharpe, right, jump for joy after winning the state quarterfinal game, 2-0, over Ada Forest Hills Eastern June 16.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

2023 Division 1 regional champions

Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East/West All Star Game
Wells Graham, shortstop, pitcher



Photo by Renee Landuyt

South pitcher Wells Graham earned several honors this season, including being selected to two all-star games in the postseason.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Second team all-state
Brennen Hill, pitcher

Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East/West All Star Game
Jordan Arseneau, pitcher, outfielder
Drew Hill, pitcher, outfielder



Photo by Renee Landuyt

North's Brennen Hill gets ready to fire the ball in the Division 1 district final against Grosse Pointe South June 3. Hill earned second team all state honors for his performance this season.

Soccer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

2023 Division 2 state champions

Dream Team
Amelia Streberger

First team all-state
Grace McCormick
Amelia Streberger

Second team all-state
Megan Robert

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

2023 Division 4 regional champions

2023 class valedictorian
Brooke Summers

First team all-state
Brooke Summers

Third team all-state
Alexandra Karolak



Photo by Mike Adzima

Division 4 first team all-state selection Brooke Summers captains the ball up the field in the regional final game against Jackson Lumen-Christi.

North's Ava Mattaliano, right, and Mia Stephanoff, center, play stellar defense against soccer powerhouse Birmingham Marian in the opening round of regionals.



Photo by Leon Halip



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North varsity soccer players burst with joy after defeating nine-time state champion Birmingham Marian 3-2 in a penalty shootout to advance to the regional championship.

Softball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

2023 Division 1 regional champions
2023 Division 1 academic all-state team honors

Division 1, honorable mention, all-state
Natalie Babcock, infielder
Sophia Borowski, infielder
Grosse Pointe North

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Division 1 academic all-state team honors
(for the 10th consecutive season!)



Photo by Leon Halip

Liggett's Tori Nugent pitched her way to honorable mention all-state honors this season.

North varsity softball crowns its first regional win in 31 seasons with a team selfie June 10.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

2023 Division 3 regional champions

Division 3 honorable mention, all-state
Tori Nugent, pitcher
Catholic High School League coach of the year
Head Coach Psautia Andrews



Photo by Leah Salisbury



Photo courtesy of University Liggett Athletics

Liggett varsity softball head coach Psautia Andrews earned Coach of the Year honors in the Catholic League High School league, leading her team to a turnaround 24-5 season.

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Girls Lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
 Second team all state
Lily Petz, midfielder
Ava Oskui, goalie

South junior midfielder Lily Petz earned second team all-state honors.



Photo courtesy of Melissa Petz



Photo courtesy of Ian DuVernay

GROSSE POINTE NORTH
 Division 1, all-state honorable mention
Grace Cueter, midfielder

North senior midfielder Grace Cueter earned all-state honorable mention for 2023.

Boys Track and Field

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT
 All-State, 110 meter high hurdles
Taurian Dorty



GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
 2023 Division 1 regional champions

Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award recipient
Brendan Downey



Photo courtesy of Mark Sonnenberg

Teammates from Grosse Pointe South's 2023 boys varsity track and field enjoy their regional win on a wet and soggy day in late May.

Girls Track & Field

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
 2023 Division 1 regional champions



Courtesy photo

South's O'hara Diamond passes the baton to teammate Sofia Guevara in a Blue Devils meet this spring.

Boys Lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE NORTH
 All-state honorable mention
Matthew Lorelli
Ethan Bailey-Gonzalez
Nicholas Northey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
 2023 Division 1 regional champs
 Second team all state
Griffin Adams
 Third team all state
William Rauh
 Honorable mention, all-state
Jack Hanigan
Jack Smith
Harry Wright

Golf

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT
 2023 Division 3 state final — 5th place
 Division 3 first team all-state
Steve McMahon, sophomore

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
 2023 Division 1 state final — 6th place
 Division 1 honorable mention, all-state
Brennan Sullivan



Courtesy photo

Thanks to his 2023 performance on the links, Grosse Pointe South's Brennan Sullivan, second from left, earned honorable mention all-state honors.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE NORTH
 2023 Division 3 state final — 7th place

Division 2 all state, singles
Helaina Pietrowsky

Finalist for Tiger Teusink Miss Tennis Award
Helaina Pietrowsky



North's Helaina Pietrowsky earned all-state honors after finishing as state runner-up for No. 1 singles in Division 2.

Photo by Mike Adzima

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
 2023 Division 2 state final — 10th place

2023 Division 2 first team, all-state, doubles
Kaitlyn Strong and Megan Kornmeier
Maeve Hix and Ana Maria Garberding

Division 2 regional Coach of the Year
 Head coach **Mark Sobierlaski**



Photo by Eliza Hix

Grosse Pointe South varsity tennis celebrates the sweet surprise of a regional title this spring, with their head coach Mark Sobierlaski, back center, the Division 2 Coach of the Year winner.

Sailing

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
 Mallory Nationals —
 19th place
 All-state
Charlie Gmeiner, senior



Photo by Stephen Gmeiner

South varsity sailor Charlie Gmeiner, right, sailing here with teammate Eric Brieden, earned all-state honors for the 2023 season.

Crew

WOMEN'S YOUTH 4+ —
1ST PLACE AT USROWING
YOUTH NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP

Grosse Pointe South's **Ava Sjogren,**
Carly Brown, Cassie Summerfield,
Olivia Bachert and Ryleigh O'Donoghue



Courtesy photo

MEN'S VARSITY PAIR TEAM —
2ND PLACE AT USROWING
YOUTH NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grosse Pointe South's **Charlie Hoffman**
 and **Henry Skupien**

From left, Ava Sjogren, Carly Brown, Cassie Summerfield, Olivia Bachert and Ryleigh O'Donoghue, all from Grosse Pointe South, show off their national championship medals and trophies after taking the title in the Women's Youth 4+ National Championship race.

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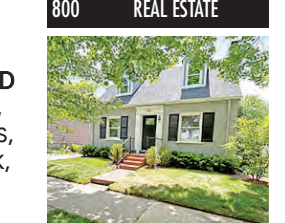
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8D | SOFTBALL

Grosse Pointe softball cruising through 12U state tournament

Clare Ramsdell
Staff Intern

With hopes to return to the state championship game, the 12U Grosse Pointe Little League Softball team began that journey in the state tournament, which kicked off Saturday, July 8, in Jackson. The team competed in three games over the weekend, emerging undefeated with a 3-0 record.

Bullock Creek, resulting in a resounding 8-1 victory. On Sunday, they faced Marquette and came away with a 15-0 mercy win. On Monday, July 10, the team faced Esconaba where they took the win with a final score of 7-3.

On Tuesday, July 11, the team began pool play against Grand Blanc winning 16-0. They advanced to the semifinal game, which took place after press time.



Game 1 took place Saturday against

Right, the 12U Grosse Pointe Little League Softball team is all smiles after winning the District 6 championship to advance to the state tournament.



Addison Moses and Evie Baer celebrate a strikeout during the state tournament in Jackson last weekend. The team entered pool play at an undefeated 3-0.



Grosse Pointe Little League Softball 12U staff ace Addison Moses winds up for a pitch during the state tournament in Jackson last weekend. Moses has pitched every game for Grosse Pointe.



South alum hosts camp

Grosse Pointe South boys basketball's all-time leading scorer Anthony Benard is hosting his first ever basketball camp, the "Give Back Camp," this summer. Benard graduated from South this spring and has spent recent months in Georgia working out with his new college basketball team at Division I Mercer University, but is returning to the Pointes to host the camp beginning July 31.

The camp will be held in two sessions, the first on July 31 and Aug. 1, and the second on Aug. 2 and 3. Boys and girls players in 4th to 8th grades are welcome to attend the camp at the Grosse Pointe Academy, where they can practice drills focused on shooting and ball-handling.

Registration is \$100 per player per session, with all proceeds going to help provide basketball equipment for children in need. To register, visit AB3Ball.com.

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